

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
January 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call

2. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda

3. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Board at this time concerning items relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. To comment on specific agenda items, please complete a speaker's request form and hand it to the board secretary.

4. Consent Calendar:

If any board member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 7, 2013*
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- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, January 14, 2013*
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5. Reports (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. General Manager's Report
 - 1. Operations Report
 - 2. General Agency Updates
- B. Directors' Reports

6. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Consideration of Santa Ana River Conference Sponsorship* (Page 8)
- B. Consideration of Board Pay Compensation Adjustment - (Requested by Director Voigt)
- C. Consideration of Supporting a Model of the Beaumont Basin* (Page 17)

7. Topics for Future Agendas

8. Announcements

- A. Finance and Budget Workshop, January 28, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, February 4, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Engineering Workshop, February 11, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

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SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2013

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer
Ron Duncan, Director
Ted Haring, Director
Ray Morris, Director

Directors Absent: Barbara Voigt, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
Kenneth Falls, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant
Russ Behrens, General Counsel

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President John Jeter at 1:30 p.m., January 7, 2013 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Dickson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.
2. **Election of Board Officers:**
 - a. **Nominations for President -**

President Jeter called for nominations for Board President.
Director Morris, seconded by Director Dickson nominated John Jeter for Board President. Hearing no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. John Jeter was elected President by an unopposed vote.
 - b. **Nominations for Vice President -**

President Jeter called for nominations for Board Vice President.
Director Morris, seconded by Director Melleby nominated Bill Dickson for Board Vice President. Hearing no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. Bill Dickson was elected Vice President by an unopposed vote.
 - c. **Nominations for Treasurer -**

President Jeter called for nominations for Board Treasurer.
Director Dickson, seconded by Director Haring nominated Mary Ann Melleby for Board Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. Mary Ann Melleby was elected Board Treasurer by an unopposed vote.
 - d. **Nominations for Secretary/Assistant Treasurer**

President Jeter called for nominations for Board Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.
President Jeter, seconded by Director Haring nominated Jeff Davis for Board Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, a voice vote was taken. General Manager Jeff Davis was elected Board Secretary and Assistant Treasurer by an unopposed vote.

3. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** General Manager Davis stated that Director Voigt had requested item 7a be placed on the agenda. He recommended that in light of Director Voigt's absence that item 7a be moved until such time that Director Voigt is present at a board meeting. President Jeter asked if there were any objections. There being none the agenda was adopted as amended.
4. **Public Comment:** No members of the public requested to speak at this time.
5. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 17, 2012
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, December 18, 2012
 - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, December 18, 2012

Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Duncan to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed unopposed.

6. **Reports:**

A. **General Manager's Report:**

1. **Operations Report: (a) Water Deliveries:** General Manager Davis reported that the Agency delivered a total of 123 acre-feet to Little San Geronio (LSG) Creek ponds and a total of 892 acre-feet to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District ponds (of which 100 acre-feet was sold to Banning), for a total of 1015 acre-feet for the month of December. Yearly totals are as follows:

- Little San Geronio = 1827 acre-feet
- Noble Creek = 8983 acre-feet
(1200 acre-feet to City of Banning + 7783 acre-feet to BCVWD)
- YVWD = 140 acre-feet through November

The overall total for the year = 10,810 (LSG & BCVWD) + 140 (YVWD) = 10,950

(b) LSG Ponds Flow: Operations and Maintenance Manager Ken Falls shut off flow to all but two ponds on December 26th, reducing the flow to LSG by 1 cfs. Ken contacted BCVWD operators and asked if they could take on an additional 1 cfs and they agreed. However, within a few hours they called to let Ken know that BCVWD ponds were filling up and they could not take any more additional water and asked him to cut the water back to 13.7 cfs. General Manager Davis indicated that this incident validates the need to construct additional ponds for groundwater storage.

(c) DWR 2013 SWP Allocation: On December 21st DWR increased the SWP allocation to 40%. **(d) DWR Snow Survey:** Water content of snow is about 130% of normal for January 1.

