

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 21, 2014**

**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

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., January 21, 2014 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, January 6, 2014
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, January 13, 2014

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:** Operations & Maintenance Manager Ken Falls is presently operating EBX and was not available to provide the data needed for today's report. The water deliveries report will be provided at the next board meeting. **(b) EBX II:** EBX II will be shut down in February for scheduled maintenance. **(c) Table A Carry Over Water:** DWR reported that the Agency carried over approximately 5200 acre-feet from 2013; this was a direct result of diligent strategic decisions made by the Board.

**(2) General Agency Updates: (a) Drought Declaration:** Governor Jerry Brown declared a drought emergency in California as the state struggles with the least amount of rainfall in its 163-year history. General Manager Davis briefed the Board on Governor Brown's drought declaration and how it will impact residents, farmers, lawmakers, local governments, water rights holders, etc. Director Haring proposed that in light of the current drought situation that the Agency contacts local water retailers to inquire if they

are planning on implementing any type of educational public forums on water conservation and if they would be willing to partner with the Agency. General Manager Davis concurred with Director Haring's request and will follow-up with the retailers. He informed the Board that the Agency has updated its website to include information on the Governor's drought declaration and a link that navigates the website visitor directly to the Agency's Conservation page. **(b) State Water Contractors (SWC) Board Meeting:** General Manager Davis reported on the SWC Board meeting that he attended in Sacramento on January 16<sup>th</sup>. He began his report by stating that a spokesperson from DWR had stated that the current drought situation is "dire" and that we are in "uncharted territory." As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, there was a 50% chance that runoff in the Sacramento Valley would be less than 10 MAF (average is 18 MAF), and only 10% chance that the runoff would be close to average and a 90% chance that runoff will be less than 5 MAF. These estimates will change, due to the fact that precipitation has been nonexistent so far this month. General Manager Davis informed the Board, that if warranted, DWR could implement Article 18A of the contract this year, thereby resulting in the SWP water allocation being changed from 5% to zero. If this were to occur, Contractors could apply to receive SWP water on an emergency basis. **(c) Governor Brown's Initial State Budget:** General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board the California Special District Association's analysis of Governor Brown's proposed budget. **(d) EBX 2 Update:** **(1)** General Manager Davis, along with General Manager Headrick (SBVMWD), met with DWR upper management and was informed that the proposed changes to the Operations and Maintenance Joint Powers Agreement have been accepted in principal. The goal is to have a drafted agreement for Board approval by June 2014. **(2)** There are two other agreements that will be presented to the Board sometime in June or July 2014. **(3)** General Manager Davis informed the Board that the contractor (Spiniello) on the Mentone Pipeline has hired a lobbyist. A meeting has been scheduled to take place this week between the lobbyist, Carl Torgersen (Deputy Director SWP - DWR) and Laura King Moon (Chief Deputy Director - DWR). **(4)** Lastly, the final major specification, which is the switchgear spec, went out to bid two weeks ago via DWR; no bids were received. This is a critical path item, as every day that goes without awarding the contract the project gets delayed. General Manager Headrick and General Manager Davis had proposed to DWR to turn over the bidding process to them. It is unclear at this time if DWR will continue the bidding process or hand it over to SBVMWD and SGPWA. **(e) Fountain Fix:** A revised bid from the contractor that provided the tiled logo proposal is forthcoming and it is anticipated that it will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

## **B. Directors Report:**

**(1)** Director Voigt reported that she attended the SGPRWTF meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. **(2)** Director Haring reported that he attended the BCVWD Board meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. **(3)** Director Melleby reported that she attended the YVWD Board Workshop on January 7<sup>th</sup>, BCVWD Board meeting on 1/8, SGPRWTF on 1/13 (presentations by Allison Febbo of the State Water Contractors on the SWP water allocation, General Manager Jeff Davis on the ad-valorem tax, and a presentation on the Emergency Response System), Cabazon Water District Special Board meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, Beaumont Chamber Dinner on January 16, Banning Sunset Grade Dedication on January 16, and the Banning Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast on January 15<sup>th</sup>; General Manager Davis was the main speaker and spoke on the BDCP and how it would be beneficial to the community. **(4)** Director Duncan reported that he attended the Cabazon Water District facility dedication, the Banning

Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast, the Cabazon Special Board Meeting and the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner.

**6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. Consideration of Public Records Act Policy:** A staff report and a copy of the proposed Public Records Act Policy were included in the agenda packet. Director Melleby noted that Resolution 2014-01 was missing from the agenda packet. It was the consensus of the Board to move this item to the next board meeting.
- B. Consideration of Participation in Banning Earth Day Event:** A copy of the Earth Day Participant Application form was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that he has a personal commitment on the morning of April 12<sup>th</sup>, however he could be available to help set-up and take down the materials needed should the Board desire to participate in the event. After discussion, Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Haring, to not participate in the Banning Earth Day Event. Motion passed 7 – 0.
- C. Update on Contract Extension:** General Manager Davis reported there has been a lot of progress and that the contract talks should be concluded within the next couple of weeks. He stated that everyone seems to be in agreement with the proposed draft Charter. He briefed the Board on some of the reasons that lead to this final draft Charter. It is anticipated that the attorneys will have a draft of the contract agreement sometime in March.

**7. Topics for Future Agendas:** President Jeter requested that the same items that were discussed at the January Engineering workshop be on the February Engineering workshop. General Manager Davis stated that those items will be on the agenda. President Jeter informed the Board that the Agency's counsel is requesting a fee increase. No other topics were requested for future agendas.

- 8. Announcements:** President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:
- A. San Geronio Pass Water Task Force – Technical Committee, January 22, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. - Banning City Council Chambers
  - B. Finance and Budget Workshop, January 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
  - C. Regular Board Meeting, February 3, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
  - D. Beaumont Basin Watermaster Meeting, February 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District

**9. Adjournment:** President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

  
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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board