

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
November 17, 2014

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer
Ron Duncan, Director
Ray Morris, Director
Barbara Voigt, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant
Jeff Ferré, General Counsel

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., November 17, 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.

President Jeter announced that Director Ted Haring passed away on November 9th.

2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** *President Jeter requested comments from the public.* Patsy Reeley (Cherry Valley resident) requested to speak during item 6E. 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, November 3, 2014
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, November 10, 2014

Director Duncan moved, seconded by Director Dickson, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

5. **Reports:**

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: **a)** General Manager Davis reported that the Agency is delivering water for 10 hours per day to minimize overtime during this period when the Agency is not delivering much water.

(2) General Agency Updates: **(a) Worldwide Groundwater Overdraft:** General Manager Davis informed the Board that last night CBS 60 Minutes reported on the overdraft conditions worldwide and how it relates to agricultural areas. Interviews included farmers located in the Central Valley. **(b) SGPWA Adult Water Conservation and Education Seminars:** Email notices were sent on November 7th to eight homeowner's associations informing them of the program and inviting them to take

advantage. **(c) Staffing:** There will be light attendance from staff next week, however at least one person will be in the office during work hours.

B. Directors Reports: (1) Director Melleby attended and reported on the SBVMWD Board meeting that was held on November 4th. She attended and reported on the BCVWD Board meeting on November 12th. **(2) Director Voigt** attended and reported on the BCVWD Board meeting.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consideration of Renewal of ACWA Membership: A staff report was included in agenda packet. General Manager Davis gave a brief report on ACWA benefits, and the accomplishments that AWCA achieved this year. The membership dues were included in the budget for a cost of \$16,500. Director Morris made a motion, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve payment of \$16,500 payable to ACWA for the 2015 membership dues. Motion passed unopposed 6-0.

B. Consideration Amendment to Atkins Global Contract: A copy of the change order proposal was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reminded the Board that there were a number of delays attributing to a slower construction schedule due to excessive rocky ground conditions, numerous unmarked utility obstructions, and pipe material vandalism. There was also various buried road beds and associated structures that were abandoned and had not been reflected in the County records. Therefore, Atkins Global is requesting an additional \$53,500 for post-design engineering services. This amount would come from the Reserves account for new infrastructure. General Manager Davis stated that he is waiting for the contractor's final invoice and does not know at this point if a construction change order is forthcoming. Should a change order be submitted over 10% staff will present a recommendation to the Board for the final billing, which will have been reviewed by staff.. After discussion, Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, for the board to approve the change order in the amount of \$53,500, subject to review by staff and legal counsel. Motion passed unopposed 6-0.

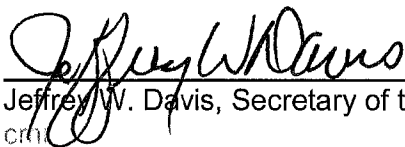
C. Consideration of Resolution No. 2014-08 Honoring Barbara Voigt: A copy of Resolution No. 2014-08 honoring Barbara Voigt was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that Director Voigt has been on the Board for twenty-five years. He commended her for her inspiration and dedication to the Board. Director Melleby stated that it would be an honor to make a motion, seconded by Director Duncan, recommending approval of Resolution No. 2014-08 honoring Barbara Voigt for her 25 years of service to the Agency. Director Dickson congratulated Director Voigt commending her on all her work. President Jeter stated that the Agency will miss Director Voigt. General Manager Davis informed the Board that Director Voigt was elected to the Board in 1989, which in itself was an accomplishment, as there were very few women officials on a water board at that time. Motion passed unopposed 6-0.

D. Consideration of Resolution No. 2014-09 Honoring Pat Milligan: A copy of Resolution No. 2014-09 was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that Mr. Milligan has been a good friend to the Agency in all dealings between the two water agencies. After discussion, Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Voigt, recommending approval of Resolution No. 2014-09. Motion passed unopposed 6-0.

E. Discussion of Filling Board Vacancy for Division 5: President Jeter called upon Patsy Reeley to provide her comments on this item. She requested to speak after the board has discussed this item. Legal Counsel Jeff Ferré recommended that the Board authorize staff to proceed with the notice requirements and other preparations for filling the Board vacancy for Division 5. He provided the Board with the process for filling a board vacancy. He recommended that a letter of interest be provided by any interested person. He stated that this is a public process that requires transparency. After discussion Director Voigt made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, for staff to proceed with the notice requirement. President Jeter called upon Patsy Reeley for her comments. Mrs. Reeley was opposed to the appointment process. Legal Counsel Ferré informed Mrs. Reeley that the Water Code that the Agency follows does not provide for an election. After discussion, President Jeter requested a vote. Motion passed 6-0.

F. Status Report on the San Geronio Flume: General Manager Davis reviewed the FERC process that has taken place and the possibility of a full decommission of the flume. Meetings have taken place by the three participating entities (Banning Heights Mutual Water Co., City of Banning and SGPWA) with Southern California Edison. SCE will be making a decision today as to whether it will consider writing a letter in support of Banning's FERC application. In order to avoid a full decommission without public input, the Agency is in the process of implementing the EIR process. At the direction of the Board a Notice of Preparation is being issued today to move forward with an EIR. Public Scoping meetings will take place on Tuesday, December 16th at the Banning City Council Chambers at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and another meeting at 7-9 p.m. for public input. Albert Webb and Associates have been hired to conduct alternative water supply studies at a cost of \$60,000, at a shared cost of 33%. BHMWC has agreed to cost share. The City of Banning has not yet committed. General Manager Davis provided upcoming strategic steps that may take place.

7. **Topics for Future Agendas:** There were no topics for future agendas requested at this time.
8. **Announcements:** *President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:*
 - A. Finance and Budget Workshop, November 24, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
 - B. The office will be closed November 27th & 28th, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
 - C. Regular Board Meeting, December 1, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
 - D. Engineering Workshop, December 8, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
9. **Adjournment:** *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.*



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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