

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD**

held at

**3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

**Monday, March 31, 2025
1:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Holcombe at 1:01 PM.

Directors Present:

Polly Holcombe, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara*
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District
Cori Hayman, Montecito Water District

**Director Sneddon's arrival was delayed*

General Counsel Present:

William Carter - Musick, Peeler, Garrett, LLP

Staff Present:

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| Janet Gingras, General Manager | Elijah Papan, Water Resources Analyst |
| Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager / CFO | Rosey Bishop, Administrative Assistant II |
| Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager | Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant II |
| Joel Degner, Engineer / Operations Division Manager | |
| Shane King, Ops Supervisor/Chief Distribution Operator | |

Others Present:

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| David Linville, Goleta Water District | Matthew Scrudato, County of SB Water Agency |
| Patrick O'Connor, Carpinteria Valley Water District | Matt Young, County of SB Water Agency |

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Hanson introduced Mr. Linville, the new Goleta Water District Board member and alternate COMB Director.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras referred the Board's attention to the February Minutes and invited Mr. Lyons to comment on the Financial Statements. Mr. Lyons reviewed the Paid Claims report, highlighting remittances to Carpinteria Valley Water District, Bartlett, Pringle, Wolf, LLP and the United States Geological Survey.

As there were no questions from the Board, Director Hanson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, followed by a second from Director Hayman. The motion carried with a vote of four in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Absent: Sneddon

Abstain:

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- Operations Committee Meeting – March 20, 2025

President Holcombe presented the agenda from the committee meeting, noting that the action items were included in today's agenda.

5. DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Ms. Gingras presented Ordinance No. 6 and provided a brief historical recap of Director compensation. A discussion among Directors followed.

Director Hanson motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 6. Director Hayman seconded the motion which carried with a vote of four in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Absent: Sneddon

Abstain:

6. RESOLUTION NO. 811 - PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR(S) 2026-2030 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (IIP)

Mr. Degner shared a presentation of the proposed Fiscal Years 2026-2030 IIP. He explained how staff developed its recommendations and established project priorities. He fielded a number of questions from the Board and accepted thanks for a job well done.

Director Hayman provided a motion to approve Resolution No. 811. Director Hanson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Sneddon, Hayman, Hanson, Holcombe

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

7. OVERVIEW ON UPDATED AWIA RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT (RRA)

Mr. Papen provided an overview of the RRA and noted that COMB had self-certified its RRA as of March 31, 2025. He discussed the VSAT tool that was used to evaluate risk and noted that the Emergency Response Plan will be due in September. Mr. Papen fielded questions from the Board.

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Administration

Ms. Gingras provided the General Manager report, noting the fourth quarter O&M budget assessments will be reduced due to unplanned project delays. She reported that COMB had been successful in receiving a risk control grant from ACWA JPIA. Finally, she advised that Mr. Lyons had been appointed to ACWA's nominating committee for Region 5 elections.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Climate Conditions
- Lake Elevation Projection
- Winter Storm Damage Repairs and Reimbursement
- AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects Update

Mr. Degner presented the Engineer's Report, commenting first on climate and lake conditions. He provided an update on FEMA activities in conjunction with the 2024 storm damages and reviewed in-progress and upcoming projects. Mr. Degner fielded questions from the Board.

10. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. King introduced the Operations Division Report and noted that staff has been creating defensible space at outlying stations. He reviewed various projects that had been undertaken, in particular, repairs to the North Portal elevator. Mr. King advised that the Sheffield Tunnel radio test, in partnership with Reclamation, had been successful, allowing that project to proceed.

11. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

- LSYR Steelhead Monitoring Elements
- Surcharge Water Accounting
- Reporting/Outreach/Training

Mr. Robinson reported that target flow had been met at the measuring sites and river conditions were good. Staff continues to perform required monitoring and migrant trapping. He reviewed a few of the State Water Board terms and advised that he is working on grant proposals and Hilton Creek project planning. Mr. Robinson fielded questions from the Board.

12. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson presented the Oak Tree report, highlighting ongoing irrigation and inventory efforts. He commented that the trees generally appear healthy.

13. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Cachuma Water Reports
- b. Cachuma Reservoir Current Conditions
- c. Lake Cachuma Quagga Survey

Ms. Gingras reported that the apparent water loss of several months ago had resolved. Otherwise the reports are routine. She fielded questions and requests from the Board.

14. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

There were no requests for future agenda items from Directors.

15. MEETING SCHEDULE

- Regular Board Meeting – April 28, 2025 at 1:00 PM
- Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-board.org

16. COMB ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

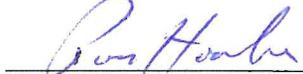
Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

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APPROVED:



Polly Holcombe, President of the Board