

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 15, 2014**

**Directors Present:** John Jeter, President  
Bill Dickson, Vice President  
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer  
Blair Ball, Director – Arrived at 1:38 p.m.  
Ray Morris, Director

**Directors Absent:** Ron Duncan, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Jeff Ferré, General Counsel  
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., December 15, 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:** *President Jeter requested comments from the public.* Julie Hutchinson, a resident of Banning Heights, requested to speak on item 6D at the time it is being discussed. No other members of the public requested to speak at this time.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 1, 2014
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, December 8, 2014

Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Morris, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried 4-0 with Directors Duncan and Ball 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 192 acre-feet to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District ponds, so far this month. Deliveries will continue to be delivered at 16 cfs for 10 hours per day until the end of the year. Carryover water will be approximately 550 acre-feet for 2015.

**(2) General Agency Updates:** **(a) DWR – Initial Allocation:** The initial allocation for Table A water is 10%. **(b) Statewide Precipitation –** Rain encompassed most of the state this past Thursday and Friday, and the higher elevations received some snow. Oroville Reservoir increased from 29% full to 32% full, up ¼ million acre-feet this month. **(c)** General Manager Davis provided a handout on water storage, which illustrated comparisons with last year and current standings, as of December 15<sup>th</sup>. **(d) 2015 ACWA Fall Conference:** General Manager Davis reported on the various sessions that he attended at the ACWA Fall Conference that took place in San Diego from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Directors Reports:** **(1) Director Melleby** attended the ACWA Fall Conference from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>. She reported on the various sessions she attended, including the Communications meeting and the Region 9 meeting. Director Melleby attended the SBVMWD Reception and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner that was held in honor of retiring board member Pat Milligan, on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Director Melleby reported on YVWD Board workshop that she attended on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Director Melleby also attended the Beaumont Chamber Breakfast on December 12<sup>th</sup>. **(2) President Jeter** reported on the ACWA/JPIA Board meeting that he attended on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

**A. Presentation on New Groundwater Legislation (Paeter Garcia – BBK):** General Manager Davis introduced Paeter Garcia for his presentation on the new groundwater legislation. Mr. Garcia educated the board and the public on the importance of this new law. The legislation is intended to increase local control and protection of groundwater basins throughout the state. Local agencies will now have the power to assess the conditions of their local water basins and take necessary steps to bring those basins in a state of chronic long-term overdraft into balance. When local agencies do not or cannot comply with the Act there are mechanisms in place for the state to step-in to carry out the Act. DWR will support both technical and financial aspects in order for regional and local agencies to carry out the requirements of the Act. DWR is charged with reviewing the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for compliance with the Act. Mr. Garcia stressed how important it is for interested parties to start talking, to inquire who would like to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), where the boundaries are, etc. Mr. Garcia concluded his presentation and answered questions from the board. General Manager Davis stated that this topic will be brought to the Board for further discussion at future meetings. President Jeter thanked Mr. Garcia for his presentation.

**B. Consideration of EBX Enhanced Operations and Maintenance Agreement:** A staff report and a copy of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, relating to the Operation and Maintenance of the East Branch Extension, were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that this item was discussed during the September 8<sup>th</sup> Engineering Workshop. The Agency, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and the Department of Water Resources have a current Joint Exercise of Powers agreement to operate and maintain the East Branch Extension; this agreement expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. General Manager Davis provided background information on the negotiation process and the

differences between the existing agreement and the proposed agreement. The purpose of the proposed Board action is to execute a new agreement that will provide additional benefits to the Agency and SBVMWD. After discussion, Director Melleby made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, approving the Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Department of Water Resources and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, including any minor revisions that may be made by the State Department of General Services, and to authorize the General Manager or President to sign on behalf of the Agency. Director Melleby questioned why the signature page (page 31) does not provide for a date. General Counsel Jeff Ferré stated that perhaps the date is not on the document as a final stamp of approval is needed by the state. President Jeter requested a vote. Motion carried 5-0, with Director Duncan absent.

**C. Consideration of Sponsorship of Inland Solar Challenge:** A staff report and materials relating to the Inland Solar Challenge were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that in the past the Agency has sponsored this event and board members have donated their time as judges. The money for this event has been budgeted. Director Morris moved, seconded by Director Melleby, that the Board sponsor the Inland Solar Challenge at the \$4000 level, the same level as last year. Director Ball stated that he supports the program, but he does not support the financial obligation. Motion passed 4-1, with Director Duncan absent.

**D. Update on Whitewater Flume:** General Manager Davis stated that a conference call meeting is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> with participating entities and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The period for comment on the Notice of Preparation for the EIR is 60 days. He informed the Board that the Public Scoping meetings have been postponed to a later date. Julie Hutchinson (Board President – BHMWC) provided her comments, stating that the participating entities are working hard to accomplish the same goal and that she appreciates the partnership. Duane Burk (City of Banning – Water Department) thanked General Manager Davis and the Board for its involvement of helping to secure the water rights of the Whitewater flume. President Jeter also thanked General Manager Davis for his involvement in this issue.

7. **Topics for Future Agendas:** Director Ball requested an update on a potential long-term water agreement between SBVMWD and Metropolitan Water District and the potential for the Agency to be included in said agreement.
8. **Announcements:** *President Jeter announced that there will be a Special Meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> to interview candidates and to appoint a Director to fill the board vacancy in Division 5. He reviewed the following announcements:*
  - A. Special Board Meeting, Friday - December 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
  - B. Finance and Budget Workshop, December 22, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
  - C. The office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the Christmas Holiday
  - D. The office will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup>, in observance of the New Year's Holiday
  - E. Regular Board Meeting, January 5, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

9. **Adjournment:** *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.*

  
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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board  
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