MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

held at

3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Monday, June 22, 2026
1:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Sneddon at 1:00 PM.

Directors Present:
Patrick O'Connor, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District
Cori Hayman, Montecito Water District

General Counsel Present:
William Carter - Musick, Peeler, Garrett, LLP

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

Others Present:
Mary Ciotti, Member of the public
Dakota Corey, City of Santa Barbara
Kelley Dyer, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Dana Hoffenberg, City of Santa Barbara
Michael Miller, Member of the Public
Matthew Scrudato, County of Santa Barbara
Nicholas Turner, Montecito Water District
Matt Young, County of Santa Barbara

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of May 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
b. Investment of Funds
   - Financial Reports
   - Investment Reports
c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras referred the Board to the minutes of the last Board meeting and asked for Mr. Lyons' comments on the financial reports.

Mr. Lyons advised that COMB had collected $1.4 million in revenues for the 4th Quarter O&M assessments and followed with several paid claims of note, including remittances to Freedom Signs, HDR Engineering and Landers Roofing. He noted in particular that COMB had paid Reclamation a deposit via ACH for the upcoming O&M renewal.

Director Hanson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, followed by a second from Director O'Connor. The motion carried with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- Operations Committee Meeting – June 15, 2026

President Sneddon reported out on the Operations Committee meeting and noted that the action items were forwarded to the Board and will be heard today under items 6 and 7.

5. FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD

Elections

a. Election of President
b. Election of Vice-President

Appointments

c. Appointment of ACWA/JPIA Representative and Alternate
d. Appointment of General Counsel
e. Appointment of Secretary of the Board
f. Appointment of Treasurer /Auditor-Controller

Ms. Gingras asked the Board to open discussion and nominations for President and Vice-President. Following discussion, Director Hayman nominated President Sneddon to serve as President for Fiscal Year 2026-27, followed by a second from Director O'Connor. The vote of six in favor unanimously elected President Sneddon to another term.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

Director Hanson nominated Director Hayman to continue as Vice-President. Director O'Connor seconded the nomination. Director Hayman was unanimously re-elected to serve as Vice-President by a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

Director Hanson motioned to retain all those appointed to items 5.c through 5.f. as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

6. PHOTOVOLTAIC, BATTERY AND EV CHARGING SYSTEM PROJECT

Mr. Degner presented the quote for the proposed Photovoltaic, Battery and EV Charging system. He discussed materials to be used and warranties, as well as choice of contractor. Mr. Degner noted that COMB plans to apply for Federal credits of up to 30% of costs available for solar projects. He fielded questions and requests from the Board.

Following Board discussion, Director O'Connor motioned to approve the project and enter into an agreement with the proposed contractor. Director Hanson seconded the motion which passed with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

7. SHEFFIELD TUNNEL REHABILIATION PROJECT – INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS ACT (IIJA) – AGING INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNT (AIA) FUNDING APPROVAL

Ms. Gingras initiated the discussion of potential AIA funding for the Sheffield Tunnel project, noting that there are many unknowns at this point. She solicited the Board's interest in entering into negotiations with Reclamation for AIA funding. She advised that COMB, in the interim, is preparing to take emergency action should such circumstances arise at the Tunnel. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board.

The Board, after discussion, requested a restatement of the motion from Mr. Carter, following which, Director O'Connor motioned to approve. Director Hayman seconded and the motion carried with a vote of six in favor.

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Administration
- Training

Ms. Gingras presented the General Manager report, noting first that COMB had received its ninth Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. She reported that the technical correction to the Community Project Funding grant had been approved and those funds would now be used for the Sheffield Tunnel Isolation Valve project. Finally, she advised that staff had completed the required two-hour training in financial management required by SB 827. Board members will complete this training through their respective agency, as appropriate.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Climate Conditions
- Winter Storm Damage and Repairs
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects Update

Mr. Degner presented the Engineer's report and noted that weather conditions continue to indicate that El Nino conditions are present and are expected to strengthen during the months of November through January. He added that FEMA is funding projects once again so COMB's awards currently waiting to be obligated should move forward. Mr. Degner continued to discuss plans for the rehabilitation of the Sheffield Tunnel, including purchase of an inflatable line stop and instrumentation to monitor potential water leaks at the Tunnel. He acknowledged the difficulties in planning for shutdowns. Noting that Community Project Funding had been reallocated to the Sheffield Isolation Valve, he touched briefly on various other projects under way or planned.

10. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. King presented the Operations report, noting staff observation and assistance to the contractor's work at the Lauro Reservoir Outlet Works. He also advised that staff worked on the defensible space program, facilitated the annual load bank testing of the backup generators and is planning for the crack repair of the Glen Anne access road.

11. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

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

Mr. Robinson presented the Fisheries report, noting that all target flows are being met. As well, he reported that staff was ready to begin snorkel surveys. Mr. Robinson advised that the CDFW FRCG grants had been submitted and cleared initial administrative review. He believes that COMB will be advised by the end of the year whether the grant applications have succeeded.

12. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring
- End of Program Plan

Mr. Robinson reported that the annual inventory of the oak trees was complete and removal of deer cages was ongoing. Staff is preparing for the annual and final Oak Tree Report and will shortly schedule the annual Oak Tree Committee meeting. He fielded questions from the Board.

13. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

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

Ms. Gingras advised the Cachuma Project reports were routine.

14. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

President Sneddon suggested that COMB might consider a possible outreach activity to neighbors.

15. [CLOSED SESSION]: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

a. [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]
Potential Litigation (Potential Exposure)

The directors adjourned to Closed Session at 2:32 PM.

16. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION
[Government Code Section 54957.7]
Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable
[Government Code Section 54957.1]

15a. Potential Litigation (Potential Exposure)

The directors reconvened into open session at 3:41 PM.

Reportable Action: The COMB Board directed the COMB General Manager, along with COMB General Counsel, to execute necessary agreements.

17. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **Regular Board Meeting – July 27, 2026 at 1:00 PM**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website** www.cachuma-board.org

18. COMB ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gingras

Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

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	Unapproved

APPROVED:

Kristen W. Sneddon, President of the Board