

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 2, 2015**

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

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Jeff Ferré, General Counsel  
Tom 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., November 2, 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.* General Manager Davis requested that item 6A be removed from the agenda. President Jeter asked if there were any objections to removing Item 6A. There being none the agenda was adopted as amended.
3. **Public Comment:** No members of the public requested to speak at this time.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 19, 2015
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, October 26, 2015
  - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, October 26, 2015

Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Directors Ball and Duncan abstained from item 4b and 4c, as they were not present for the meeting. Motion carried 7-0 on Consent Item A. Motion carried 5-0-2 on Consent Items B and C, with Directors Ball and Duncan abstaining.

**5. Reports:**

**A. General Manager's Report:**

**(1) Operations Report:** General Manager Davis reported on the following: **SWP Deliveries** a) General Manager Davis reported that DWR had been experiencing mechanical problems at CVPS last Thursday, and has since been resolved. However, currently there is a problem with turning on the pump station remotely; a resolution is being worked on. The Agency delivered 124 acre-feet to the Noble Creek connection for the month of October.

**(2) General Agency Updates:** **1) Website:** General Manager Davis reported that the Agency's website has been updated with the modifications that were proposed by the Board and that the website now includes Google Analytics. **2) ACWA Water Caucus:** A report was given to the Board on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> ACWA Water Caucus Meeting on the State Board regulations and ACWA recommendations. A meeting took place on October 26<sup>th</sup> that included representatives from the State Board. The State Board listened intently to the proposals from ACWA's Ad Hoc Committees and asked numerous questions. A focus group meeting will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public workshop in early December. A meeting is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> where the State Board will make a final decision on the regulations for next year. **3) Flume:** An update on the Flume tunnel study was provided to the Board. A draft of the tunnel study should be received sometime this week. **4) Cal Water Fix:** Comments on Cal Water Fix EIR were due on Friday. **5) El Nino:** Currently, the public is more concerned about El Nino and the possibility of water damage this winter; inquires on water conservation rebates have declined.

**B. General Counsel Report:** General Counsel Jeff Ferré had no reportable items.

**C. Directors Reports:** **(1) Director Fenn** reported on the Banning State of the City event that took place on October 29<sup>th</sup>. **(2) Director Dickson** also reported on the Banning State of the City event. **(3) Director Duncan** reported on the SGPRWA that was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. He informed the Board that Banning's Chief of Police Alex Diaz has been hired as the interim City Manager for Banning.

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

**A. Consideration of Consulting Agreement with Roy McDonald:** This item was removed from the agenda.

**B. Consideration of Sponsorship of 2015 State of the County Event:** A copy of the staff report and Sponsorship Opportunities were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that this event is well attended and the Agency has been a sponsor of this event in the past. He stated that the Agency's General Fund budget includes \$10,000 for sponsorships and that none of these funds have been spent to date. Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan, to sponsor the event in the amount of \$1,000. *After discussion, President Jeter requested a vote from the Board. The motion passed 7-0.*

**C. Discussion of Agency Allocation of Water:** General Manager Davis stated that during the October Engineering Workshop some water retailers were questioning how the Agency allocates water. General Manager Davis provided a PowerPoint presentation on how the Agency allocates water and why the water retailer's alternative water allocation plan is not feasible. Director Ball invited the authors of the alternative allocation plan to provide a presentation to the Board at a future Board meeting. Director Dickson stated that the equation of the amount of inhabitable land is a critical component. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Zoba both provided their input and concerns. Mr. Zoba provided the Board with a six-step chart on how the alternative water allocation plan would be implemented. After discussion, the Board requested that a workshop be scheduled to allow the authors an opportunity to discuss the alternative water allocation plan. Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Ball, directing staff to

schedule a workshop to further discuss water allocation. Motion passed unopposed 7-0.

**D. Discussion of Board Meeting Times (requested by Director Duncan):**

President Jeter invited Director Duncan to speak on this item. Director Duncan stated that he requested discussion on this item as a couple of the water retailers have asked that meetings take place in the evening. After discussion from board members and members of the public, Director Ball made a motion to hold the meetings at 7:00 p.m. for a trial period of at least 1-year. Motion failed due to a lack of a second. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Melleby, directing staff to draft a resolution with language that states that the board meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and workshops will be held at 4:00 p.m., for a trial period of three months. After discussion, Director Stephenson amended his motion, seconded by Director Melleby, to hold the Board meetings at 7:00 p.m., workshops to be held at 4:00 p.m., with no set time period. Meeting times are subject to review at the Board's discretion. *President Jeter requested a vote from the Board. Motion passed 7-0.*

**E. Discussion of Reducing Board Size (requested by Director Dickson):**

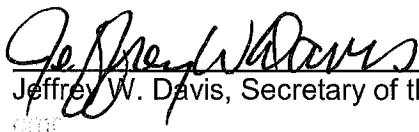
President Jeter invited Director Dickson to speak on this item. Director Dickson stated that he has given this issue a lot of thought. He felt that the Agency has had success with the seven member board. Director Dickson stated that he believes that the seven member board provides the public the best representation possible. He emphasized that his major concern is adequate representation for all of the taxpayers within the Agency's boundaries. He asked the Board if any of them also had concerns. After discussion, the Board took no action.

**7. Topics for Future Agendas:** President Jeter requested an update on EBX 2.

**8. Announcements**

- A. Engineering Workshop, November 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Office closed November 11, 2015 in observance of Veterans Day.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, November 16, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Finance and Budget Workshop, November 23, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

**9. Adjournment:** *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.*

  
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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board