

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 20, 2015**

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

**Director Absent:** Ray Morris, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
 Jeff Ferre, Legal Counsel  
 Thomas Todd, Finance Manager  
 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., April 20, 2015 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 requested a roll call.*

**Roll Call:**

<u><b>Roll Call:</b></u>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director Melleby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Dickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Jeter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** The Agenda was adopted as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** *President requested comments from the public.* No members of the public requested to speak at this time.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Capacity Fee Workshop, March 30, 2015
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, April 6, 2015
  - C. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, April 13, 2015

General Manager Davis brought to the attention of the Board that the Minutes of April 6, 2015 reflected Director Ball as being absent, and Director Duncan as being present, where if fact it was the exact opposite, Director Ball was present and Director Duncan was absent from the April 6, 2015 board meeting. General Manager Davis stated that the minutes will be corrected accordingly. Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve the consent calendar as presented with stated corrections. Motion passed 6-0, with Director Morris absent.

## 5. Reports:

### A. General Manager's Report:

**(1) Operations Report:** General Manager Davis reported on the following: **SWP Deliveries:** a) The Agency delivered 225 acre-feet to BCVWD, so far this month. Water is being delivered to Noble Creek ponds continuously in order to provide enough water for the Beaumont Cherry Valley Parks and Recreation Annual Fishing Derby that takes place April 25 – 26. After the event pumping will revert back to one shift per day. **b) Water Supply Issues:** 1) Snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains is at 5% of average, breaking the record of the lowest snowpack in the state's history; previous lowest snowpack level was at 15%. While storage at Lake Oroville is about the same as last year, without snowpack, there will be little snowmelt to replenish Oroville as the reservoir is drawn down during the summer. 2) Almost all SWP water will be delivered from the San Luis Reservoir. Water from Lake Oroville is being dedicated to the Feather River service area, the North Bay Aqueduct, and to water releases that are required for fish. 3) The State Water Board adopted a Temporary Urgency Change Permit (TUCP), which requires a reduction in the water release due to the low water in the system. 4) DWR will be installing a temporary salinity barrier in the Delta this summer. The barrier would help limit salinity intrusion prior to arrival of fresh water from upstream reservoirs. The barrier will be removed in the fall. **c) Pacific Coast Warm Water Phenomenon:** An article in the L.A. Times referenced an unusual warm mass (500 square miles by 300 feet deep) of seawater began spreading along the Pacific Coast of North America a year ago, which has been named 'the blob'. Scientists have struggled to explain its presence. Some experts have argued that this may in fact signal an epic cyclical change in the Pacific Ocean – a change that could possibly bring soaking rains to Southern California this winter, or that global warming is accelerating; no one knows for sure what it means.

**(2) General Agency Updates:** a) **State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB):** General Manager Davis explained that the State Board has issued a draft framework for a mandatory 25 percent reduction in urban drinking water use. He stated that the proposed four-tier structure has now been revised to nine-tiers. He explained how the tier structure would work. General Counsel Jeff Ferré stated that 225 comment letters were received from water purveyors. He said that that commercial institutional/industry customers who have their own water supply will have to cut-back by 25% or only irrigate two days a week; this requirement will be enforced by the State Board. As for commercial customers of water retailers they will be required to reduce total production by whatever tier they are in. The deadline for comment on the draft regulations is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Formal Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and written comment period is April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Board hearing and adoption will take place on May 5-6, 2015. General Manager Davis stated that the ruling will go into effect on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The first report on water production and other conservation measures will be due on July 15<sup>th</sup>. **b) Smelt:** General Manager Davis stated that he read an article that smelt may possibly be on its way to extinction. He went on to say that a recent trawl for the

tiny fish ended up with a count of just one smelt; this may have been a direct result of turbidity and does not necessarily mean that the smelt is nearly extinct. **(c) Pass Summit:** The San Geronio Pass Summit will be held at Morongo on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 11:30 am. There will be sessions on transportation, water, economic development, and health care. Water and transportation will be combined into one session. Rich Atwater (SCWC), General Manager Davis, and others will be on the water panel. **(d) State of the Regional Water Supply:** General Manager Davis provided a status report on this event that the Agency will host in May. He stated that it will be held at Four Season's Club House after the May 14<sup>th</sup> Pass Summit event. He is working out the details including invitations, presentations, etc. Invitees will include elected officials, chambers of commerce, and HOA's.

