

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Engineering Workshop**  
**September 9, 2013**

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

**Directors Absent:** Ron Duncan, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Ken Falls, Operations and Maintenance Manager  
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant

**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., September 9, 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 Contract Extension:** A number of documents related to contract extension were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis summarized the September 4 contract negotiation session between the Contractors and the Department of Water Resources (DWR). He noted that most of the session involved presentations from DWR management and questions from Contractors, as opposed to caucusing. DWR made two presentations—one on its efforts to improve its financial and project management, and one on its counteroffer. He presented his opinion that DWR's efforts at project and financial management were incremental, while the increase in reserves it is requesting is a quantum leap. He indicated that the key issues at this time are the responsibilities of the steering committee proposed by the Contractors, as well as DWR's ability to supplementally bill Contractors in the event additional funds are needed. After questioning from the Contractors, DWR indicated a willingness to negotiate further on these last two items. Finally, General Manager Davis indicated that the Contractors do not feel that there is a need to change any negotiating positions at this time. The next negotiation session will be Tuesday, September 17.

**4. EBX 2 Construction Update.** A number of photos were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis explained that a monsoon on Thursday, August 29 flooded the construction site of the EBX 2 pipeline (Mentone Pipeline South), causing some damage to the pipe, formwork, and rebar. The trench across the Santa Ana River was completely filled with water and the pipe filled with muck. After the contractor pumped the trench out, another monsoon event hit the next week, filling the trench with water again. General Manager Davis explained that it is likely that this will cost additional funds, as either the contractor will claim *force majeure* to collect additional funds or will claim that since DWR approved the diversion plan, DWR should be liable for all repair costs and schedule implications. He noted that it is likely that the Board will be updated on this at the joint board meeting with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District on September 17.

**5. Discussion on Building Maintenance (Water Feature Repair).** General Manager Davis noted that, while the cost of a repair of the fountain in front of the building would fall within his authority, because it is so visible to the public, he would like the Board to provide him with direction on how to fix it. He described several options, including replacing the fountain in kind with a different tile, replacing it with another water feature, and replacing it with something other than a water feature. He noted that the act of water falling causes stains to surrounding tile, concrete, and stucco, and that any replacement that involves falling water will have the same effect. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the General Manager bring back multiple options that do not involve a water feature for the Board to consider, and that the options should not be too expensive.

**6. Announcements:**

- A. San Gorgonio Pass Water Task Force, September 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., Banning City Hall.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, September 16, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Special Joint Board Meeting with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, September 17, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. – SBVMWD, 380 E Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino.
- D. Finance and Budget Workshop, September 23, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- E. Water Conservation and Education Workshop, September 30, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

**7. Adjournment:** Chairman Dickson adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

  
Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board