

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2014

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

Director Absent: John Jeter, President

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 Vice President Bill Dickson at 1:30 p.m., May 5, 2014 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Haring 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:** Vice President Dickson stated that Luwana Ryan of Cherry Valley wishes to speak on item 6a and will comment at the time that item 6a is being discussed.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, April 21, 2014
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, April 28, 2014
 - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, April 28, 2014

Director Duncan moved, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve the items on the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 6-0, with President Jeter absent.

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 654 acre-feet to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District ponds for the month of April, which provided enough water for a successful fishing derby that was held at BCVWD ponds from April 26th – 27th. Beginning April 8th SWP water was being delivered at 20 cfs for three weeks, then at 10 cfs through May 1st, at which time the water was shut off; this was due to a prearranged delivery schedule agreement. Deliveries will commence May 12th at 10 cfs through the remainder of the year. **(b)** By the end of the year, deliveries of SWP carryover water should total around 5500 AF; this is in addition to 500 AF of carryover water being delivered to CLAWA.

(2) General Agency Updates: **(a) Well Monitoring:** Operations & Maintenance Manager Ken Falls, along with a representative of USGS, will be collection well monitoring data this week. **(b) State of the City - Beaumont:** General Manager Davis informed the Board that he and a representative of BCVWD had been asked by Mayor Brenda Knight to partake in the *Knightly News* video for a segment that is related to water. This video will be viewed at the May 22nd State of the City Address that is being held in the Ballroom at K. Hovnanian's - Four Seasons in Beaumont. General Manager Davis accepted the invitation and the filming of the video took place this past Friday. **(c) Water Bond Bills:** Three water bond bills have passed the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee; one of which was Assemblyman Perea's AB 2686, which ACWA supports. **(d) Executive Order:** Governor Brown issued an executive order on Friday, April 25th to strengthen the state's ability to manage water and habitat effectively in drought conditions. (This is in line with SGPWA's Resolution 2014-03, Urging Heightened Water Conservation by Customers in Response to Drought). He called upon all Californians to redouble their water conservation efforts. **(e) Beaumont Basin Watermaster:** A special meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Special Project Committee will take place at BCVWD on Wednesday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m., at which time the consultant will provide a status report on the Beaumont Basin groundwater model and redetermination of safe yield. **(f) Conservation and Education School Program:** As of last week, the Agency, in partnership with Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, provided 29 water conservation school presentations to 6-8 schools, with 844 students in attendance. IERCD reported that they have received positive reviews and that they have also received several inquiries regarding offering the program for summer school and the 2014-2015 school year. IERCD is working on providing two field trips for elementary students to visit the Agency's Water Conservation Garden.

B. Directors Report: **1) Director Haring** reported that he attended the YVWD Board Workshop meeting on April 29th. **2) Director Melleby** reported that she also attended the YVWD workshop. She stated that General Manager Zoba (YVWD) has a vision/plan for a regional recycle water system that would involve Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Cabazon, Banning and Beaumont. Director Melleby provided a written and oral status report on the Agency's Strategic Plan. She stated that the committee met recently to review the progress on the implementation of the plan's goals and objectives. The implementation of the plan and achievement of the plan goals are included in the goals set forth by the board for the general manager and are evaluated as part of the general manager's evaluation. **3) Director Duncan** informed the Board that he met with Cabazon Water District Board President Kerri Mariner this morning. Cabazon Water District is unable to conduct business until such time that a quorum is present. She has contacted Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley to encourage him to move forward on the appointment process for two board vacancies.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consideration of Award of Contract to Pro-Craft for the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Pipeline: A staff report and a copy of a letter from Atkins Global recommending Pro-Craft be awarded the contract were included in the agenda packet. Vice President Dickson called upon Luwana Ryan for her public comment on this item. Luwana Ryan introduced herself as a resident of Cherry Valley. Mrs. Ryan provided an alternative as to the location of the recharge ponds, including a land swap, and asked that this item be tabled for discussion at the next engineering workshop. Vice President Dickson called upon Blair Ball for his public comment. Dr. Ball commented on the location and the cost associated with the project. He asked that the board table this item to a later date. Vice President Dickson called upon Duane Burke (City of Banning, Director of Public Works) for

his comment. Mr. Burke stated that he wanted to extend his gratitude on behalf of the City of Banning to General Manager Davis, the staff, and the Board for its part on the SGPRWA tour of EBX 2. He commented that it was a great tour and that he was enlightened by the progress that has taken place. He stated that he appreciated General Manager Davis narration of the tour. General Manager Davis also thanked Banning Mayor Franklin for her efforts. Vice President Dickson called upon General Manager Davis to speak on item 6a. General Manager Davis stated that the Environmental Impact Report had a commitment in it that stated that the construction of the pipeline would take place outside of the school year. In order to comply with this commitment the contract would need to be awarded today. He stated that there are three separate construction projects associated with the recharge facility: the construction of the pipeline, the construction of the service connection, and the construction of the facility. The final completion of the facility will coincide with the completion of EBX 2, therefore the service connection and the facility construction wouldn't begin until 2015 - 2016. There is \$3.6 million in reserves for new infrastructure, which will pay for the pipeline and the service connection, as well as a portion of the recharge facility. General Manager Davis reviewed the bidding process and announced that Pro-Craft was the lowest bidder. The contract documents were prepared by the Agency's legal counsel. All documents will go through legal review prior to signing. Atkins Sr. Project Manager Eric Howard outlined the bidding results that took place on April 25, 2014 and commented on his review of the apparent low bidder, Pro-Craft. His conclusion of the review was to award Pro-Craft the Contract. Staff is also recommending that Pro-Craft be awarded the Contract. After discussion, Director Melleby made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan, to authorize staff to execute a construction contract with Pro-Craft for \$1,345,044.00 and to move forward with the construction of the Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility pipeline. Motion carried unopposed 6 – 0, with President Jeter absent.

B. Consideration of Letter of Support for Senator Hueso's SB1250 Water Bond: A staff report, a copy of ACWA State Legislative Outreach Alert notice, and a sample letter of support were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that initially two letters of support were requested by ACWA; one for the assembly and one for the senate. The assembly water bond bill letter of support deadline has already past, however Senator Hueso's SB12501 Water Bond will be heard on May 13th by the Senate Hearing committee. Should the Board wish to support Hueso's Water Bond a facsimile of the support letter would be sent to all members on the committee that will be considering the bill. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Voigt, to approve the letter of support for Senator Hueso's SB1250 Water Bond. Motion carried unopposed 6 – 0, with President Jeter absent.

7. **Topics for Future Agendas:** Vice President Dickson requested topics for future agendas. No topics were requested for future agendas.
8. **Announcements:** *Vice President Dickson reviewed the following announcements:*
 - A. Engineering Workshop, May 12, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
 - B. Regular Board Meeting, May 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
 - C. The office will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014 in observance of Memorial Day
 - D. Finance and Budget Workshop, **Tuesday**, May 27, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
 - E. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Technical Committee Meeting, May 28, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. – Banning City Call Conference Room
 - F. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting May 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. – Banning City Council Chambers

Director Melleby reminded the board of the upcoming special meeting of the Beaumont Basin Watermaster Special Project meeting that will take at BCVWD on Wednesday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. Director Melleby inquired as to the timetable for adopting a budget. General Manager Davis stated that typically the engineering and consulting budget is discussed during the Engineering workshop, which will be discussed next week. The full budget of the general fund is discussed twice in draft, at the May 28th for input from the board, and June 23rd, at which time the board typically recommends adopting the budget for the board meeting that will be held on July 7th.

9. **Adjournment:** *Vice President Dickson adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.*



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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