**B. General Counsel Report:** General Counsel Ferré informed the Board that his comments were provided during the General Manager's report on the state water board regulations.

**C. Directors Reports: (1) Director Melleby** reported on the following meetings that she attended: BCVWD Board meeting that was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>; ACWA Drought Briefing webinar that was held on April 9<sup>th</sup>; ACWA Region 9 Board meeting; SBVMWD Board meeting that she attended on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Director Melleby also attended a Government Legislative Affairs Committee meeting given by the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce; Mike Taylor of Pardee Homes was the guest speaker. Mr. Taylor provided updates on the Beaumont Sundance project, as well as the Banning project. He conveyed that there is a current Pardee construction project on Highland Springs near Brookside and that Pardee is working with Nexus e-Water to provide grey water systems to homes that are being built at that location. Director Melleby invited the board to attend an Open House on April 27, at 5:00 p.m., at the model homes on Highland Springs, at which time there will be a grey water system demonstration. **(2) Director Duncan** stated that he was in the Central Valley recently and that the drought situation in that area is very bleak. He provided a firsthand account of what it was like to drive through the area. Director Duncan informed the Board that he, along with General Manager Davis, attended a flume meeting that was held on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

**A. Consideration of Participating in iEfficient Water Conservation and Education Program:** A staff report and related materials were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that this item was discussed at the last board meeting. Due to the absence of some board members and a request for more detailed information on the program, the board requested to have this item place on today's agenda. C.V. Strategies is the consultant that was hired by the participating public agencies (15 in total) to run the program. General Manager Davis introduced Alex Altman of C.V. Strategies to provide a short presentation on the program. Mr. Altman's presentation on iEfficient Water Conservation Public Outreach program included: Project Goals for 2015, Key Messages, Campaign Elements, Website, Print, Digital and Other Advertising, Earned and Social Media, Direct Contact Tools, Community Events, Mobile Apps, Agency Partnerships, Survey Results and a questions and answers session. After discussion, Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Ball, to set this item aside until more information is gathered, including what other entities will be contributing. Motion passed 6-0, with Director Morris absent.

**B. Consideration of Ad Hoc Committee on Development of a Board Handbook:** President Jeter appointed the following members: Bill Dickson Chair, Mary Ann Melleby Vice Chair, Ron Duncan Board member. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, to approve the ad hoc committee as described by President Jeter. Motion passed 6-0, with Director Morris absent.

**C. Consideration of Alternate Representative to San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance:** President Jeter stated that Mary Ann Melleby is the current member of the alliance and that an alternate representative is needed in the event that Director Melleby is unable to attend. A motion was made by Director Duncan, seconded by Director Dickson, nominating Director Duncan to act as the alternate representative for the Agency. Motion passed 6-0, with Director Morris absent.

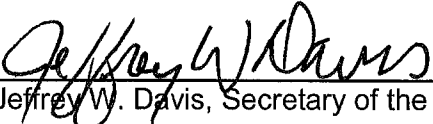
**D. Update on Whitewater Flume:** 1) General Manager Davis updated the Board on the flume meeting that took place with the Participating Entities on April 13<sup>th</sup>. He also updated the Board on the conference call that took place on April 17<sup>th</sup> with FERC's dispute resolution representatives and the Forest Service. 2) He stated that the city of Banning has decided to hire a different consultant to help them with the dispute resolution process. The hiring of a consultant will take 4 – 6 weeks. 3) Roy McDonald will continue to do the Environmental Impact Report for SGPWA. 4) General Manager Davis noted that he had spoken to the Assistant Manager of Desert Water Agency about recently obtaining a thirty-year special use permit from the Forest Service for its Snow Creek Power Plant. 5) The Forest Service had written a letter that states that they will not take all of the water and will not take out all of the facilities, however they are requesting studies. 6) General Manager Davis stated that he and Ken Falls went up to west and south fork and there was water flowing and that they are perennial streams. The Agency will monitor the same streams in the summer to prove that they are in fact perennial streams. 7) At the conference call meeting held on April 17<sup>th</sup> Southern California Edison stated that they will do anything they can do to help.

7. **Topics for Future Agendas:** There were no topics for future agendas given at this time.

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

- A. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Technical Committee Meeting, April 22, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. – Banning City Hall Conference Room
- B. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting April 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. – Banning City Council Chambers (It was noted that the agenda had reflected the incorrect date of March 25, 2015)
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, April 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Regular Board Meeting, May 4, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

9. **Adjournment:** *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.*

  
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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board