2. General Agency Updates: (a) **EBX II:** General Manager Davis reported that the kangaroo rats issue has been resolved and the EBX II mitigation property was purchased for approximately \$700k. The revised Biological Opinion has been signed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (b) **Delta Plan:** The recirculated draft programmatic EIR for the Delta Plan was circulated on November 30, 2012 with a 45-day comment period; comment period will close January 14, 2013. State Water Contractors will submit a comment letter prior to the deadline. (c) **Southwestern Willow Flycatcher:** The USFWS granted additional critical habitat to the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, with exclusions. Last year the Agency supported an effort to minimize this additional habitat. Litigation was lost on this issue and the critical habitat has been expanded to above Seven Oaks Dam; this could impact our water supply. (d) **Ethics Training:** Yucaipa Valley Water District is sponsoring an Ethics Training on Thursday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the YVWD filtration plant. A light dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. (e) **Water Purchase from SBVMWD:** Director Duncan asked General Manager Davis for an update on discussions between SBVMWD and SGPWA for the purchase of water. General Manager Davis stated that he is in contact with SBVMWD General Manager Doug Headrick and will have an update for the board members at a meeting in the near future.

B. Director Reports: (1) Director Dickson thanked the board for reappointing him Board Vice-President.

7. New Business:

A. Consideration of Board Compensation Adjustment (Requested by Director Voigt): This item was removed from the agenda during adoption and adjustment of the agenda by unanimous consent of the Board.

8. Announcements:

- A. Engineering Workshop, January 14, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Office closed **Monday**, January 21, 2013 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- C. Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday**, January 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Finance and Budget Workshop, January 28, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – The meeting adjourned to closed session at 2:05 p.m.

- 1. Existing Litigation, Challenge to Federal District Court Decision Critical Habitat Determination, Santa Ana Sucker, Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9
- 2. Anticipated Litigation, Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (one case).

The meeting reconvened to open session at 3:31 p.m. President Jeter stated that he will announce the board committees at the next board meeting. Legal Counsel Russ Behrens reported that the Board met in closed session and discussed the matter listed. On item two - no action was taken that is reportable under the Brown Act. On item one - no action was taken that is reportable under the Brown Act; except what is listed on the agenda as item 10.

- 10. Consideration of Authorization to Contribute to Federal District Court Decision, Critical Habitat Determination, Santa Ana Sucker:** Director Haring made a motion, seconded by Director Morris to contribute \$10k to the Federal District Court decision, critical habitat determination, concerning the Santa Ana Sucker. Motion passed unopposed.

Director Melleby announced that there will be a Watermaster meeting on Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m.

- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

DRAFT – SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
January 14, 2013

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Ron Duncan, Director
Ted Haring, Director
Mary Ann Melleby, Director
Ray Morris, Director
Barbara Voigt, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Ken Falls, Operations and Maintenance Manager

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The Engineering workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by President John Jeter at 1:30 p.m., January 14, 2013 in the Agency conference room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Jeter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time. President Jeter turned the meeting over to Bill Dickson, Chairman of the Engineering Committee.
3. **Update on EBX 2 Construction.** Mike Esquer from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District presented a series of photos showing construction progress on EBX 2 and on EBX 1 Improvements. He answered questions from the Board regarding schedule and other technical issues.
4. **Discussion of the Beaumont Basin Model.** General Manager Davis reviewed the Watermaster meeting of January 9 when the Watermaster received a proposal to develop a model of the Beaumont Storage Unit (BSU) for approximately \$230,000. He noted that there was a notion on the part of the Watermaster that there should be one single model of the BSU that all parties can rely on and possibly take ownership in, and that this model should be based on the 2006 USGS model with refinements. The Board was receptive to this concept and directed the General Manager to formulate a specific recommendation and to bring it back to the Board for consideration. There was concern expressed about the two northern boundaries of the BSU and which would govern in a new, updated model.

5. Discussion of State Water Project Energy Issues. General Manager Davis presented a number of slides summarizing some major energy issues faced by State Water Contractors. These include higher costs associated with AB 32 and SB 1X2 and the proposed Delta Flow Criteria from the State Water Quality Control Board. He noted that the latter proposed policy is at cross purposes with State energy policy, which requires flexible generation capacity to make up for such energy sources as solar and wind which can be interrupted suddenly for hours or days at a time.

