

CACHUMA CONSERVATION RELEASE BOARD**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 23, 2009

TO: CCRB Board of Directors
Santa Ynez Water Conservation District, ID No. 1 Board of Trustees

FROM: Kate Rees, General Manager

RE: CCRB/ID No. 1 FY 2009-10 Preliminary Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

None at this time. For review and discussion only.

DISCUSSION:

Attached is the proposed CCRB/ID No. 1 Preliminary Budget for FY 2009 -10 for your review and consideration. This memo provides an overview of the preliminary budget and changes from FY 2008-09. Staff will present the draft FY 2009 -10 Budget at the March 23, 2009 Board meeting.

The FY 2009 -10 proposed budget is \$2,238,230 compared to the FY 2008-09 budget of \$2,287,511. This reflects a 2.15% decrease compared to FY 2008-09. Included are summary budget sheets showing the total budget for each category of expenditure and a comparison to the FY 2008-09 budget with percentage changes for each account. This is followed by several pages detailing the expenses for each budget category, a consultant summary table derived from the consultants' draft scopes of work and cost estimates for each task, and the percentage cost share of the budget for each Member Unit. Additional back-up material supporting the budgeted activities is not included, but is available at any time upon request.

The preliminary budget has been reviewed by the CCRB Finance Committee and the Cachuma Member Unit General Managers, and was revised based on their suggested changes. Any additional changes will be incorporated into the final budget which will come before the Board at the April 27, 2009 Board meeting.

The General & Administrative category remained essentially flat with a projected 1.10% decrease. Operation and Maintenance expenses will decrease by about 8.77%. Special Projects will also decrease by about 2.40%, yet includes increased budgets for grant technical support, participation in the Prop 84 IRWM Plan process, SWRCB proceedings support (because we expect a hearing decision will actually be issued in FY 09 -10), and NMFS steelhead recovery activities. The proposed budget includes only one fish passage project on El Jaro Creek at Cross Creek Ranch for \$600,000.

The FY 2009 -10 budget reflects a 50%-50% split between CCRB and COMB for the General Manager's salary compared to the 65%-35% split in FY 2008-09 due to the increased time Ms.

Rees is spending on COMB activities. Ms. Rees salary may be adjusted following her performance review in April.

Renewal Fund/Trust Fund revenue available in FY 2009 -10 will be \$280,824, which is about \$15,000 less than last year due to a smaller amount of State Water Project water delivered to Lake Cachuma in calendar year 2007. The Renewal Fund/Trust Fund Committee will not meet until mid April to authorize how the funds will be distributed. Therefore, there may be some adjustment in the Final CCRB/ID No. 1 Budget. \$40,000 from the County's Cachuma Project Betterment contribution will offset some of the expenses for FY 09 -10. The remainder of the \$100,000 will be paid directly by the County to USGS for the fisheries stream gauge program. Repayment of \$50,000 to the County Water Agency for modifications to the Cachuma Park boat launch ramp has been completed.

Because the reorganization of CCRB and COMB activities has still not occurred, the proposed budget assumes similar reductions in ID No.1's share of the budget as shown in the FY 2008-09 budget. The CCRB Member Units will be assessed per their normal CCRB percentage shares. This will result in a shortfall in budgeted funds, as had been the case for the last two years.

The Finance Committee has met and is recommending approval of the proposed FY 2009 -10 by the CCRB Board of Directors and ID No. 1 Board of Trustees. Because the CCRB Budget must be approved 60 days prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2009), the Final 2009 -10 Budget will come before you for approval at the April 27, 2009 Board meeting. It must then be ratified or approved by the CCRB Member Units' governing boards prior to the end of the fiscal year. **I request that each of the Member Units place this item on your respective Board or Council agendas during the month of April for discussion, if your Board so desires, or during May or June for ratification of the final budget.** Ms. Gingras or I am available to come to any of your Board or Council meetings to present the proposed CCRB/ID No. 1 FY 2009 -10 Budget and to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Rees, General Manager

Attachments

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