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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 10, 2008
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Water Resources Division, Public Works Department
SUBJECT: Cachuma Conservation Release Board Budget Ratification

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council ratify the Fiscal Year 2009 Cachuma Conservation Release Board Budget in the amount of \$2,287,511, with a City share of \$628,212.

DISCUSSION:

The Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB) represents the Cachuma Project water rights of the four South Coast members and implements projects identified in the Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan. Councilmember Das Williams is the City's appointed board member for CCRB. CCRB shares some project costs with Improvement District No. 1 of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District. The activities of CCRB and the proposed Fiscal Year 2009 budget were reviewed by Council on April 15, 2008.

On April 28, 2008, CCRB approved the final Fiscal Year 2009 budget in substantially the same amount as reviewed by the Council in draft form. The approved budget includes funding for the construction of fish passage projects on Quiota Creek and El Jaro Creek, which are tributaries of the Santa Ynez River. CCRB staff expects grant funding in the amount of approximately \$600,000 toward these projects. Under the CCRB joint powers agreement, the budget requires ratification by CCRB members.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funds are included in the draft Fiscal Year 2009 Water Fund Operating Budget to pay the City's share of the CCRB budget.

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