

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
November 20, 2017
Teleconference Location: 12540 Grand Island Road
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
David Castaldo, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Blair Ball, Director
Leonard Stephenson, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

Directors Absent: Steve Lehtonen, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel
Tom Todd, Jr., Finance Manager
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation, and Roll Call:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President David Fenn at 1:30 p.m., November 20, 2017 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Fenn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Fenn led the invocation. A quorum was present.
2. **Statement Regarding Teleconferencing:** Teleconferencing was canceled.
3. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** Director Thompson stated that the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance will not be meeting on November 29th as listed under announcements. There were no other changes to the agenda.
4. **Public Comment.** *President Fenn asked if there were any members of the public that wished to make a public comment that fall within the jurisdiction of the Agency that is not on today's Agenda.* No members of the public commented.
5. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, November 6, 2017
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, November 13, 2017

Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Thompson, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 6-0, with Director Lehtonen absent.

6. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: (a) Deliveries: General Manager Davis reported to the Board that the Agency has delivered 940 acre-feet so far this month.

(2) General Agency Updates: **(a) SCWC:** Southern California Water Committee utilized the Agency's Board room for its Water Summit event that was held on Friday, November 17th; the event was well attended. Guest speakers were Supervisor Marion Ashley, Charlie Wilson (Executive Director SCWC), General Manager John Rossi (Western Municipal Water District), Jerry Johns (40 years in water industry – retired), General Manager Doug Headrick (SBVMWD) and General Manager Jeff Davis. **(b) Groundwater Sustainability Plans:** (1) Three grant proposals have been submitted; two for the San Geronio Pass sub-basin, and one for the Yucaipa sub-basin. (2) San Geronio Pass Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – two models (surface water and groundwater) have been melded together for the San Geronio Pass sub-basin, this is still in the calibration phase. **(c) Bi-Annual Well Measuring:** The Agency measures wells twice a year with the assistance of USGS. Fall well measurements took place last week. **(d) DWR - Grant Davis:** SWC met with Grant Davis last week. Grant Davis was appointed Director of the California Department of Water Resources by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in August 2017. Flexibility, working to get the California Water Fix built, and transfers and exchanges were discussed during the meeting. **(e) Feather River Watershed:** Up to 10-inches of rain was received last week in the Feather River watershed. **(f) SWP Allocation:** The initial allocation for 2018 is due by December 1st. The initial allocation may be low due to the water level at Lake Oroville and also Fall X2. Fall X2 is when water is released from Lake Oroville to bring down the salt level in the Delta. There is no scientific evidence that this action does anything for fish during the fall season. Due to Fall X2, the SWP lost 400,000 acre-feet of SWP water this year.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferré stated that he submitted a written report that was included in the agenda packet. He asked if the Board had any questions. There being none, President Fenn continued on to Directors Reports.

C. Directors' Reports: **(1) Director Duncan** reported on the SCWC meeting that he attended on November 17. **(2) Director Castaldo** also reported on the SCWC meeting that he attended on November 17. **(3) Director Thompson** reported on the SGPWA Conservation and Education Committee meeting that took place on November 9. Topics of discussion included media and social media efforts, the purchase of groundwater models for local schools, and Inland Empire Resource Conservation District update on SGPWA's current school programs. IERCD was contracted to present 43 classes of which 18 have been completed thus far. IERCD has drafted a plan on how to execute the groundwater models to the schools. A proposal to an addendum to the contract between IERCD and SGPWA for the groundwater model presentations will be forthcoming for Board consideration. **(4) Director Stephenson** reported on the YVWD Board meeting that he attended on November 7th. **(5) Director Ball** reported that he will be providing to the Board a BCVWD PowerPoint presentation on SGPWA water supply portfolio, costs and funding strategies that was provided during its November 8th meeting.

7. New Business:

A. Consideration and Possible Action regarding Proposed Amendments to ACWA's Bylaws: Material provided by ACWA was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that ACWA is conducting a membership meeting at the ACWA Fall Conference on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. ACWA is proposing several amendments to the bylaws; the amendments are listed in the material provided by ACWA. Votes are normally cast by members' Board Presidents via a proxy card. After discussion, the Board was in agreement in directing President Fenn to cast a vote approving the proposed changes to ACWA's bylaws.

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Election of Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President and Vice President: Material provided by ACWA and a letter of support from Steven LaMar were included in the agenda packet. ACWA is conducting a membership meeting at the ACWA Fall Conference on Wednesday, November 29, 2017. ACWA's Nominating Committee announced a 2018-2019 slate that recommends current Vice President Brent Hastey for ACWA President and current Federal Affairs Committee Chair Steven LaMar for ACWA Vice President. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the vote. It was the consensus of the Board to designate President Fenn to vote on behalf of the SGPWA Board of Directors and permit him to determine if he will vote for the recommended slate, or otherwise.

8. Topics for Future Agendas: (1) President Fenn requested an update on the Whitewater flume.

9. Announcements:

- A. Office closed November 23rd & 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, November 27, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, December 4, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Closed Session (Two Items)

Time: 1:55 pm

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: Potential transfer of State Water Project rights/supplies among State Water Project Contractors
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Dudley Ridge Water District, Dale Melville, Manager-Engineer
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment
- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
Property: Potential water rights/supplies offers from the City of Ventura
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Lynn Takaichi
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 2:42 pm

General Counsel Ferre reported that there were no reportable actions taken on either item.

11. Adjournment

Time: 2:42 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey W. Davis", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board