

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
December 16, 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
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant
Russ Behrens, General Counsel

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., December 16, 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:** No members of the public requested to speak at this time.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 2, 2013
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, December 9, 2013

Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Duncan, 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: **(a) SWP Water Deliveries:** The Agency delivered a total of 28 acre-feet to Little San Gorgonio (LSG) Creek ponds and a total of 346 acre-feet to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District ponds, for a total of 374 acre-feet as of December 13th.

(2) General Agency Updates: (a) ACWA Conference: General Manager Davis gave a brief report on the 2013 ACWA Fall Conference that he attended; sessions included economics, groundwater storage, public education, financial reserves and drought prediction. He informed the Board that while attending the conference, he and Doug Headrick (General Manager SBVMWD) had lunch with Carl Torgersen (Deputy Director, State Water Project); the topic of discussion was the operations and maintenance of EBX 2. All three parties agreed that SBVMWD & SGPWA will take on the added responsibility of performing all minor maintenance and will continue with all aspects of operations; whereas, the state will continue to do all major maintenance of

EBX 2. A new joint powers agreement with revised language will be drafted for Board approval sometime next year and will be effective January 2015. **(b) Bay Delta Conservation Plan:** The Draft BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS were officially released to the public on December 6th and are being made available for a 120-day public review period. The response to comments will take place once the comment period has closed. It is likely that interim financing will be required by July 2014. Construction of the BDCP is anticipated to begin in 2017; it is hoped that completion of the project will be in 2027. General Manager Davis provided key points pertaining to the BDCP:

1. Lower salinity equates to lower cost for water treatment and to recycle water or for wastewater treatment plants.
2. Reduced seismic risk.
3. Net benefit is near \$5 billion for both the low outflow and high outflow scenarios.

(c) Resignation of Jerry Meral: Deputy Director of Natural Resources Agency, Jerry Meral announced his resignation on December 6th. He stated in his letter of resignation "While additional permits will be required, it is virtually certain that the plan (BDCP) will be implemented." **(d) Flume Update:** General Manager Davis informed the Board that a meeting took place on December 6th between Banning Mayor Deborah Franklin, the U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester, and Banning Heights Board President. General Manager Davis stated his concerns pertaining to misinterpretation of the San Bernardino National Land Management Plan. **(e) Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner:** An installation dinner honoring Linda Hanley will take place on January 16th at the Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon in Beaumont; reservations are required.

B. Directors Report:

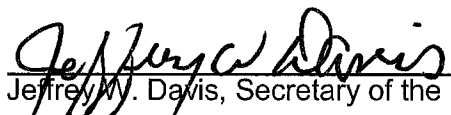
(1) Director Melleby reported that she attended the BCWWD Board meeting held on December 11th and the PassEDA luncheon on December 12th. She provided a brief overview on ACWA's Fall Conference sessions that she attended in Los Angeles. (2) Director Voigt reported that she attended the ACWA Fall Conference and the Region 9 Membership Committee meeting. (3) Director Duncan gave a brief report on the ACWA Fall Conference sessions that he attended. He made an announcement that Cabazon Water District will be holding its Board meeting this evening and will be electing new officers. (4) Director Haring reported on the Watermaster meeting that he attended on December 4th. (5) President Jeter reported that he attended the ACWA Fall Conference.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Review of Public Review Draft of California Water Action Plan:** A copy of the Public Review Draft California Water Action Plan was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis gave a brief background on this particular water plan which was written jointly by the California Department of Natural Resources, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Environmental Agency. He reviewed the California Water Action Plan with the Board. Director Melleby stated that ACWA has prepared a matrix that compares ACWA's water plan and this water action plan, which have similarities.
- B. Review of A Water Plan for All of California:** A copy of a letter signed by Congressman John Garamendi, and a copy of *A Water Plan for All of California* were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that Congressman John Garamendi sent him this letter along with the copy of *A Water Plan for All of California*, which Congressman Garamendi is advocating. General Manager Davis provided a brief overview on said water plan, which

proposes a smaller Delta facility with a capacity of no more than 3000 cfs, whereas the proposed BDCP has 9,000 cfs capacity. General Manager Davis provided his perspective on this proposed water plan.

- C. Consideration of Draft Public Records Act Policy:** A staff report and a draft copy of the Request for Inspection and/or Copying of Public Records policy were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that one of the issues mentioned in the recent Riverside County Grand Jury report pertaining to transparency was a Records Act policy for each agency. He suggested that the Board review the proposed policy and adopt it at a future Board meeting. The proposed policy would supersede any and all previous agency policies on Public Records Act requests or other similar policies relating to making Agency records available to the public. General Manager Davis provided an overview of the proposed policy to the Board. General Manager Davis asked that Board review the proposed policy at its leisure, stating that this item will be presented to the Board for consideration in January. After discussion, President Jeter requested to table this item until February. The Board concurred unanimously.
- D. Consideration of Report on Water Conditions 2012:** A copy of the SGPWA Report on Water Conditions - Reporting Period 2012 was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reminded the Board that this item was reviewed at the November Engineering Workshop. General Manager Davis stated that should any Board members have any questions or concerns he would be happy to address them at this time. There being none, staff recommended that the Board approve the report in order for the Agency to meet its court ordered requirement of submitting the report to Cherry Valley Acres and Neighbors, and Cherry Valley Environmental Planning Group, as well as post the report on the Agency's website. Director Voigt made a motion, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve the SGPWA 2012 Report on Water Conditions. Motion passed unopposed.
- 7. Topics for Future Agendas:** No topics were requested for future agendas.
- 8. Announcements:** President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:
- A. Finance and Budget Workshop, Friday, December 20, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
 - B. Office Closed December 24th and 25th, in observance of the Christmas Holiday
 - C. Office Closed December 31st and January 1st, in observance of the New Year's Holiday
 - D. Regular Board Meeting, January 6th, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- 9. Adjournment:** President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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