

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CACHUMA OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BOARD**
held at
**3301 Laurel Canyon Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

**Monday, August 24, 2026
1:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

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	Joel Degner, Engineer/Ops Division Manager
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager / CFO	Rosey Bishop, Administrative Assistant II
Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager	Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant II

Others Present:

Dakota Corey, City of Santa Barbara	
David Linville, Goleta Water District	Matthew Scrudato, County of Santa Barbara
Michael Miller, Member of Public	Matt Young, County of Santa Barbara

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of July 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras introduced the Consent Agenda and referred the Board to the Minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Lyons followed with a review of the financial reports and drew Board attention to various paid claims of note, including remittances to HDR Engineering, Inc., Limnotech and Van Sande Structural Consultants, Inc..

As there were no questions, Director Hanson provided the motion to approve item 3a of the Consent Agenda. Director Hayman seconded the motion which carried with a vote of five in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: O'Connor

Director O'Connor motioned to approve items 3b and 3c of the Consent Agenda, followed by a second from Director Hayman. The motion carried with a vote of six favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- Administrative Committee Meeting – August 13, 2026

Director Hanson summarized the single item addressed in committee and stated it was forwarded to the Board to be heard today as Item #6.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW – 4th QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

Mr. Lyons presented the financial review of the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26 by sharing his slide presentation. He began with a summary overview of the fiscal year and moved on to the division results. Taking each division separately, he reviewed actual expenses for the entire fiscal year in comparison to the divisions' budgets, with explanation for any variances that exceeded the annual apportioned budget. Finally, Mr. Lyons reviewed the status of the administrative deliverables and fielded questions from the Board.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 834 – 3rd AMENDATORY CONTRACT NO. 14-06-200-5222RC FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CACHUMA TRANSFERRED PROJECT WORKS – CACHUMA PROJECT, CALIFORNIA

Ms. Gingras introduced Resolution No. 834 and the 3rd Amendatory Contract to the Board. She noted that its two-year term coincides with the expiration of Reclamation's environmental documents. She itemized the few amendments and fielded comments, questions and requests from the Board.

Director O'Connor motioned to approve the execution of the amendatory contract and the resolution, followed by a second from Director Hanson. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

7. PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT FLEET VEHICLE – FISHERIES DIVISION

Ms. Gingras presented the fleet vehicle replacement item, advising that the 2003 Ford F-150, per COMB's Vehicle Replacement matrix, was due for replacement and had been sold. Staff had located a 2025 F-150 Lightning as a replacement. Ms. Gingras fielded questions from the Board.

President Sneddon provided the motion to approve the purchase. Director O'Connor seconded. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of six in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Administration

Ms. Gingras presented the General Manager report, briefly discussing the receipt of Reclamation's water rates for Water Year (WY) 2026-27 and COMB's subsequent invoicing to the Cachuma Project Member Units. She followed with an update of cyber security protocols and reiterated to the Board that COMB continues to focus on the security of critical infrastructure and information. She fielded questions and Board discussion.

9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Climate Conditions
- Lake Cachuma Pan Evaporation
- Annual Site Inspections
- SCADA Security Review
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects Update

Mr. Degner reminded the Board of the potentially record impending El Niño this Winter. In response, staff is ensuring that structures are as well prepared as possible. Reclamation and COMB staff recently inspected the dams and cleared several Reclamation recommendations. Mr. Degner reported that COMB participated, in conjunction with other agencies, in an Emergency Action Plan orientation hosted by Reclamation. As well, COMB participated in the City of Santa Barbara's tabletop exercise regarding the Gibraltar Dam emergency action plan. Mr. Degner noted that Reclamation had completed the SHPO consultation and NEPA environmental review for the Lauro Bypass Channel Access Road repair project, which paves the way to move forward with FEMA grant approval for the project. Mr. Degner fielded questions from the Board.

10. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. King presented the Operations Division report with an update on the annual structure maintenance program, followed by a status report on COMB's solar project and related meeting with the contractor. Staff assisted Santa Barbara County in their bathymetric study of the lake by providing access to the area around the North Portal. Mr. King reported that the City of Santa Barbara installed a new water sampling station at Lauro Reservoir to allow Cater to monitor the reservoir water conditions. Finally, he reported that the North Portal Control Station building had been scanned for rebar in anticipation of a new door installation.

11. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

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

Mr. Robinson introduced the Fisheries Division report with a recap of target flows, noting that the flows are sustaining the fishery, despite warming water. Drying conditions have kept staff busy with stranding surveys. Mr. Robinson also noted that a CDFW-FRGP review team visited the two sites included in the COMB's grant application as part of their review process. Grant results are expected to be announced later this year. Mr. Robinson 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 presented the Cachuma Project reports, noting only the remaining availability of slightly more than 19,000 acre feet of project water.

14. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

There were no requests from directors for future agenda items.

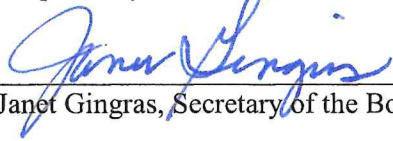
15. MEETING SCHEDULE

- Regular Board Meeting – September 28, 2026 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 2:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

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	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:



Kristen W. Sneddon, President of the Board