

MINUTES OF A MEETING
of the
CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD
Held at the Goleta Water District Board Conference Room

September 3, 2026, 2:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by President Kristen Sneddon. Those attending the meeting were:

Directors Present:

Kristen Sneddon	City of Santa Barbara
Lauren Hanson	Goleta Water District
Tobe Plough	Montecito Water District

Also Present:

Ryan Drake	Jasmine Showers
Nick Turner	Peter Cantle
Scott Shapiro	Joel Mulder
Brian Van Lienden	

PUBLIC COMMENT

One member of the general public attended the meeting, but did not seek to comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Hanson moved, and Director Plough seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

RA-1, Executive Director's Report. Staff updated the board regarding the status of the draft Biological Assessment underway with Reclamation. CCRB is providing project management and leadership in this effort. Joel Mulder noted that the working group of local interests and Reclamation have worked through three chapters to date, with additional chapters to address. He characterized the effort as incremental and collaborative.

Executive director Cantle advised the board that Reclamation submitted its Term 24.a passage study plan (required by Water Rights Order 2019-0148) to the State Water Board at some point during the summer. CCRB has not seen the submittal or been provided a copy. The submittal is based on the

September 2024 week-long *value planning study* that Reclamation conducted and in which CCRB staff substantively participated. Reclamation has received no feedback on the plan from the Water Board other than acknowledgement of the submittal. Reclamation considers the Term 24.a requirement to be addressed.

Cantle also advised the board that Reclamation will discuss the 4.3 cfs flow surcharge imposed at the Highway 154 gauge with the Water Board, California Fish and Wildlife Department and potentially the National Marine Fisheries Service. CDFW imposed the additional flow requirement in late 2022 based on its assertion of less-than-required flows at the Highway 154 bridge. Reclamation is working with US Geological Survey to confirm that releases from the reservoir are meeting target requirements without the surcharge.

Cantle noted that, further to recent board discussion, he reached out to Carpinteria Valley Water District senior management to determine if that agency is interested in rejoining CCRB. The agency's general manager had discussed the matter with her board and indicated there was no apparent interest. President Sneddon may make an additional inquiry to follow up.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 2:17 pm. The board came out of closed session at 3:07 pm with no reportable actions.

REGULAR AGENDA – CONT.

RA-2, Items for Future Board Meetings. No items were requested.

RA-3, Set Next Meeting and Adjourn. The next meeting of the CCRB board was set for 2 pm Thursday, October 1, 2026 at the Montecito Water District.

President Sneddon then adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Cantle", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Secretary to the Board