

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

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

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026
12:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Sneddon at 1:06 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

Staff Present:

Janet Gingras, General Manager	Rosey Bishop, Administrative Assistant II
Edward Lyons, Administrative Manager / CFO	Dorothy Turner, Administrative Assistant II
Tim Robinson, Fisheries Division Manager	

Others Present:

Dana Hoffenberg, City of Santa Barbara

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. UPDATE ON PROPOSED FISH PASSAGE AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – HILTON CREEK

Mr. Robinson brought this project back to the Board to request approval to resubmit the grant application to include enhanced hydrologic modeling and a technical memo. The scope of the project had not changed since it was last reviewed by the Board. He noted that these enhancements, to be provided via a PSA with an outside consultant, should increase the potential for a favorable outcome for the grant application.

Director O'Connor motioned to approve the requests contained within the memo to advance the project, 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:

4. PROPOSED EL JARO CREEK, CROSS CREEK RANCH FISH PASSAGE AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – DESIGNS TO SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Robinson shared his slide presentation of the El Jaro Creek/Cross Creek Ranch conditions with photos of the prior work done in 2009 to that location and current conditions that now need modifications and repairs as a result of high stormflows in WY 2023 and WY 2024. In order to submit a grant application for this project, Mr. Robinson is requesting Board approval for external consultants to perform 65% project design as well as a topographic land survey. Mr. Robinson noted that El Jaro Creek is a main tributary to the Salsipuedes Creek and designated as critical Steelhead recovery habitat. Mr. Robinson fielded questions from the Board.

Director O'Connor provided the motion to approve the requests contained within the memo to move the project forward. Director Hanson seconded the motion which carried with a vote of five in favor.

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

5. DIRECTORS' REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

There were no requests from directors.

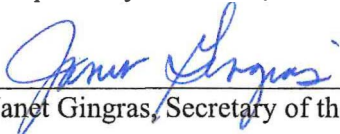
6. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **March 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting at 1:00 P.M**
- **Board Packages Available on COMB website www.cachuma-board.org**

7. COMB ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM.


Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

√	<i>Approved</i>
	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:



Kristen W. Sneddon, President of the Board