

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2015

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director (arrived at 1:39 p.m.)
Ron Duncan, Director
David Fenn, Director
Leonard Stephenson, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Jeff Ferré, General Counsel
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., September 21, 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.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** *President Jeter asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There being none the agenda was adopted as presented.*
3. **Public Comment:** *President Jeter 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 Regular Board Meeting, September 8, 2015
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, September 14, 2015

Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Duncan, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0, with Director Ball 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 the Noble Creek connection so far this month.

(2) General Agency Updates: **(a) California Special Districts Association Conference:** General Manager Davis informed the Board that Finance Manager Tom Todd is attending the CSDA 2015 Conference in Monterey, CA. **(b) Legislative Report:** General Manager Davis gave a brief legislative report stating that Chad Mayes will be the new Assembly Minority leader next year. Jean Fuller will be the Senate Minority leader. He informed the Board that he had the opportunity recently to meet with the Agency's Lobbyist while he was in Sacramento. **(c) SBVMWD:** The Board requested an update on a potential water purchase from SBVMWD. General

Manager Davis has invited General Manager Doug Headrick (SBVMWD) to attend an upcoming board meeting for discussion on this item.

(3) Flume Update: General Manager Davis informed the Board that the three Participating Entities had a lengthy meeting last week. He provided a brief report on what was discussed. He noted that the Participating Entities are currently working well together.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferré reported to the Board on the result of the legislation to change the Agency's law pertaining to downsizing the number of board members from seven to five, stating that the attempt was unsuccessful for this year. He explained that during the process the actual number of the bill had changed several times, however by the time it got to the Senate Rules Committee it was the language itself and was not tied to a bill. Meeting with local legislatures will be the next step.

C. Directors Reports: **(1) Director Duncan** attended ACWA's Region 9 meeting "The Heat is On" that took place on September 16th in Chino. Director Duncan gave a report on the morning session. **(2) Director Melleby** also attended ACWA's Region 9 meeting "The Heat is On". Director Melleby reported on the afternoon session. **(3) Director Ball** reported that he attended the San Geronio Pass Historical Society meeting on September 10th. The topic of discussion was on flumes within the Southern California area. There was an interest expressed by the Historical Society to see some of the historical aspects of the Whitewater Flume. He suggested that staff contact the Society's President, David Heiss to discuss the possibility of touring the Flume area in either the later part of September or in early October. **(4) Director Fenn** reported that he attended YVWD's site tour of its wastewater treatment plant on September 14th. The topic of the discussion was the sharing of water from the plant with BCVWD.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consideration of ACWA Committee Appointment Nomination for 2016/2017 Term: ACWA's material relating to this topic was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that ACWA has a number of committees. Historically this Agency has been represented by board members on various ACWA committees. He asked the Board to consider nominating him for the Groundwater Committee. Director Melleby informed the Board that she will be stepping down from the Communication Committee. Director Melleby stated that it would be appropriate for the General Manager to be nominated to the Groundwater Committee. She made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, nominating General Manager Davis to ACWA's Groundwater Committee. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Consideration of Contracting with Balance Hydrologics to Perform a Hydrologic Study of the Streams of the Whitewater Flume: A staff report and a copy of the Standard Form Agreement for Hydrologic Services were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis stated that the purpose of this proposed Board action is to hire Balance Hydrologics to perform a small hydrologic study of the South Fork and East Fork of the Whitewater River, as well as Black Wheel Creek, to determine that they are perennial streams. He stated that the study will cost no more than \$11,000, which was not budgeted for this year, as this was an unforeseen expense. Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Fenn, authorizing the

General Manager to sign an agreement with Balance Hydrologics, subject to the approval of the General Counsel, for the amount of \$10,802.40. President Jeter requested discussion on this item. After discussion, President Jeter requested a vote. Motion carried 6-1, with Director Ball opposed. Director Melleby requested that the General Manager provide an update at the Finance and Budget workshop on where the funds will come from. Director Duncan requested exploring cost sharing with Banning and Banning Heights.

C. Presentation to Duane Burk, General Manager of Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District: President Jeter presented an honorary Resolution to Mr. Burk. Banning Mayor Deborah Franklin thanked Mr. Burk for his tenure with the city of Banning. Mr. Burk was very appreciative and thanked the Board.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: There were no other topics for future agendas given.

8. Announcements

- A. Finance and Budget Workshop, September 28, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, October 5, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Engineering Workshop, October 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Closed Session (1 Item) Time: 2:27

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

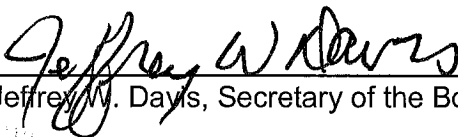
Agency designated representatives – Board President John Jeter;
Legal Counsel Jeff Ferre

Unrepresented employee: General Manager

The meeting was reconvened to open session. Time: 3:29 p.m.

General Counsel Ferre reported that no action was taken that is reportable under the Brown Act.

10. Adjournment: *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.*



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board