6. Announcements:

- A. The office will be closed Monday, January 21, 2013 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, January 28, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment: Chairman Dickson adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

DRAFT – SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: General Manager

RE: Sponsorship of Santa Ana Watershed Conference

DATE: January 22, 2013

Summary:

Each year, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) partners with the Water Education Foundation (WEF) to produce a Santa Ana Watershed Conference. The purpose of this proposed Board action is to determine whether the Board wishes to sponsor this year's event.

Background:

The Board has considered this issue every year, and has chosen to support the conference in some years, but not all years. Last year, the Board chose not to sponsor the event. Two years ago, the Board voted to sponsor at the \$3000 level. The conference is typically well attended by water agencies and others in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties and has traditionally had some interesting and informative speakers.

The theme of the conference this year is "The Power of Partnerships." The conference will be held on Tuesday, April 11 in Costa Mesa. No information is available at this time on individual speakers or session topics.

Fiscal Impact:

There would be a minor fiscal impact the Agency if the Board wishes to be a sponsor. The impact would be the amount of the sponsorship, less the benefits accruing from the sponsorship (complementary admission, etc.). There are funds available for adult education programs that could be used for the sponsorship.

Relationship to Strategic Plan:

Goal 5 of the strategic plan is a communication plan that involves identifying opportunities to leverage, promote, and amplify the Agency image and impact in the region. The goal also includes gaining external support for the Agency, its mission, and leadership through thoughtful outreach and positioning techniques.

Recommendation:

Staff has no recommendation to the Board at this time. The Board has three options:

- Agree to sponsor the conference at a level chosen by the Board.
- Choose not to sponsor the conference.
- Wait to find out the names of individual speakers and more information about the conference content prior to making a decision on sponsorship.



Santa Ana River Watershed 2013



The Power of Partnerships



Thursday, April 11, 2013
Westin South Coast Plaza
Costa Mesa, CA

November 20, 2012

Jeff David
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
1210 Beaumont Avenue
Beaumont, CA 92203

RE: Santa Ana River Watershed Conference 2013

Dear Mr. David:

The *Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission* would like **you** to be the first to know we have set the date for next year. The **“Santa Ana River Watershed Conference”** will be held in Costa Mesa at the Westin South Coast Plaza on Thursday, April 11, 2013. The *Water Education Foundation* is pleased to be the event coordinator for the fourth year!

Please make sure to mark your calendar as we want you to be with us as we begin to explore **“The Power of Partnerships.”**

The Foundation would like to invite you to **participate as a sponsor.** I have enclosed information on special sponsorship and also vendor opportunities. If you need further information, please contact the Event Coordinator, Jean Nordmann at the Water Education Foundation at (916) 444-6240 or jnordmann@watereducation.org.

We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Sincerely,

Rita Schmidt Sudman
Executive Director
Water Education Foundation



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Costa Mesa, CA

SPONSORSHIP AND/OR VENDOR INFORMATION

Company Name

First Name

Last Name

Address

City, State & Zip

Phone

E-mail

Sponsors: Are you having a Vendor Booth?

SPONSORSHIP AND/OR VENDOR INFORMATION

- Please select the type of registration:
- Presenting Sponsor - \$20,000 - One only
 - Platinum Sponsor - \$12,000
 - Gold Sponsor - \$8,000
 - Aquamarine Sponsor - \$5,000
 - Silver Sponsor - \$4,000
 - Bronze Sponsor - \$3,000
 - Garnet Sponsor - \$1,000
 - Vendor only - \$550
 - Extra Meal Ticket - \$50
 - Electrical Outlet - \$100

