

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
ORDINANCE NO. 8**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR SGPWA WATER SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ("SGPWA") hereby finds:

1. SGPWA is a wholesale water agency organized and operated pursuant to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Law, California Uncodified Water Act 9099, found in California Water Code Appendix 101 ("SGPWA Act").
2. SGPWA sale of water and dedication of Return Flows resulting from use of such SGWA Water to eliminate Overdraft in SGPWA groundwater basins provides the highest priority that is reasonably available to eliminate overdraft conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Directors of SGPWA as follows:

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR SGPWA WATER SERVICE
AS SET FORTH BE ADOPTED**

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ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

Section 2.01 Definitions. As used herein the terms set forth below shall be defined as follows and shall have such meaning unless the context indicates otherwise.

(a) **APPLICATION:** A request by the "Applicant" for SGPWA Water service pursuant to these Rules and Regulations, including Section 3.01.

(b) **HYDRAULIC HEAD:** The force measured in pounds per square inch that represents the vertical distance between an unimpaired water surface and the point of delivery.

(c) **OVERDRAFT:** A condition wherein the total annual production from a groundwater basin exceeds the "safe yield" thereof. "Safe yield" is the maximum quantity of water which can be produced annually from a groundwater basin under a given set of conditions without causing a gradual lowering of the groundwater level leading eventually to depletion of the supply in storage.

(d) **RETURN FLOWS:** Amounts of SGPWA Water that return to surface or ground water after initial use by a retail consumer by irrigation or disposal through onsite waste disposal system.

(e) **SGPWA:** The San Geronio Pass Water Agency.

(f) **SGPWA WATER:** Water imported by SGPWA from outside the boundaries of SGPWA for sale to retail agencies within SGPWA or water otherwise "authorized" and developed by SGPWA pursuant to its Act, available for delivery by SGPWA subject to the limitations set forth in these Rules and Regulations.

(g) **SWP:** The California State Water Project.

(h) **TABLE A AMOUNT:** The annual amount of SWP water which SGPWA might obtain under its contract with the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR").

ARTICLE III

AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICE

Section 3.01 Application for Service. A person or entity ("Applicant") desiring SGPWA Water service pursuant to these Rules and Regulations shall submit an Application for service in such form as may be required by the SGPWA General Manager, which Application must include the following information:

1. Identity and legal capacity of the Applicant;
2. Amount, rate, location, time and manner of delivery of the SGPWA Water;
3. Description of delivery facilities, capacity and flow rates;
4. Environmental review and approval necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act;

5. Any further information and/or requirements that may be reasonably necessary for SGPWA to evaluate the Application according to the criteria of these Rules and Regulations and to carry out SGPWA's responsibilities under the law.

The SGPWA General Manager shall notify the Applicant within 30 days whether the Application is complete. The Applicant shall fund all costs incurred to process the Application and to construct facilities required to deliver the SGPWA Water. SGPWA may require a deposit to cover all or a portion of the estimated costs prior to accepting an application.

Section 3.02 Investigation and Action by SGPWA. The SGPWA General Manager shall investigate each Application and may require the submission of additional relevant information, to be provided at the cost of the Applicant. The SGPWA General Manager shall consider and act upon the Application and any required additional relevant information within a reasonable period of time after acceptance and submission of other required information.

The SGPWA Board of Directors shall have discretion to deny, approve or conditionally approve the Application. In acting on an Application, SGPWA may take into account whether the delivery or intended use of the Supplemental Water meets the requirements of applicable state, federal and local law or regulation. SGPWA approval of the Application will authorize delivery of SGPWA Water to be purchased by the Applicant, as "Purchaser", at the identified service connection, subject to conditions of the approval and this Ordinance.

Section 3.03 Service Connections. The design of service connections for SGPWA Water service shall meet the specifications as determined by the SGPWA General Manager to be necessary according to reasonable engineering practices and standards. Should the Application require the construction of a service connection, the Applicant, if approved by the Agency and at Applicant's cost, may design, according to SGPWA specifications, the service connection and any flow control facilities required by SGPWA, subject to the approval of the SGPWA General Manager, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Applicant shall pay the cost for SGPWA to install the service connection and any flow control facilities required by SGPWA and any cost for SGPWA design or design review of the service connection and flow control facilities. The service connection shall include any required flanges, valves, pipe, meters, electronic and remote telemeter and other required equipment. The flow control facilities must include any pipes, vertical structures, vertical meters, control panels, check valves, check valve structures, flanges, and other equipment required by SGPWA. SGPWA will confer with the Applicant regarding design and operation of the SGPWA service facilities.

