

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.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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