

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Special Meeting
December 19, 2014

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Ray Morris, 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 9:00 a.m., December 19, 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:** Mary Newman (resident of Redlands) spoke in favor of appointing her husband Robert C. Newman and provided a petition in support of her husband. Mrs. Newman stated that the petition was signed by a number of residents. Robert Kurz (resident of Calimesa) spoke in support of candidate Robert C. Newman.
4. **New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Interviews of Candidates and Appointment of Director to fill the Board Vacancy in Division 5: President Jeter called upon General Counsel Jeff Ferré to explain the process of the proceedings. General Counsel Ferré stated that this is a special meeting of the Board to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for Division 5, created by the death of Director Haring last month. In order to fulfill the legal requirement for appointing an individual to the board, four directors must vote in favor of one candidate. The first part of the process will be the interviews. The second part of the process will be the voting. He recommended that applicants be interviewed in alphabetical order in order to be as fair as possible. He provided guidance on how to present questions to the applicants. He also explained how the interviews should progress. The voting will take place after the interviews. The first candidate to receive four votes will be appointed as the Director of Division 5; the new board member will then take the Oath of Office. Director Melleby requested clarification for the record that all applicants' residences were confirmed to be within the Division 5 boundaries. General Manager Davis reported that they were in fact confirmed. General Counsel Ferré asked that all but the first candidate, Della Condon, retire to the conference room. He stated that this request is not mandatory; however the purpose is to be as fair as possible to the other candidates. The candidates were interviewed in the following order:

- i. Della Condon
- ii. David Fenn
- iii. John Halliwill
- iv. Robert C. Newman
- v. Daniel Slawson
- vi. Leonard Stephenson

Each candidate was given time for an opening statement, questions by the board members, and a closing statement. The interview process concluded, at which time each board member thanked and commended all of the candidates for their involvement with this process. General Counsel Ferré began the voting with the Board by naming off the candidates in alphabetical order. General Counsel Ferré requested votes for each of the six candidates; no candidate received the mandatory four votes. General Counsel Ferré proposed that the voting continue excluding those candidates that did not receive any votes. The Board concurred with the proposal. The voting ensued and the outcome was as follows: Della Condon received 0 votes. David Fenn received 0 votes. Robert C. Newman received 1 vote (Director Ball). Leonard Stephenson received 5 votes (Directors Dickson, Duncan, Melleby, Morris and President Jeter). Mr. Stephenson was officially appointed as Director of Division 5. Director Stephenson took the oath of office administered by General Manager Davis. General Counsel Ferré turned the meeting over to President Jeter.

5. Topics for Future Agendas: *President Jeter requested topics for future agendas.*
No topics were requested for future agendas at this time.

6. Announcements: *President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:*

- A. Finance and Budget Workshop, December 22, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. The office will be closed December 25th & 26th, in observance of the Christmas Holiday
- C. The office will be closed January 1st and 2ND, in observance of the New Year's Holiday
- D. Regular Board Meeting, January 5, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment: *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.*



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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