

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
January 19, 2016

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

Directors Absent: John Jeter, President

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 Vice President Bill Dickson at 7:00 p.m., January 19, 2016 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Ball led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** *Vice President Dickson asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda.* General Manager Davis requested that Item 6A be moved to Item 4 to accommodate ACWA's President Kathy Tiegs. The agenda was adopted as amended.
3. **Public Comment:** *Vice President Dickson asked if there were any members of the public that wished to make a public comment on items that are within the jurisdiction of the Agency.* No members of the public requested to speak at this time.
4. **Discussion with Kathy Tiegs, President of Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA):** *Vice President Dickson introduced ACWA President Kathy Tiegs.* Ms. Tiegs was elected at the ACWA 2015 Fall Conference; she assumed her new position on January 1, 2016. Upon her election Ms. Tiegs related to the audience that she would personally visit all ACWA members; her presence at today's meeting is her first official pledged visit. Ms. Tiegs thanked the Board for their support and involvement with ACWA. She provided a summary of the key issues that she and her staff will be engaged in during her tenure. She related that the State Water Resources Control Board released its draft emergency conservation regulations last Friday, which would extend the requirements of the existing regulation through October 2016 and offer "modest

adjustments” to reflect climate and growth. Public comment on the draft regulation is due January 28th. The State Water Board is expected to approve the revised regulations at its meeting on February 2nd. Ms. Tiegs provided an overview of the different ACWA committees. She invited the Board and public to log into ACWA’s website and review Executive Director Tim Quinn’s blog. She also provided answers to questions that were asked from Board Members and staff. Vice President Dickson congratulated Ms. Tiegs on her appointment.

5. Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, January 4, 2016
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, January 11, 2016

Director Duncan moved, seconded by Director Melleby, to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0, with President Jeter absent.

6. Reports:

A. General Manager’s Report:

(1) Operations Report: General Manager Davis reported on the following:

a) El Nino Storms: General Manager Davis related that El Nino Storms are currently more northerly than they are southerly. He reviewed with the Board a number of graphs that pertain to precipitation and snow pack levels in Lake Oroville. More information will be available at the next State Water Contractors meeting. **b) SWC Meeting:** The next SWC meeting is scheduled for January 20 – 21.

(2) Water Education Program Report: General Manager Davis noted that a few Board members had requested a status report on the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) programs that the Agency funded for the 2015/2016 school year. He stated that the Agency had contracted for 48 programs. IERCD actually provided 62 programs at no additional cost this year. Vice President Dickson suggested providing an IERCD program to adults and to invite the Agency’s water retailers to be a part of the program. General Manager Davis stated that he was monitoring the program success. He noted that the curriculum does include acknowledgment of each of the water retailers. He also informed the Board that the city of Banning asked for and receives a report.

(3) General Agency Updates: **1) Security:** General Manager Davis informed the Board vandals spray painted graffiti on the Agency’s walls. The police department was notified and came to the office to do a report. **2) Draft Emergency Conservation Regulations:** An ACWA survey concluded that there are a number of issues that concern its members, including revenue

losses and the impacts that revenue losses will have on the public. General Manager Davis has provided the proposed text of the emergency regulations, and an ACWA Fact sheet to the Agency's water retailers.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferré noted that it is anticipated that the new cutback rules for the proposed draft Emergency Conservation Regulations will go into effect February 2, and will continue until October 31, 2016. He provided an overview of the proposed regulation rules.

C. Directors Reports: (1) **Director Stephenson** provided a report on the YVWD Board meeting that he attended on January 6th. (2) **Director Ball** reported that he attended the BCVWD meeting on January 13. He remarked that the City of Beaumont is holding a Board meeting this evening; it is anticipated that they will appoint a council member. (3) **Director Fenn** reported on the BCVWD board meeting that he attended on January 6th. (4) **Director Melleby** provided a report on the following: Beaumont Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting held on January 8th and the Calimesa Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner held on January 14th.

7. **New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Acceptance of 2014 Water Conditions Report: A copy of the 2014 Report on Water Conditions was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis noted that this report was reviewed by the Board during the December 14, Engineering workshop. He informed the Board that there were a couple of changes in the summary. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Stephenson, to receive and file the 2014 Water Conditions Report. *Motion passed 6-0, with President Jeter absent.*

B. Discussion of Agreement for Tidal Habitat Restoration Project Development (THRPD): A staff report and a copy of the THRPD Draft Agreement were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis stated that this item is for discussion only and that no action is required by the Board. He noted that at last week's Engineering workshop staff had discussed a potential agreement to create habitat in the Delta at a lower cost than what DWR can create it for. (DWR is responsible for creating aquatic habitat under a number of existing permits and agreements). State Water Project Contractors Authority (SWPCA) is currently creating habitat at half of DWR's cost. Collectively, the Contractors could save up to \$100 million on habitat costs should SFCWA perform the work. General Manager Davis reviewed the draft agreement that is between State Water Project Contractors Authority (SWPCA) and SFCWA; this agreement does not pertain to SWC. SWPCA is having a meeting on January 20th in Sacramento, which General Manager Davis will attend. There will be a separate special project agreement for the Agency to consider in the near future.

C. Discussion of Possible Outreach Event: General Manager Davis proposed that the Agency offer an informational program that would be open to elective officials, chambers of commerce, the public, and organizations. After discussion, staff was directed to return to the Board with specifics, such as topics, marketing, speaker(s), timing (preferable an evening event) and venues.

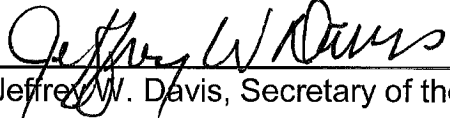
D. Appointment of Committees: This item was tabled to the next Board meeting.

8. Topics for Future Agendas: Director Fenn requested an update from General Manager Davis on the Beaumont Basin storage account. General Manager Davis stated that he has requested water quality data from BCVWD, which he would need in order to proceed; he has not yet received the requested data. He is hoping to submit the application prior to the Watermaster's February board meeting.

9. Announcements: Vice President Dickson reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Finance and Budget Workshop, January, 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Engineering Workshop, February 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Vice President Dickson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
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