

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

held at

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

**Monday, January 26, 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 1:01 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	Joel Degner, Engineer/Operations Division Manager
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager / CFO	Shane King, Ops Supervisor/Chief Distribution Operator
Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager	Rosey Bishop, Administrative Assistant II
Elijah Papen, Water Resources Analyst II	Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant II

Others Present:

Dakota Corey, City of Santa Barbara	Nicholas Turner, Montecito Water District
Kelley Dyer, Carpinteria Vly Water District	Matt Young, County of Santa Barbara
Dana Hoffenberg, City of Santa Barbara	Michael, Member of the Public
Matthew Scudato, County of Santa Barbara	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of November 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- c. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- d. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras introduced the Consent Agenda. She noted that its approval would need to be addressed in three separate votes. Mr. Lyons referred the Board to the Review of Paid Claims and provided detail for several remittances of note, including three remittances to the State Water Resources Control Board and checks issued to each Member Agency to return unexpended funds for 2024-25. He also noted payments to Cushman Contracting and Southwest Valve & Equipment.

Director Hanson provided three motions to approve the Consent Agenda, followed by three seconds from President Sneddon. All three motions carried with the following roll call votes:

Vote #1 Item 3a: Five in favor with one abstention.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: O'Connor

Vote #2 Item 3b: Five in favor with one abstention.

Ayes: Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: Hayman

Vote #3 Items #3c & 3d: Six in favor.

Ayes: Hayman, Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW – 2ND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

Mr. Lyons shared a slide presentation for his financial review of the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26. He summarized the first six months of the fiscal year and then reviewed revenues collected. Moving on to the division reports, and taking each division separately, Mr. Lyons compared actual expenses to the divisions' budgets, with explanation for any variances that exceeded the Year-to-Date apportioned budget. He provided a forecast of projected expenditures versus budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. Finally, Mr. Lyons reviewed the administrative deliverables, noting that staff has begun the budget season work

5. WINTER 2025-26 LAKE CACHUMA HYDROLOGY and WATER ACCOUNTING OVERVIEW

Sharing his slideshow, Mr. Papen presented a comprehensive overview of 2025-26 Hydrology and Cachuma water accounting. He discussed the impact of the early winter storms on the watershed and reservoir. As well, Mr. Papen reviewed each of the water reports and provided in-depth explanation for how the data is accumulated and how to read each report.

6. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Administration

Ms. Gingras presented the General Manager report. She reviewed the contracts that she had executed during the prior quarter. With respect to the annual IT consultation meeting, she advised that staff will update or review certain plans and systems and continue security monitoring efforts. Finally, Ms. Gingras reported that the 5-Year Infrastructure Improvement Plan is undergoing an update and all divisions are involved in budget planning and development of annual work plans.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Climate Conditions and Lake Elevation
- Bradbury Dam Outlet Works Maintenance
- Winter Storm Damage
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects

Mr. Degner provided an update on climate and reservoir conditions and noted that this year marks the second earliest spill from the reservoir. The wet year triggers both surplus water availability and required table 2 releases. He added that the spill allowed Reclamation to dewater the Bradbury Dam outlet works and replace the non-operational valves more easily. Mr. Degner reviewed the status of Operations projects, both anticipated and in progress and finally reported that staff will participate in Reclamation's Water Management Workshop in Denver during February.

9. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. King presented the Operations report. Staff worked on a number of projects, including repair of a culvert, storm checks, gravel augmentation assistance to Fisheries and assistance to Reclamation during installation of the new valves at the dam. He reported that the annual load bank testing of the generators had been accomplished and staff was otherwise focused on normal winter maintenance of the facilities.

10. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

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

Mr. Robinson initiated his report by noting that target flows were all met due to recent storm systems and releases from Bradbury Dam. Staff continues stranding surveys during the water releases, although Reclamation is beginning the ramp-down of the releases. He provided an update of trapping activities and the tributary projects. Finally, he fielded questions from the Board.

11. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

Action: Receive information, including but not limited to the following:

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson stated that the annual inventory was due to begin soon and that the full reservoir had once again inundated some of the trees.

12. 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. Other than a brief reference to Mr. Papen's earlier presentation, she noted that the reports were routine.

14. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

Director O'Connor suggested that the Board might discuss whether certain of COMB's activities might constitute a beneficial public outreach presentation in the future.

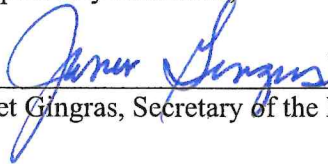
15. MEETING SCHEDULE

- Regular Board Meeting – February 23, 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 2:42 PM.

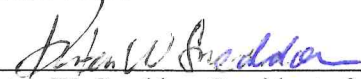
Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

√	<i>Approved</i>
	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:



Kristen W. Sneddon, President of the Board