



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 3, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Cachuma Conservation Release Board Fiscal Year 2014-2015
Budget Ratification

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council ratify the Cachuma Conservation Release Board Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget with the City's proportional share not to exceed \$624,047.

DISCUSSION:

The Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) is a joint powers agency consisting of three of the four South Coast members of the Cachuma Project: the City of Santa Barbara, the Goleta Water District, and the Montecito Water District. CCRB represents the interests of its members in matters relating to Cachuma Project water rights. Councilmember Dale Francisco represents the City on CCRB issues. (The Carpinteria Valley Water District withdrew from CCRB on January 1, 2011).

The CCRB budget was approved by the CCRB Board on April 21, 2014. In order to take effect, the budget must be ratified by each of the member agencies. The total amount of the CCRB budget is \$1,526,533. The City of Santa Barbara's share is 40.88%, which is \$624,047.

The attached budget is divided into three major categories: Administrative, Legal Activities, and Consultant Activities. The Administrative Budget for this year reflects a modest reduction from last year as a result of the elimination of office lease expenses. With the retirement of the CCRB Manager in January 2014, the new Manager does not require a leased office space. The Legal Activities budget was increased by 20% over last year and reflects anticipated activity on the State Water Board Water Rights decision and the work associated with the pending biological assessment and resultant biological opinion for Cachuma Lake. The Consultant Activities portion of the budget has been decreased from last year reflecting a reduced number of remaining tasks and studies needed leading up to the completion of the biological assessment. The Consultant Activities budget also includes approximately \$150,000, for work by a public relations firm

to facilitate communications between the various federal agencies and the parties benefiting from the Cachuma Project in the attempt to balance water needs with environmental protection in the most effective manner.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funds are included in the recommended Fiscal Year 2015 Water Fund operating budget to pay the City's share of the CCRB Budget. At its regular meeting of May 12, 2014, the Board of Water Commissioners voted 5-0-0 to recommend ratification of the CCRB Budget.

ATTACHMENT(S): CCRB budget

PREPARED BY: Joshua Haggmark, Acting Water Resources Manager/mh

SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca Bjork, Public Works Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

Cachuma Conservation Release Board

Final Budget

FY 2014 - 2015

Final 4/21/14

Account Number	Account Name	Prelim FY 14-15 Total Budget	Rollover already assessed FY2013-14	New Budget FY2014-15	Prelim FY 14-15 Base Budget	Prelim FY 14-15 Contingent Consult Tasks	Final FY 13-14 Total Budget	FY 13-14 Expenditures a/o 1/20/14
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE								
		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		
5050	Office Lease	0	0	0	0	0	11,140	6,498
5100	Audit	8,000	0	8,000	8,000	0	8,000	7,500
5200	Liability Insurance	14,000	0	14,000	14,000	0	14,000	13,301
5201	Workers Comp. Insurance	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	699
5260	FICA/Medicare	4,590	0	4,590	4,590	0	4,590	2,837
5301	General Manager Salary	60,000	0	60,000	60,000	0	60,000	36,900
5304	Administrative Support	4,500	0	4,500	4,500	0	4,300	2,325
5312	Misc. Admin. Exp.	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	0	5,000	1,516
5313	Communications/Computer	7,500	0	7,500	7,500	0	7,500	3,628
5316	Admin Fixed Assets	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	0	1,000	0
5330	Admin. Travel	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	3,000	433
5331	Travel Exp. Federal & State Meetings	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	0
5332	Transportation	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	500	0
7000	Legal	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	10,000
TOTAL GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE		178,590	0	178,590	178,590	0	190,030	85,637
LEGAL ACTIVITIES								
		100.00%	11.58%	88.42%	88.42%	88.42%	FY 13-14	a/o 1/20/14
7001	BO Reconsultation Legal Support	125,000	14,475	110,525	0	110,525	100,000	
TOTAL LEGAL SUPPORT		125,000	14,475	110,525	0	110,525	100,000	32,000
CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES								
		100.00%	11.58%	88.42%	88.42%	88.42%	FY 13-14	a/o 1/20/14
6001	BO Reconsultation Activities	1,099,000	127,264	971,736	507,089	464,647	525,657	1,287,875
7200	SWRCB Proceedings Support	30,000	3,474	26,526	17,684	8,842	26,526	25,000
7300	Public Outreach Program	30,000	3,474	26,526	0	26,526	0	30,000
7400	Legislative & Regulatory Analyst	150,000	17,370	132,630	0	132,630	0	200,000
				100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
7500	Hydrologic Technical Support	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
TOTAL CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES		1,339,000	151,582	1,187,418	524,773	662,645	525,657	1,572,000
6500	Contingency	50,000		50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0
TOTAL BUDGET		1,692,590	166,057	1,526,533	524,773	1,001,760	1,912,030	321,512

Notes:

- This budget is solely reflective of CCRB's (GWD, City of SB and MWD) participation in the activities to support the Cachuma Project water rights hearing proceedings and BO reconsultation.
- It is anticipated that ID1 will pay 11.58% of the consultant costs for Cardno Entrix, FEC, Stetson, Hanson, and Cal Strategies, and 11.58% of the legal costs for BBK and Downey Brand for work associated with the BiOp Reconsultation. CCRB will contract with Cardno Entrix, FEC, Cal Strategies, and Downey Brand. ID1 will contract with Stetson Engineers, Hanson Environmental, and Best Best & Krieger. CCRB will pay 100% of the hydrologic consultant costs for technical support.
- The attorneys' and consultants' budgets do not include projected costs associated with potential lawsuits involving the SWRCB EIR or water rights decision or the NMFS Biological Opinion.
- The base budget constitutes work that definitely needs to be completed in FY 2014-2015, and will be assessed quarterly. The balance of the budget constitutes consultant contingency work that will require Board authorization for specific activities by task order and for contingency funds, and will be assessed separately as needed.