

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

held at

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

**Monday, March 23, 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

Directors Absent

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
Elijah Papen, Water Resources Analyst II

Joel Degner, Engineer/Operations Division Manager
Shane King, Ops Supervisor/Chief Distribution Operator
Rosey Bishop, Administrative Assistant II

Others Present:

Dakota Corey, City of Santa Barbara
Dana Hoffenberg, City of Santa Barbara
Kelley Dyer, Carpinteria Valley Water District
Nick Turner, Montecito Water District

David Linville, Goleta Water District
Matthew Scrudato, County of Santa Barbara
Matt Young, County of Santa Barbara
Michael, Member of the Public

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes of the March 11, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- c. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- d. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras introduced the Consent Agenda items and asked Mr. Lyons to comment on the Financial Statements.

Mr. Lyons referred the Board to various paid claims and provided additional information, including 3-Way Chevrolet, Applied Earthworks, GEI Consultants, Illumina Inc. He fielded questions from the Board.

Director O'Connor provided the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Hanson seconded the motion which carried with a vote of five in favor.

Ayes: Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent: Hayman

Abstain:

4. DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Ms. Gingras presented the Director Compensation, first providing an overview of the historical increases to compensation. Following a brief board discussion, Director Hanson motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 7, followed by a second from Director O'Connor. The motion passed with a vote of five in favor.

Ayes: Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent: Hayman

Abstain:

5. LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE U. S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A THIRD AMENDATORY CONTRACT FOR THE TRANSFER OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CACHUMA TRANSFERRED PROJECT WORKS – CACHUMA PROJECT, CALIFORNIA

Ms. Gingras introduced the topic of the upcoming third amendatory contract and noted that Reclamation staff has expressed interest in initiating the process. The Board discussed a few of the issues surrounding the contract as well as the possibility of a longer-term contract. Mr. Carter advised that COMB should be prepared for some updates to language.

Director Hanson moved approval of the letter to be forwarded to Reclamation. Director O'Connor seconded the motion which carried with a vote of five in favor.

Ayes: Hanson, O'Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent: Hayman

Abstain:

6. PRESENTATION ON THE WATER YEAR 2025 ANNUAL MONITORING SUMMARY

Mr. Robinson presented the 2025 Annual Monitoring Summary. He reviewed highlights of the report and discussed the significance of the data to the fishery. Mr. Robinson particularly noted the presence of Pacific lamprey this year in the fishery as well as anadromous steelhead and redds. In addition, he summarized the monitoring efforts required by the Biological Opinion to support the steelhead fishery. Mr. Robinson fielded questions from the Board.

12. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

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

Ms. Gingras noted nothing unusual in the water reports other than possible slightly higher historical deliveries for February.

13. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

There were no requests from directors.

14. [CLOSED SESSION]: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

- a. [Government Code Section 54957.6(a)]
Agency designated representatives: Board President
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 3:40 PM.

15. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

- [Government Code Section 54957.7]
Disclosure of actions taken in closed session, as applicable
[Government Code Section 54957.1]

14a. Conference with Labor Negotiators – Extension of General Manager’s Employment Agreement

The Board reconvened into open session at 3:44 PM. Reportable action for Item 14a. - the Board is to review and consider a limited extension of the General Manager’s employment agreement.

16. EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANAGER’S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Director O’Connor motioned to approve the limited extension of the General Manager’s employment agreement followed by a second from Director Hanson. The motion carried with a vote of five in favor.

Ayes: Hanson, O’Connor, Sneddon

Nays:

Absent: Hayman

Abstain:

17. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **Regular Board Meeting – April 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 3:45 PM.

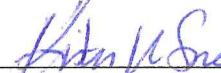
Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

√	<i>Approved</i>
	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:



Kristen W. Sneddon, President of the Board