The service connection and any flow control facilities required by SGPWA, to the downstream flange of the flow control facility meter, shall be the property of

SGPWA (collectively "SGPWA Service Facilities"), and the Applicant shall provide to SGPWA a grant from the landowner to SGPWA of any easement necessary for the construction, reconstruction, operation, maintenance and repair of the SGPWA Service Facilities. The Applicant shall, if required by SGPWA, provide evidence of clear title to the easement.

If the Applicant has not already done so in connection with the Application, the Applicant shall deposit an amount sufficient to cover all costs estimated by the SGPWA General Manager prior to SGPWA action towards construction of the SGPWA Service Facilities. Upon approval and receipt of the deposit, SGPWA shall procure all equipment and materials and construct the SGPWA Service Facilities. Upon completion of construction of the SGPWA Service Facilities, SGPWA shall render to the Applicant a statement of all costs; if such costs exceed the sum of money deposited by the Applicant with SGPWA, the Applicant promptly shall pay to SGPWA the amount by which such costs shall exceed such deposit; and if such costs be less than the deposit, any unexpended balance shall be returned by SGPWA to the Applicant.

Section 3.04 Meter Testing. When the accuracy of a water meter measuring the amount of SGPWA Water delivery through a service connection is questioned by the Purchaser, SGPWA upon request will cause an official test to be made at its own expense. The Purchaser will be duly notified of the time and place of such test and may be present when any such test is made by SGPWA.

The meter will be tested on variable rates of delivery and if the average registration is more than two percent in excess of the actual quantity of water passing through the meter, SGPWA shall refund to the Purchaser the overcharge based upon the test, for the prior twelve months, unless it can be shown that the error was due to some cause for which the date can be fixed. In the latter case, the overcharge shall be computed back to and not beyond such time. Any undercharge determined upon the basis of the test may be billed to the Purchaser on a similar basis.

Requests for a test within 12 months of a prior test will be at the Purchaser's expense unless the meter is determined to be over registering deliveries as determined in this section.

Section 3.05 Indemnity. The Applicant shall agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless SGPWA, its directors, officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, liability and damages, including but not limited to reasonable engineers' and attorneys' fees, arising out of or related to (i) the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of SGPWA Water sold by SGPWA after the point of delivery to the Applicant; (ii) the attachment to or removal of the Applicant's facilities to those of SGPWA.

Such agreement to defend, indemnify and hold harmless shall survive the termination of the Applicant's use of the service connection for delivery of SGPWA Water. In the event that SGPWA determines that the Applicant does not meet certain financial criteria, SGPWA may require surety for the Applicant's obligation under this section.

ARTICLE IV

DELIVERY

Section 4.01 Establishment and Payment of Water Charges. SGPWA shall establish and charge rates for delivery of SGPWA Water sufficient to cover SGPWA's variable costs (including off-aqueduct costs) for delivery of SGPWA Water, internal SGPWA costs and other amounts as determined by the SGPWA Board of Directors reasonably related to the cost of delivery. The rates are subject to the price, classification, and conditions that SGPWA establishes from time to time, according to the use to be made of such water, and taking into account the amount of Return Flows from different uses. The rates are subject to review and change by SGPWA.

Water charges are due and payable at the SGPWA office on the date of mailing as set forth on the bill to the Purchaser and shall be delinquent 30 days thereafter. Upon 10 days notice, SGPWA may suspend delivery of SGPWA Water to the Purchaser if payment of the water charge is not made prior to the date such charge becomes delinquent. With the exception of any rights reserved to SGPWA pursuant to this Ordinance, title to the purchased SGPWA Water shall pass to the Purchaser at the point of delivery. The point of delivery for direct deliveries is the downstream side of the check valve structure and flange of the flow control facility connected to the Purchaser's (or its designee's) system. The point of delivery for SGPWA Water to be stored in SGPWA recharge facilities shall be the point of recharge. The Purchaser shall be responsible for such additional charges, if any, for SGPWA operational costs as may be necessary for SGPWA to deliver and/or handle the SGPWA Water beyond the point of delivery on behalf of the Purchaser.