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Costa Mesa, CA

PRESENTING SPONSOR – \$20,000

- Promoted as “**The Santa Ana River Watershed 2013 TOP Presenting Sponsor**” (Exclusive to ONE Company)
- Opportunity to introduce keynote speaker or moderate a key panel discussion.
- Promoted and advertised as a co-host of the conference.
- Pre-recorded video interview which will be presented before and during the conference. Your company’s interview will be posted on The Water Education Foundation website under the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference 2013.
- Your company’s message will be presented live on the event presentation screen in front of over 500 key stakeholders.
- Copy of your interview and other important event footage.
- Tremendous media opportunities including print and electronic mediums. Press release sent out to over 10,000 recipients announcing your company’s key role in the event.
- Premier placement and logo on the Water Education Foundation website under the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference.
- Your company logo on cover of event program.
- Publicized throughout ALL email and direct mail marketing campaigns. Company logo marketed on all print, online and promotional material.
- Your choice of location for your exhibit booth – 20’x 20’ space allotment to market your products and services!
- 30 event tickets (tables of 10)



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PLATINUM SPONSOR – \$12,000

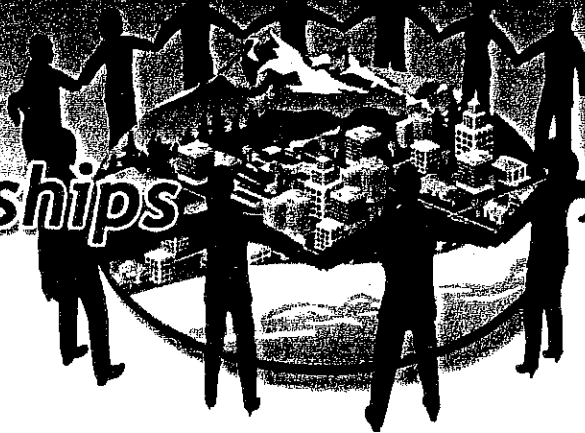
- Promoted as one of the “*Santa Ana River Watershed 2013 Platinum Sponsors*”
- Opportunity to introduce a speaker.
- Pre-recorded interview which will be presented before and during the conference. Your company’s interview will be posted on the Water Education Foundation website under the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference 2013.
- Your company’s message will be presented live on the event presentation screens in front of over 500 key stakeholders.
- Copy of your interview and other important event footage.
- Tremendous media opportunities including print and electronic mediums. Press release sent out to over 10,000 recipients announcing your company’s key role in the conference.
- Advertisement of company’s project or message on event video – 10 seconds.
- Publicized throughout ALL email and direct mail marketing campaigns. Company logo marketed on all print, online and promotional material.
- Great location for company exhibit booth – 10’ x 10’ space.
- 20 tickets (two tables)



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Costa Mesa, CA

GOLD SPONSOR – \$8,000

- Promoted as one of the “**The Santa Ana River Watershed 2013 Gold Sponsors**”
- Pre-recorded interview which will be presented before and during the conference. Your company’s interview will be posted on the Water Education Foundation website under the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference 2013.
- Your company’s message will be presented live on the event presentation screen in front of over 500 key stakeholders.
- Copy of your interview and other important event footage.
- Tremendous media opportunities including print and electronic mediums. Press release sent out to over 10,000 recipients announcing your company’s key role in the event.
- Publicized throughout ALL email and direct mail marketing campaigns. Company logo marketed on all print, online and promotional material.
- Great location for company exhibit booth – 10’ x 10’ space.
- 20 event tickets (two tables)



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AQUAMARINE SPONSOR – \$5,000

- Promoted as one of the “*Santa Ana River Watershed 2013 Aquamarine Sponsors*”
- Pre-recorded interview which will be presented before and during the conference. Your company’s interview will be posted on the Water Education Foundation website under the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference 2013.
- Publicized throughout ALL email and direct mail marketing campaigns. Company logo marketed on all print, online and promotional material.
- Good location for company exhibit booth – 10’ x 10’ space.
- 10 tickets (one table)



Santa Ana River Watershed 2013



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Thursday, April 11, 2013
Westin South Coast Plaza
Costa Mesa, CA

SILVER SPONSOR – \$4,000

- Promoted as one of the “*Santa Ana River Watershed 2013 Silver Sponsors*”
- Pre-recorded interview which will be presented before and during the conference. Your company’s interview will be posted on the Water Education Foundation website under the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference 2013.
- Publicized throughout ALL email and direct mail marketing campaigns. Company logo marketed on all print, online and promotional material.
- Exhibit space at the event – 10’ x 10’ space for your booth.
- 10 event tickets (one table)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: General Manager

