

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Special Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2014

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
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
Kenneth Falls, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The special meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President John Jeter at 3:00 p.m., April 7, 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:** General Manager Davis announced a correction to the agenda to correct item 6c, to read – Consideration of Authorizing General Manager to sign Verizon Wireless Cell Tower Agreement. The agenda was adopted as amended.
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, March 17, 2014
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, March 24, 2014
 - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, March 24, 2014

Director Morris moved, seconded by Director Duncan, to approve the items on the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Reports:**

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: General Manager Davis reported on the following: **(a) SWP Water Deliveries:** SWP water deliveries will begin Tuesday, April 8th to accommodate the Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation & Parks District's Annual Fishing Derby event that is being held at BCVWD ponds from April 26 – 27. The conveyance of the water will be accomplished by using the Crafton Hills bypass line.

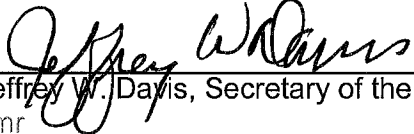
(2) General Agency Updates: (a) East Branch Extension (EBX): 1) General Manager Davis stated that there are three agreements that the Board will be asked to authorize in the near future, those agreements are as follows: Updating the Operations and Management agreement with DWR and SBVMWD, Updating the Capacity Rights Agreement with DWR and SBVMWD, and the Third Joint Facilities Agreement with SBVMWD pertaining to capacity. General Manager Davis provided an overview of each of the three agreements. He will be presenting to the Board all three agreements for approval by June or July 2014. 2) **Switchgear Bid Update:** General Manager Davis provided an update on the switchgear bid opening, stating that five bids were received ranging between \$4.5 million to \$10.5 million; the Engineer's estimate was \$7.1 million. (c) **Update on SWP Contract Extension Negotiations:** An Agreement in Principal document has been attained pertaining to the major points related to the contract; attorneys will be reviewing the language before it is released for review. Once finalized, staff will bring it to the Board for approval. General Manager Davis stated that he will review the Agreement in Principal with the Board during an Engineering workshop. (d) **Update on Water Conservation Education:** A total of 367 students have attended the sessions that the Agency, along with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, has been conducting at local schools. The goal is to reach a total of 700 students by the end of the school year. (e) **Drought Update:** Recent storms have provided enough water to increase flows through the Delta, which means that the salinity levels will not be as high as anticipated. (f) **ACWA:** ACWA is urging its members to pass resolutions requesting Californians to use water wisely. A resolution will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting. (g): **Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility – General Manager's Statement on Publicized/Unpublicized Misinformation:** General Manager Davis made the following statement: "It is apparent that there is confusion and misinformation in the community about the Agency's proposed recharge project. This is becoming apparent through press reports and public meetings, as well as through direct contact with community members. A number of people seem to think that one of the purposes of this proposed facility is to recharge recycled water from the City of Beaumont into the Beaumont Basin. As the Board knows, this is not true. We are constructing this facility as a conjunctive use facility to recharge State Water Project water when it is available, in wet years. We have no plans to put any other water in this facility. We have had no discussions of any kind with the City or with any other entity about recharging anything other than our own imported water into this facility. The Board knows that we previously looked at another, smaller in-stream recharge facility that would have utilized Noble Creek to recharge smaller amounts of imported water for six months a year. During the CEQA process for that proposed facility, staff discussed various agreements with the City of Beaumont, the County Flood Control District, and the Corps of Engineers. This was necessary in part because the City of Beaumont owned the property that we were going to recharge water on. The Board eventually decided against that project. You as a Board then directed me to move forward with our current proposed project. The current proposed project brings more benefit to the region and does not require agreements with anyone else. We have no such agreements, nor are we considering any agreements with any other party to use this facility. Apparently this misinformation is out there in the community and I feel obligated to address it here. I will also look into other outreach efforts that may be required in order to clear this up and clarify our goals for the proposed facility. I will continue to keep the Board updated as I work improve the community's understanding of this issue." President Jeter stated that a letter to the Record Gazette editor is called for to correct the misinformation that was printed in its newspaper. He requested that staff prepare a letter for his signature. General Manger Davis acknowledged his request.

