

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2013

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

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
Ken 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., April 15, 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:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** President Jeter requested comments from the public. Dr. Blair Ball, Director - Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District requested the Agency's participation status with the Beaumont Basin Watermaster (BBW), pertaining to the Beaumont Basin Model. General Manager Davis stated that the Agency has participated with the BBW by providing documentation that was requested by Anibal Blandon and Tom Harder (engineering consultants hired by BBW). General Manager Davis also stated that he has had a number of conversations with Mr. Harder regarding the documentation that was shared by this Agency. Mr. Harder had indicated that he would be looking at the Beaumont Basin boundary issue. Once the Beaumont Basin boundary has been established the Board would then be able to decide if the Agency will provide additional financial support.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, April 1, 2013
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Employee Guide Workshop, April 4, 2013
 - C. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, April 8, 2013

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

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: General Manager Davis reported on the following: **SWP Water Deliveries:** General Manager Davis stated that EBX II was shut down from April 3 – April 8 due to a leak in the pipe located at Greenspot Station, and for that reason deliveries were low. He reported that the Agency delivered a total of 31 acre-feet to Little San Geronio (LSG) Creek ponds and a total of 260 acre-feet to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District ponds, for a total of 291 acre-feet so far this month.

(2) General Agency Updates: **(a) Vandalism of Agency's HVAC Equipment:** General Manager Davis informed the Board that two of three A/C units had been vandalized. The units were totally destroyed as the vandals stripped the units of copper and aluminum. A police report has been filed and an insurance claim is pending. **(b) Department of Water Resources (DWR):** A conference call between DWR, SBVMWD and the Agency took place last Friday. DWR announced that it is moving forward on selling bonds for EBX2. The bonds will be sold on May 21st at the current interest rate. This action from DWR was in direct response to the joint letter from SBVMWD and the Agency that was submitted last month. **(c) Banning Centennial Earth Day Event at Gilman Ranch:** General Manager Davis reported that he and Director Melleby were on hand to educate 225 fifth graders on April 12th, and the public on April 13th, on the importance of clean reliable water and how aquifers transmit groundwater. Wild California was very appreciative of the Agency providing the funding to pay for plants that were given out to the fifth grade students on April 12th. **(d) Agency's Website:** General Manager Davis received an email from a Girl Scout leader who resides in Denver. She explained in her email that her troop is currently studying water conservation. While seeking out water conservation information on the Internet they came across the Agency's conservation page. She stated that she and her troop learned a lot and suggested a link that addresses conserving water in the bathroom. She thought it would be a useful addition to the conservation links page. General Manager Davis informed the Board that the link was added to the website as of this morning. He stated that this is the second time that this type of request has been made from an out-of-state organization and emphasized the importance that the website has proven to be to the public. **(e) Santa Ana Watershed Conference:** General Manager Davis reported that he and Director Melleby attended the Santa Ana Watershed Conference that was held on April 11th in Costa Mesa. The Conference topic matter was on partnerships. **(f) DWR – Formal Negotiations:** DWR has rescheduled formal negotiations with State Water Project contractors (in a public forum) to develop contract amendments to extend the term and change certain financial provisions of the water supply contracts. The formal negotiations were scheduled to begin April 17th and have now been postponed to May 1st.

B. Directors Report: **(1)** Director Melleby reported that she attended Hank Wochholtz's recognition event at YVWD, and the Beaumont Basin Watermaster on April 10th in Banning. Director Melleby aided General Manager Davis with the Banning Centennial Earth Day event on April 12th and 13th. She stated that interfacing with 225 fifth graders on Friday was a valuable experience. Saturday's Earth Day event was open to the general public. Director Melleby said that she valued interacting not

only with the public, but also with the vendors. She gave a detailed report on presentations that were given at the Santa Ana Watershed Conference. (2) Director Haring reported that he attended the YVWD Board Workshop on April 9th. He stated that he had the opportunity to meet David Leja, the newly appointed director for division five. (3) Director Voigt reported that she attended the Beaumont Basin Watermaster meeting, the BCVWD Board meeting and Hank Wochholz's recognition event. Hank Wochholz retired after serving forty-seven years on YVWD's Board.

6. New Business:

A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-06, Employee Paid Retirement for New Employees not Previously with CalPers: A staff report and Resolution No. 2013-06 were included in the agenda packet. President Jeter stated that this issue was discussed at length at a previous board meeting and asked for a motion. General Manager Davis stated that the Board was provided with substitute resolutions (Resolution No. 2013-06 and Resolution No. 2013-07) as some of the wording had been changed, therefore the Board would be discussing the two resolutions that were handed out and not the two that were in the agenda packet. Director Haring made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-06. The motion passed unopposed.

B. Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-07, California Public Employee Retirement System for New Employees Previously with CalPers: A staff report and Resolution No. 2013-07 were included in the agenda packet. An updated resolution was handed out at the meeting. President Jeter asked for a motion. Director Voigt made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, to adopt the revised Resolution No. 2013-07. The motion passed unopposed.

C. Consideration of Employee Policy Changes: The proposed changes to the Employee manual, to be effected April 15, 2013, were included in the agenda packet. After discussion, Director Haring made a motion, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve the Employee Policy changes as defined on page 14 Paragraph 1.11, Overtime and Paragraph 3.13, Retirement. The motion passed unopposed.

D. Consideration of Resolution No. 2013-08, CEQA Guideline Changes: Director Haring made a motion, seconded by Director Morris, to approve Resolution No. 2013-08. The motion passed unopposed.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: (1) President Jeter requested that General Manager Davis meet with Dr. Blair Ball pertaining to his inquiry of the Agency's participation status with the Beaumont Basin Watermaster. General Manager Davis assured President Jeter that he would speak with Director Ball (BCVWD) as soon as the board meeting is adjourned. (2) Director Voigt stated that Home Depot has partnered with local water agencies and other water conscious entities for an annual event named: Inland Empire – Garden Friendly Water-wise Plant Sales. She suggested that the Agency contact Home Depot to discuss with them the possibility of the Agency partnering with them in order to bring the event to the

local Beaumont Home Depot. General Manager Davis stated that he will contact Doug Headrick (SBVMWD), as they are currently involved with such a partnership.

8. Announcements: President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Finance and Budget Workshop, March 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, April 1, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Engineering Workshop, April 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. ACWA 2013 Spring Conference, May 7 – 10, 2013

9. Adjournment: President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
SETTING THE RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
TOWARD RETIREMENT FOR NEW EMPLOYEES
(RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS 2012-09 AND 2013-05)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency has the authority to implement Government Code Section 20691; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency has a written labor policy which establishes the amount the Agency will pay for member contributions to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for the purposes of retirement; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (Act) states that an employer shall not pay member contributions for new members; and

WHEREAS, the Act also states that the maximum amount an employee shall contribute is 7% of his or her salary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency hereby sets the retirement contribution rate for new members at 7% of their gross salary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contribution rate is effective as of January 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agency Staff is hereby directed to make any changes required in the Agency's Employee Guide Manual to implement this Resolution.

BY



John Jeter

President, Board of Directors

4/15/2013

Dated

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
SETTING THE RATE FOR EMPLOYEE-PAID MEMBER
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD RETIREMENT FOR NEW EMPLOYEES
WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CALPERS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency has the authority to implement Government Code Section 20691; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency has a written labor policy which establishes the amount the Agency will pay for member contributions to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for the purposes of retirement; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (Act) allows elected bodies to exercise their discretion over employer-paid contributions for future employees who were members of CalPERS before January 1, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency hereby sets the retirement contribution rate for new rank and file employees who are members of CalPERS at 7% of their gross salary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will negotiate the employee-paid share of CalPERS contributions for future candidates for the position of General Manager who were members of CalPERS before January 1, 2013.

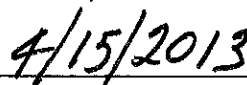
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective as of April 15, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agency Staff is hereby directed to make any changes required in the Agency's Employee Guide Manual to implement this Resolution.

BY



John Jeter
President, Board of Directors



Dated

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
AMENDING AND ADOPTING LOCAL
GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
(PUB. RESOURCES CODE §§ 21000 ET SEQ.)**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has amended the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.), the Natural Resources Agency has amended portions of the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §§ 15000 et seq.), and the California courts have interpreted specific provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Section 21082 of the Public Resources Code requires all public agencies to adopt objectives, criteria and procedures for the evaluation of public and private projects undertaken or approved by such public agencies, and the preparation, if required, of environmental impact reports and negative declarations in connection with that evaluation; and


WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ("Agency") must revise its local guidelines for implementing CEQA to make them consistent with the current provisions and interpretations of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Agency hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The Agency adopts "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (2013 Revision)," a copy of which is on file at the offices of the Agency and is available for inspection by the public.


SECTION 2. All prior actions of the Agency enacting earlier guidelines are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2013.



President, Board of Directors
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency