

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 22, 2013

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

Directors Absent: Ray Morris, Director
Barbara Voigt, Director

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

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 22, 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. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** President Jeter stated that Director Voigt, who is not present at today's Board meeting, had specifically requested item 6b be placed on the agenda. He recommended that item 6b be removed from the agenda due to her absence. President Jeter stated that this item will be voted on the next time it is listed on the agenda. President Jeter asked if there were any objections. There being none the agenda was adopted as amended.
3. **Public Comment:** Director Blair Ball (BCVWD) announced that construction of Phase 2 of the BCVWD recharge facility has begun.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 7, 2013
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, January 14, 2013

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

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

1. **Operations Report: (a) Water Deliveries:** General Manager Davis reported that the Agency delivered 38 acre-feet to Little San Gorgonio (LSG) Creek ponds and 484 acre-feet to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District ponds, for a total of 522 acre-feet so far this month. He also informed the Board that deliveries were short this month (explanation given, see item 5. A1-b & c). **(b) EBX II Shutdown:** A planned two-day

shutdown commenced this past Wednesday and Thursday for fiber-optics relocation; EBX II was back online Friday afternoon. **(c) BCVWD:** BCVWD's - Director of Operations contacted the Agency's Operations and Maintenance Manager Ken Falls on Wednesday morning to make sure that the EBX II shutdown was on schedule, indicating that BCVWD ponds were at full capacity and could not take on any more water. On Saturday, a BCVWD operator contacted SBVMWD to request that water be shut off to its facility, as the ponds were once again at full capacity; on Monday BCVWD requested flow at 8 cfs, half the normal flow. General Manager Davis explained to the Board that the Agency submits a water order two weeks in advance and to change an order at the last minute is not always possible, however the water was diverted. **(d) Precipitation/Snowpack:** At present, California is above average for precipitation, by the end of January the snowpack will be about 100% of normal.

2. **General Agency Updates:** **(a) BDCP:** General Manager Davis referred the Board to the letter that had been provided (a copy of the letter was made available to the public) that was written to the California Department of the Interior and the California Natural Resources Agency (dated 01/16/2013). This joint letter was signed by seven different water agencies (one of which is a state water contractor) opposing the draft BDCP as written, addressing unquantified (environmental) risks and the need for a conveyance as small as 3,000 cfs. He provided insight as to why these water agencies would be opposed to the draft BDCP. **(b) Banning Centennial:** As a sponsor of the Banning Centennial the Board is invited, free of charge, to attend a reception on Saturday, February 9th at 4:30 p.m. at the Banning Woman's Club. A dinner will follow the reception at a cost of \$25. **(c) EBX II Contract Extension:** General Manager Davis updated the Board on EBX II Contract Extension talks for SWC and also the Article 2 extension that only pertains to the Agency and SBVMWD. SWC have been meeting with Department of Water Resources (DWR) for over a year. At the meeting held on Friday, January 18th it was decided that key general managers will be meeting directly with Director Mark Cowin (DWR) every two weeks in Sacramento; updates will be provided to the Board accordingly. General Manager Davis was told that General Manager Jeff Kightlinger (Metropolitan Water District) spoke directly to Director Cowin (at the 01/18/2013 meeting) and stated that DWR should provide an Article 2 extension for SGPWA and SBVMWD without fear that it sets any precedent. General Manager Davis then updated the Board on the letter that the Agency sent to DWR in December requesting an Article 2 extension for SGPWA and SBVMWD. He stated that he spoke to Rob Cooke (DWR-SWP Analysis Office) concerning the letter. Due to Mr. Cooke's response, General Manager Davis suggested that he, President Jeter, and two board members meet directly with Director Mark Cowin to obtain an "official" response from DWR. President Jeter directed staff to schedule the meeting and stated that he will appoint two board members at a later time. **(d) Legislative Report:** Three bills have been introduced to the Legislature relating to the water bond that is planned to be on the ballot in 2013, one of which Sen. Lois Wolk is seeking to make substantial changes to the \$11.14 billion water. **(e) Delta Plan – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):** General Manager Davis stated that the Agency submitted a two-page comment letter on the draft EIR and that the SWC submitted a thirty-page comment letter. **(f) Resignation:** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced Wednesday, Jan. 16, that he will leave his

position by the end of March. **(g) SGPWA Workshops:** General Manager Davis proposed that the Agency hold an Employee Guide workshop on February 7th and a Water Conservation and Education workshop on February 13th. President Jeter approved the scheduling of these two workshops. **(h) Water Purchase from SBVMWD:** Director Duncan had requested an update on discussions between SBVMWD and SGPWA for the purchase of water at the last Board meeting. General Manager Davis stated that talks have been ongoing and that he will have a full update for the Board at the next Board meeting.

B. Director's Reports: Director Melleby reported that she attended the YVWD workshop on January 8th and the Beaumont Basin Watermaster meeting on January 9th.

6. New Business:

A. Consideration of Santa Ana River Conference Sponsorship: A staff report and a copy of sponsorship opportunities were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that the purpose of this proposed Board action is to determine whether the Board wishes to sponsor this year's event. Information on who will be guest speakers and the session topics will become available at a future date. A motion was made by Director Haring, seconded by Director Duncan, to wait to find out the names of individual speakers and the content of the conference prior to making a decision on sponsorship. Motion passed unopposed.

B. 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.

C. Consideration of Supporting a Model of the Beaumont Basin: General Manager Davis stated that the Board discussed the concept of supporting a Beaumont Basin model being developed by the Beaumont Watermaster to determine the safe yield at the Engineering Workshop on January 14th and that the Board requested staff to come up with a specific recommendation. General Manager Davis recommended 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 also recommended 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. A motion was made by Director Melleby, seconded by Director Dickson, to approve staff recommendation. Motion passed unopposed.

7. **Topics for Future Agenda:** No topics were requested 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:** The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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