

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Water Conservation and Education Workshop
February 13, 2013

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Ron Duncan, Director
Ted Haring, Director (arrived 1:41 p.m.)
Mary Ann Melleby, Director
Ray Morris, Director
Barbara Voigt, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager

- 1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The Water Conservation & Education workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President John Jeter at 1:30 p.m., February 13, 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:** No members of the public wished to address the Board at this time. President Jeter then turned the meeting over to Mary Ann Melleby, Vice Chair of the Water Conservation and Education Committee. When Director Haring arrived at 1:41, Vice Chair Melleby turned the meeting over to him.
- 3. Discussion of Capabilities of Inland Empire Resource Conservation District.** General Manager Davis introduced Mandy Parkes, Manager of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District. She described some of the capabilities of the District and some of the water conservation and education work it has done locally in the past. She passed out some information about the District in addition to the information provided in the agenda package. The Board expressed interest in working with the District on water education programs in local schools that would also include tours of the Agency's water efficient garden. Ms. Parkes agreed to develop a proposal and submit it to General Manager Davis, who will schedule another workshop to discuss the proposal.
- 4. Discussion of Matching Program for Water Retailers.** This item was moved to number 5 on the agenda and item number 5, Discussion of Banning Centennial Event Booth, was moved to item number 4 in order to accommodate Mandy Parkes' schedule. When the discussion of the Banning Centennial event was completed, the Board discussed this issue. It was the consensus of the Board that, with the Banning Earth Day event coming up in two months, and with the consideration of a proposal from IERCD to do an education program in the schools, the matching program should be put on the "back burner" at this time and brought up for further discussion at some point in the future.

5. Discussion of Banning Centennial Event Booth. General Manager Davis shared an email he received from Ben White, of Wild California, offering to provide support for a possible Agency booth at the Banning Centennial event for Earth Day. The activity would involve sharing native plants with children and adults on both days of the event (Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13). Mandy Parkes of IERCD indicated that her organization would have a booth and that there is a possibility of a partnership among the Agency, IERCD, and Wild California. After discussion, the Board directed the General Manager to work with Mandy Parkes and Ben White to develop a recommendation for a booth at the Banning Centennial event on April 12 and 13, and to bring the recommendation to a Water Conservation and Education workshop in the near future.

6. Discussion of Water Education Issues and Implementation. General Manager Davis noted that since this is the Water Conservation and Education workshop, that education issues should be discussed, and indicated that the Agency may want to begin an effort to educate residents of the region on the Agency's role and why EBX 2 is so important, especially in light of the fact that the tax rate will need to increase to pay for it. After discussion, the Board decided that this workshop should focus on water conservation education, and that education on other issues should come through another committee. President Jeter said that he would appoint either a new standing committee or an ad hoc committee to deal with that issue in the near future.

7. Announcements:

- A. Office closed Monday, February 18, 2013 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, February 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Regular Board Meeting, March 4, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment: Chairman Haring adjourned the Board workshop at 3:10 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board