Section 4.02 Need Forecasting Procedures. Before August 1 of each year, each Purchaser shall furnish the SGPWA in a form provided by the SGPWA, with an estimate of the amounts of water to be delivered to such Purchaser by the SGPWA.

Each estimate shall contain, as a minimum, for each service connection for each month of the year beginning with the succeeding January 1, and for each of the succeeding four years, the following information:

1. The quantity of water to be delivered by SGPWA to the Purchaser.
2. The quantity of water to be used for:
 - (a) Domestic, industrial, and municipal purposes, exclusive of groundwater replenishment by spreading or injecting;
 - (b) Groundwater replenishment by spreading or injecting;
 - (c) Agricultural purposes;
 - (d) Recreational purposes;
 - (e) Other uses.

The first year's estimate shall constitute the Purchaser's request for deliveries for the first of the five years covered therein. The Purchaser may make revisions to any of its estimates upon reasonable notice to the SGPWA.

The estimates will be used by the SGPWA in planning the construction needed to complete the SGPWA's ultimate distribution system; in planning the future operation of such system; and in preparing notices for submission to the State Department of Water Resources that will be used by the state to order power for pumping on the SWP.

Section 4.03 Weekly Water Delivery Schedules. The Purchaser shall submit a weekly delivery schedule to the SGPWA at least 10 days before the start of each weekly period commencing on Monday. The schedule shall state the flow rate required and times of delivery and location within the SGPWA system.

Section 4.04 State Water Project Contract. SGPWA Water deliveries shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions of SGPWA's SWP contract with DWR, including delivery interruption by reason of DWR and/or SGPWA's requirements for maintenance and operation of its facilities or by reason of demand by Purchasers in excess of SGPWA's Table A Amount. SGPWA will notify Purchasers in advance of any nonstandard delivery interruptions and planned outages, and coordinate such events with Purchaser's requirements, to the extent reasonably feasible.

Section 4.05 Variable Supply. Due to the annual variable nature of the SWP supply, SGPWA Water deliveries shall not constitute a vested right to a fixed amount of delivery each year or to any specific level of pressure. Purchasers should take into account the variable nature of SWP supply in their plans and operations.

Section 4.06 Wholesale Only. SGPWA Water deliveries from SGPWA shall be wholesale in nature, and SGPWA shall not assume the obligations of a water purveyor providing direct retail service to consumers.

Section 4.07 Water Quality. All SGPWA Water is raw untreated water and shall not be supplied for domestic purposes by any Purchaser or retail water service provider without such treatment as may be required to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The SGPWA makes no representation as to the quality of the water it delivers with respect to its suitability for any particular purpose.

Section 4.08 SGPWA Boundaries. The SGPWA Water delivered by SGPWA shall not be used outside the SGPWA, directly or indirectly. Delivery or treatment of water outside of SGPWA for use within SGPWA shall not constitute use outside the SGPWA.

Section 4.09 Return Flows. SGPWA expressly reserves the right to Return Flows that are received by any groundwater basin determined to be in Overdraft for the purpose of eliminating Overdraft in such basin. The Beaumont Storage Unit, as identified in *San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority v. City of Banning et al* (Riverside County Superior Court Case No. RIC 389197), is a groundwater basin that has been determined to be in Overdraft. Therefore, SGPWA hereby dedicates Return Flows in the Beaumont Storage Unit to Overdraft elimination uses that may be required by the Riverside County Superior Court or the Court appointed Watermaster in the *San Timoteo Watershed Management Authority v. City of Banning et al* case. SGPWA does not reserve rights to Return Flows to any groundwater basin determined to not be in Overdraft, using reasonable, accepted and prevailing engineering standards.

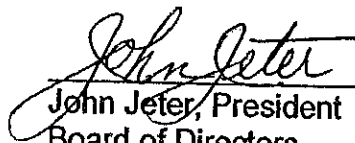
Section 4.10 Hydraulic Head. SGPWA reserves the right to use and prevent others from using Hydraulic Head within the SWP or SGPWA facilities for hydroelectric production provided, however, that SGPWA will consider proposals, joint or otherwise, to implement the production.

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This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the thirty-first day after adoption, and shall be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption.


Passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: Larsen, Voigt, Morris, Andersen, Snyder, Mann and Jeter
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



John Jeter, President
Board of Directors
San Geronio Pass Water Agency

ATTEST:



Stephen P. Stockton, Secretary
Board of Directors
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