B. Directors Report: **1) Director Haring** reported that he has been asked to serve on Supervisor Ashley's special committee to review the 1-10 Gateway project. He was told by Supervisor Ashley's staff that he was asked to be on the committee due to his water background and his current place of residence, which is located in Calimesa. The project review will take place over the next seven months. Director Haring invited the Board to relay to him any questions or concerns that they or their constituents may have relating to the project. The first meeting will take place at Noble Creek Recreation Center on April 10th, at 6:00 p.m. **2) Director Melleby** reported that she attended the SGPRWA meeting held on March 26th, on behalf of President Jeter. She informed the Board that ACWA issued a news release today on its recommendation on groundwater management in California. **3) Director Voigt** reported that she attended the SGPRWA meeting, also the Beaumont Basin Watermaster meeting. **4) Director Duncan** reported that he attended the SGPRWA meeting, the Cabazon Water District meeting, which was canceled due to not meeting the quorum requirement, and he also attended High Valley Water District's Board meeting.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Consideration of Authorization to Contract with Atkins Global for the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Post Design:** A staff report and a copy of the proposal from Atkins Global were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reminded the Board that during the February 18th Board meeting he was given authorization to advertise for the post design of the project. General Manager Davis chose Atkins Global for the post design for a number of reasons: #1). Atkins Global designed the pipeline. #2). Atkins Global is designing the connection to the East Branch Extension. #3). Atkins Global is well experienced in working with DWR. Atkins will be involved in services that include support for the bidding process, inspection services, drawing review, and coordination with the Contractor and with DWR regarding various encroachment permits. After discussion, Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Morris, to authorize the general manager to sign the agreement with Atkins Global for the post design services, not to exceed \$200,000. Motion carried unopposed 7 – 0.
- B. Consideration of Authorization to Contract with First Carbon Solutions for the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Post Design:** A staff report and a copy of the proposal from First Carbon Solutions were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that an extensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was completed and that mitigation monitoring services are required under the terms of the EIR. The Board's certification of the EIR also included adoption of the mitigation monitoring and reporting plan, which will be implemented by First Carbon Solution. Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Melleby, to authorize General Manager to sign the agreement with First Carbon Solutions for the mitigation monitoring and reporting activities and to authorize expenditures, not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried unopposed 7 – 0.
- C. Consideration of Authorizing General Manager to sign Verizon Wireless Cell Tower Agreement:** A staff report and a copy of the proposed license agreement were included in the agenda packet. Director Dickson stated that this agreement with Verizon Wireless is a benefit to the Agency and that he was pleased that the initial agreement with T-Mobile fell through, as the Verizon Wireless agreement offered more in revenue. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, to authorize the General Manager to sign the license Agreement with Verizon Wireless upon approval of the terms by General Counsel. Motion carried unopposed 7-0.

- D. Consideration of ACWA Polling Funds:** A staff report and a copy of a letter from ACWA requesting voluntary polling funds were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis explained that ACWA is requesting a suggested contribution amount of \$5,000 from its members to conduct a polling to determine the viability of a revised water bond. The survey would be needed to collect current data on public attitudes on water, the drought and a potential water bond. After discussion, Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Morris, approving a contributing of \$1,000. Motion carried unopposed 7-0.
7. **Topics for Future Agendas:** President Jeter reiterated that there will be three EBX agreements that will be placed on an upcoming agenda. No other topics were requested for future agendas.
8. **Announcements:** *President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:*
- A. Engineering Workshop, April 14, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
 - B. Regular Board Meeting, April 21, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
 - C. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Bus Tour –
April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Tour begins and ends – SGPWA Parking Lot)
9. **Adjournment:** *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.*



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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