

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
April 13, 2015

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Blair Ball, Director
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Ron Duncan, Director
Mary Ann Melleby, Director
Leonard Stephenson, Director

Director Absent: Ray Morris, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call. The Engineering workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by President John Jeter at 1:30 p.m., April 13, 2015 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Dickson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present. President Jeter turned the meeting over to Vice President Dickson, Chair of the Engineering Committee.

2. Public Comment. Eric Fraser, General Manager of Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, expressed concern that the Agency is budgeting funds for water infrastructure when there is no water. He expressed his opinion that the Agency should be spending money on purchasing additional water supplies. Director Duncan inquired as to the health of Director Morris. Director Dickson indicated that Director Morris is doing better and hoping to attend board meetings in person in the near future. No other members of the public had any comments at this time.

3. Discussion of Proposed 2015/2016 Engineering Budget. A copy of the proposed engineering and consulting budget was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis summarized the Agency's budget process for the Board, noting that the purpose of this workshop is to discuss the engineering items in more technical detail. He then reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. He answered a number of questions and there was discussion on some proposed items. The Board gave no indication that any item in the proposed budget would not be approved by the Board.

4. Update on Whitewater Flume. A copy of a letter from the US Forest Service to General Manager Davis was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis noted that the letter is a potential game-changer for the flume, as it states that the USFS will work with the Agency and other participating entities to meet the water needs of the community as well as the needs of the forest. This is a change in direction for the USFS. General Manager Davis noted that this is due to the courage of the Board in proceeding with the public comment phase of an EIR when there was not a lot of support for such action from other participating entities. He noted that the worst case scenario now for the flume does not likely include the alternative of removing the facilities. He indicated that he will continue to keep the Board apprised of events as they occur.

5. Demonstration of Online DWR Water Management Tool. General Manager Davis demonstrated a new tool developed by DWR that can overlay water district boundaries, watershed boundaries, groundwater basin boundaries, and other geographic data. He pointed out that this could be used in developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for a basin, or for grant applications. He noted that the tool is up and running on DWR's web site. It is still in the Beta stage and some of the data is not correct. However, it should still be a useful tool.

6. Announcements:

- A. Regular Board Meeting, April 20, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Technical Committee Meeting April 22, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. – Banning City Hall Conference Room
- C. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting April 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. – Banning City Council Chambers
- D. Finance and Budget Workshop, April 27, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

7. Adjournment: Chairman Dickson adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board