

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

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

**Monday, May 18, 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. Roll call followed with Mr. Carter noting that a quorum was present in person at COMB.

Directors Present:

Patrick O'Connor, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Kristen Sneddon, City of Santa Barbara
Lauren Hanson, Goleta Water District

Directors Remote - in accordance with Brown Act Section 54953.8.3(c)(1)

Cori Hayman, Montecito Water District

General Counsel Present:

William Carter - Musick, Peeler, Garrett, LLP

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Dakota Corey, City of Santa Barbara	Nicholas Turner, Montecito Water District
Kelley Dyer, Carpinteria Valley Water District	Timothy Buynak, Member of the Public

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ms. Gingras introduced the Consent Agenda with reference to the Minutes. Mr. Lyons followed with the financial reports. He provided detail for various paid claims of note, including remittances to Cushman Contracting, Foster and Foster, E.H. Wachs, Landers Roofing and Tierra Contracting. He fielded questions from the Board.

Director O'Connor motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with a second from Director Hanson. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote of six in favor.

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

4. VERBAL REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

- Administrative Committee Meeting – May 6, 2026

Director Hanson reported that the Administrative Committee had reviewed the Operating Budget which is before the Board today.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 823 - PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Lyons shared his Operating Budget presentation, beginning with an overview of the budget process and a summary of COMB's six strategic initiatives and division goals. He followed with a discussion of COMB's managed revenues and the consolidated operating budget by major line item. Mr. Lyons noted line items which varied from the prior year budget and provided further explanation. He fielded questions and comments throughout his presentation.

Director O'Connor provided a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget. Director Hanson seconded the motion which carried unanimously with a roll call vote of six in favor.

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

6. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- Administration
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Virtual Meetings
- Staff Training

Ms. Gingras presented the General Manager report. She noted the schedule for the upcoming annual audit and reported that internal work plans were under way. Staff attended the quarterly IRWMP meeting and, among other things, received updates on potential Proposition 4 and other funding opportunities. Ms. Gingras reported that staff had attended the CSDA "Disaster Recovery Checklist & Best Practices for Special Districts" webinar and participated in a two-day confined space training exercise.

7. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Climate Conditions and Lake Elevation
- Winter Storm Damage Repairs/Reimbursement
- System and Watershed Sanitary Survey
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects Update

Mr. Degner presented the Engineer's report with an update on the high potential for a strong El Niño system this Fall and Winter. He continued with updates on various activities, including FEMA efforts,

the sanitary surveys, the Lauro intake structure rehabilitation and the North Portal elevator access door. He and the Board discussed concerns about prevention of invasive mussel infestations in the watershed.

8. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. King presented the Operations Division report. In addition to the usual routine tasks, he reported on the recent confined space training. Mr. King and staff installed a barrel-mount for the davit arm at Sheffield's East Portal. He provided updates on various projects and noted the purchase of a small boat, recently used to facilitate inspection of the Lauro Reservoir Intake Structure.

9. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

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

Mr. Robinson presented the Fisheries Division report, noting that target flows at the various check points were in compliance with requirements. Monitoring activities are ongoing. As the CDFW-FRGP grant portal has reopened, Mr. Robinson and staff are preparing grant applications for two fisheries projects. Finally, he reported that he had attended and presented at the annual SRF conference.

10. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson reported that staff is focusing solely on completion of the annual tree inventory. The annual Oak Tree committee meeting will be scheduled with a tentative target of early July.

11. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

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

Ms. Gingras advised that the water reports were unavailable due to timing but the reservoir and invasive mussel species reports were included.

12. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

There were no requests from Directors.

13. [CLOSED SESSION]: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

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

The Director adjourned to Closed Session at 2:28 PM.

14. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

[Government Code Section 54957.7]

Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable

[Government Code Section 54957.1]

13a. Potential Litigation (Potential Exposure)

The Directors reconvened into Open Session at 3:53 PM. With respect to Item 13.a., Mr. Carter stated that there was no reportable action.

15. MEETING SCHEDULE

- Regular Board Meeting – June 22, 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 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

√	<i>Approved</i>
	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:



Kristen W. Sneddon, President of the Board