

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
February 8, 2016

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

Directors Absent: Ron Duncan, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call. The Engineering workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by President John Jeter at 4:00 p.m., February 8, 2016 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Dickson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present. President Jeter turned the meeting over to Vice President Dickson, Chair of the Engineering Committee.

2. Public Comment. No member of the public wished to speak at this time.

3. Overview of California WaterFix. General Manager Davis presented a short video and a more detailed power point outlining the history of the California WaterFix, formerly the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, as well as upcoming milestones and some of the advantages of the proposed project. He noted that he will be bringing the Board at least three items for action in the upcoming months, including potential participation in the Design Construction Entity (DCE), potential participation in an interim funding agreement, and a decision on whether to participate in the project at all. He ended with a summary of the two greatest challenges facing the California WaterFix—yield and cost allocation.

4. Discussion of Yucaipa Basin Groundwater Studies. General Manager Davis reviewed a staff report prepared by SBVMWD staff for a board meeting tomorrow that outlines the next phase of the Yucaipa Basin studies and proposed a cost allocation showing the Agency paying 8% of the costs, or about \$3000. He reviewed the purpose behind the studies in the basin and noted that the goal is to produce a basin management plan that will aid all retail agencies who have

wells in the basin. He noted that he would likely bring a proposed action item to the Board in the near future to participate financially in the next phase, with the likely amount to be approximately \$3000.

5. Discussion of Bunker Hill Conjunctive Use Project Memorandum of Understanding. A copy of the proposed MOU was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis reviewed the project with the Board. He informed them that he has met with South Mesa Water Company and the Yucaipa Valley Water District and that they are supportive of the Agency's participation in this project. The participation level discussed was for 1000 AF for peak use and 1000 AF for off-peak use. It was pointed out that the only proposed action would be to approve the MOU, which does not commit any participant to any cost sharing but merely proposes that the signers will work together to develop a final cost allocation model by December of this year. Any participation in the project would be brought to the Board in the future, after the details of cost allocation are worked out. General Manager Davis indicated that he would expect to bring this MOU to the Board for consideration in the near future.

6. Discussion of Proposed USGS Work Plan. A copy of the proposed work plan was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis noted that the USGS operates on a different fiscal year calendar than the Agency, and so the Agency frequently has to approve work plans outside of the normal budget process. He explained the proposed work plan and noted that it was based on information he had given the USGS and fulfills commitments that the Agency has made as part of the most recent Basin Plan Amendment with the Regional Board. The Board did not have any objection to the proposed work plan but indicated that it wanted the costs to be reviewed at the next Finance and Budget workshop.

7. Announcements:

- A. Office closed February 15, 2016 in observance of Presidents Day.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday**, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm.
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, February 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm.
- D. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance, February 24, 2016
 - 1. Technical Committee at 4:30 pm—Banning City Hall Conference Room
 - 2. Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 pm—Banning City Council Chambers

8. Adjournment: Chairman Dickson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board