

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
October 14, 2013

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

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Ken Falls, Operations and Maintenance Manager

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., October 14, 2013 in the Agency board 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. Discussion of Possible 15.5 Policy Revisions: General Manager Davis reviewed a history of Section 101-15.5 of the Agency's Act (included in the agenda package), which was added to the Act in 1990. He suggested that, because water levels in the Beaumont Basin have stabilized or even risen over the past several years, that the Board should consider revising its implementation of this section of the Act, which addresses overdraft. He suggested that any revisions should include modeling of the basin in order that the revisions be based on science. He provided two options to the Board—reduce the amount committed to overdraft protection from 2000 AF per year to a smaller number, to be determined through modeling, or to simply state that the Agency, in selling water to retail water agencies who either recharge the water or make direct deliveries, already is addressing overdraft. After discussion, which included input from retail water agencies, the Board gave General Manager Davis direction to proceed on a path to revise the policy, to include modeling in the process, and to involve the retail managers.

4. Discussion of Possible Policy on Meeting Future Regional Supplemental Water Demands. General Manager Davis pointed out that, even though the Agency has published many studies and reports that imply the Agency will procure additional supplemental water for the region, the Agency has never adopted a policy that explicitly states this as a formal goal. He noted that it would likely be easier to make a deal to procure additional long-term water rights in the future if the Agency had such a policy. Without it, the Agency could just be seen as a water agency that manages a contract with the state, as opposed to a regional water supplier committee to meeting the future demands of its service area. He recounted the history of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and its Laguna Declaration. After discussion, including input from retail water agencies, the Board directed the General Manager to draft up such a policy with input from the retail managers and to include a clause stating that the Agency will serve water only to retail water agencies.

5. Discussion of Possible Drought Contingency Policy. General Manager Davis pointed out that the Agency needs a policy determining how it will distribute its water in a very dry year, noting that 2014 could be that year. He suggested developing a policy that would differentiate between recharge deliveries and direct deliveries, with direct deliveries having a higher priority in dry years. He noted that this is consistent with what other wholesale water agencies do and it accounts for the fact that recharge is a continual, long-term operation. After discussion, which included input from retail water agencies, the Board directed the General Manager to develop such a policy for consideration, with input from the retail water agencies.

6. Announcements:

- A. San Geronio Pass Water Task Force, October 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., Banning City Hall.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, October 28, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Regular Board Meeting, November 4, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment: Chairman Dickson adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board