RE: Support of Mathematical Model of Beaumont Storage Unit

DATE: January 22, 2013

Summary:

At the Engineering Workshop on January 14, the Board discussed the concept of supporting a Beaumont Basin model being developed by the Beaumont Watermaster to determine the safe yield of the basin. The Board directed the General Manager to make a specific recommendation to the Board on this issue and to bring this recommendation to the Board in the near future. The purpose of this proposed Board action is to give staff direction on how the Agency could support this modeling effort.

Background:

Staff reviewed the history of Beaumont Basin modeling with the Board at the Engineering Workshop. The current effort of the Watermaster would build on the work of the USGS and the Agency. This effort will cost the Watermaster approximately \$230,000. If the Agency were to allow the Watermaster to use model refinements already paid for by the Agency, this would be approximately \$10,000 less.

Members of the Watermaster mentioned a desire to have one model of the Beaumont Basin that all parties could agree on and use, and that would be updated with new data on a regular basis. That one model would include the USGS model plus refinements already made by the Agency plus additional refinements to be made by the Watermaster. These additional refinements include adding input and pumping data through 2012 (the model is current only through 2008), and changing the time step for extreme events from annually to monthly.

Detailed Report:

Modeling of the Beaumont Basin will have to occur on a regular basis in the future. The Agency is required to model the effects of salinity every six years (the next time will be in 2018) and the Watermaster must update the specific yield every ten years starting in 2014. There may be additional modeling efforts in the future for specific projects related to one particular water purveyor.

Staff believes that there is an opportunity for all local water purveyors to put their efforts into one model; a model that would be a slightly refined and updated version of the model most recently used by the Agency. The advantages in having such a model would include lower costs for all modeling efforts in the future as well as (presumably) no disputes between parties on future model results and conclusions.

The Agency has a stake in such a model and should take an interest in all local modeling efforts. One issue of concern to the Agency is the northern boundary of the Beaumont Storage Unit. The adjudicated boundary is south of the Little San Gorgonio Creek recharge facility and thus recharge from the Agency's facility is not included in current Beaumont basin calculations. Use by the Watermaster of a USGS-based model would greatly increase the possibility that this water would be accepted as being in the Beaumont Basin in the future.

The Watermaster's consultant has indicated verbally to staff that this boundary will be closely studied during the planned modeling effort to determine if the Agency's (and USGS's) determination as to the boundary is correct. The USGS has indicated verbally to staff that any reasonable interpretation of existing data would lead to the conclusion that the Little San Gorgonio Creek facility is in the main Beaumont Basin (also known as the Beaumont Storage Unit).

The Agency is continuing its partnership with the USGS, who is completing an expansion of the model to include the Cabazon Basin as well. This work will be completed and presented to the Board in the next year. Staff is also talking to the USGS about a separate report on local recharge (separate from the geology portion of the model) that could be produced in a few months.

Recommendation:

Staff's recommendation at this time is that the Board agree to allow the Watermaster's consultant to utilize previous Agency-funded refinements in its current modeling effort, thus saving the Watermaster approximately \$10,000. Staff further recommends that the Board authorize staff to discuss possible partnering efforts with the Watermaster on development of a Beaumont Basin model that could be used by all local parties in the future. Such discussions could include correspondence, meetings with members of the Watermaster Committee, and possibly negotiations as to what a partnership would consist of.

The Board would have to approve any actions or expenditures beyond those mentioned in this recommendation.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no immediate fiscal impact to this proposed Board action.

Relationship to Strategic Plan:

The first goal of the strategic plan is for the Agency to provide regional leadership. By initiating talks with the Watermaster to form a partnership that could fund a regional groundwater model, the Agency would be exhibiting regional leadership on groundwater issues.

Goal 2 of the strategic plan is to develop a regional water supply plan. If the Agency were to partner with the Watermaster to develop a model of the basin, the model could be used to refine a regional water supply plan in the future based on the yield and storage capabilities of the Beaumont Basin.