

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY  
TO ADOPT FACILITY CAPACITY FEES FOR  
FACILITIES AND WATER**

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) is a public agency formed and existing pursuant to Article 101 of the California Water Code Appendix (SGPWA Act) in 1961; and

WHEREAS, SGPWA entered into a contract with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 1962 for a Table A amount of water capacity in the California State Water Project (SWP) which is currently 17,300 acre feet per year (AFY) to bring supplemental water to the SGPWA service area; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to meet future increasing demands for SGPWA supplemental water to the SGPWA service area which will require additional water facilities to be constructed to distribute water and to acquire additional water rights to meet future increasing demands; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds and determines that the present existing water importation, production, transportation, delivery facilities and water supplies are inadequate to meet anticipated demand; and

WHEREAS, Section 101 – 27.1(a) of the SGPWA Act authorizes SGPWA to impose a facility capacity fee, which is in the nature of a connection fee, for the right to make a new retail connection to the water distribution system of any retail water distributor that is located within the boundaries of the SGPWA and that obtains all or any portion of its water supplies from SGPWA; and

WHEREAS, Section 101- 27.1(c) also provides the facility capacity fee referred to in subdivision (a) shall be adopted, established, and imposed only following a public hearing and in accordance with the requirements set forth in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 66000 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code as it now exists or may hereafter be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Facility Capacity Fee as set forth in the SGPWA Act, Sections 101 – 27.1 (a) through (i) will assist SGPWA to fund (1) the purchase of capacity in existing pipeline systems owned by other public agencies; (2) and additional basin recharge project for underground water storage in the Beaumont groundwater basin, including land purchases associated with such basin activity; and (3) the purchase of new water and/or water rights and entitlements to meet future water demand; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 101 – 27.1 of the SGPWA Act, SGPWA has prepared a Capacity Fee Study (Study) to support the need for additional water facilities and new water and/or water rights in that the existing facilities are not adequate to meet the future increasing water needs in the SGPWA service area; and

WHEREAS, the Study meets the requirements of Section 101 – 27.1 and Government Code Section 66013 to ensure that the Facility Capacity Fee does not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service for which the fee is imposed and provides a clear and concise document that will serve as the basis for the proposed fee levels; and

WHEREAS, SGPWA has provided all of the notices prior to and conducted a public hearing on July 27, 2015 required by Section 101 – 27.1 (c) of the Agency Act; and

WHEREAS, SGPWA after close of the hearing considered the Study, and proposed Findings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

1. The matters set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct statements and are made findings and determinations of the Board of Directors.
2. That the Findings as set forth on Attachment 1 concerning the Study are hereby adopted.
3. The Board of Directors finds that the Facility Capacity Fees as defined in the Study and the Findings are for the purpose of obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within SGPWA as set forth in this Resolution and, therefore, the establishment of such fees is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.
4. That the Study is hereby approved.
5. That the Facility Capacity Fees as set forth in the Study and on Attachment 2 hereof are hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately.
6. The General Manager is authorized to contract with the counties in which it is located and with the cities within the SGPWA for the collection of the Facility Capacity Fee along with building permit fees or other fees related to the improvement of property, or may contract for collection of the Facility Capacity Fees by the water retail distributors (SGPWA Act 101 – 27.1 (f)).
7. The Facility Capacity Fee component shall be automatically adjusted without further action of the Board effective on July 1st of each year, beginning July 1, 2016, by a percentage equal to the change in Construction Cost Index for Los Angeles as published by Engineering New Record for the preceding twelve months as set forth in the Study.
8. The Facility Fee component of the facility capacity fee shall be reviewed periodically as determined by the General Manager to determine if changes are needed and reasonable in unit prices, facility requirements, and water demands and demographics in order to ensure that Facility Fee cost allocations are reasonable and that collections over time will fund the required facilities.
9. The Water Capacity Fee component shall be reviewed annually in the month of July, commencing July 1, 2016 to adjust the Water Capacity Fee by a reasonable percentage based on the cost of actual water purchases, an updated water rights appraisal or comparisons of recent

purchases of additional water rights by statewide municipalities and special districts over the preceding twelve months.

10. The General Manager is further authorized to take any and all other actions to implement and carry out this resolution.

11. All resolutions or administrative actions by the Board of Directors, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby superseded only by this Resolution to the extent of such inconsistency.

12. If any section, subsection, clause, sentence, or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby. The Board hereby declares it would have passed this Resolution and each section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that all or more sections, subsections, clauses, sentences, or phrase are held invalid.

13. The Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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NOES:

DATE: July 27, 2015

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Board of Directors