

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

held at

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

**Monday, February 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 1:01 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	Matthew Scrudato, County of Santa Barbara
Kelley Dyer, Carpinteria Vly Water District	Matt Young, County of Santa Barbara
Dana Hoffenberg, City of Santa Barbara	Michael, Member of the Public

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of January 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Investment of Funds
 - Financial Reports
 - Investment Reports
- c. Review of Paid Claims

Ms. Gingras presented the Consent Agenda items and asked Mr. Lyons for his comments on the financial reports. Mr. Lyons reported revenues received from FEMA and further clarified the same in response to a question from the Board. He provided additional information for several paid claims of note, including remittances to Rain for Rent Santa Paula, HDR Engineering, Inc., Applied Earthworks and Freeboard Technology, LLC.

7. OPERATIONS DIVISION REPORT

- Lake Cachuma Operations
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

Mr. King presented the Operations Division report of activities including annual valve exercising at Sheffield Control Station and the North Portal. Staff assisted Reclamation in the installation of the 10” valve at Bradbury Dam and replaced a section of the culvert at Glen Anne that had been damaged by a recent slide. Mr. King also reported that staff had worked with Montecito Water District staff to test a number of meters and performed various other tasks and repairs.

8. FISHERIES DIVISION REPORT

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

Mr. Robinson presented the Fisheries Division report, first advising that target flows are all well above required minimums due to precipitation and Bradbury releases. He noted observation of O.mykiss young of the year and one Lamprey ammocoete. Staff continues to perform the required BiOp surveys and migrant trapping. Mr. Robinson is investigating grant funding and monitoring actions impacting the water orders. The Annual Monitoring Report and Summary are in review. Finally Mr. Robinson reported that he presented information at the IRWMP meeting regarding the interaction between beavers and O.mykiss. He fielded requests from the Board.

9. PROGRESS REPORT ON LAKE CACHUMA OAK TREE PROGRAM

- Maintenance and Monitoring

Mr. Robinson commented that staff continued to work on inventory and removal of deer cages in between trapping shifts. He noted no further tree loss due to shoreline inundation and fielded a question from the Board.

10. MONTHLY CACHUMA PROJECT REPORTS

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

Ms. Gingras stated that water reports were as usual. Member agencies’ WY 2025-26 water allocations remain intact due to the availability of surplus water.

11. DIRECTORS’ REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

Director O’Connor requested an update on the Sheffield project.

12. MEETING SCHEDULE

- **Regular Board Meeting – March 23, 2026 at 1:00 PM**
- **Board Packages available on COMB website www.cachuma-board.org**

Director Hayman indicated that she would not be able to attend the next meeting.

13. COMB ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 PM.

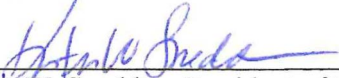
Respectfully submitted,



Janet Gingras, Secretary of the Board

√	<i>Approved</i>
	<i>Unapproved</i>

APPROVED:



Kristen W. Sneddon, President of the Board