

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
March 21, 2016

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
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 7:00 p.m., March 21, 2016 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 published.
3. **Public Comment:** No members of the public wished to speak at this time.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Session Board Meeting, February 29, 2016
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 7, 2016
 - C. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, March 14, 2016

Director Dickson moved, seconded by Director Duncan, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Director Ball requested a change for item 4B, stating that the minutes of March 7, 2016 item E should reflect a cost analysis, not a cost benefit. The motion was restated to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Water Supply Report: General Manager Davis provided a PowerPoint presentation on the state's current water supply. The precipitation data as of

March 20th is as follows: N. Sierra – 126%, San Joaquin – 112%, and Tulare Basin – 104%; an average year for precipitation. The California Snow Water content as of March 21 is as follows: North – 96%, Central – 90%, and South – 75%; a below average year. Lake Oroville storage is at 109%. He spoke on how much water was lost to export due to the biological opinions, as well as insight on how much exported SWP water would be with the implementation of the California Water Fix.

(2) Operations Report: General Manager Davis stated it is anticipated that water deliveries will commence on April 4, 2016, pumping 24 hours - 7 days a week, until further notice. The goal is to deliver all of the available water by the end of November.

(3) Update on California Water Fix: General Manager Davis updated the Board on the current status of the upcoming targeted dates for the California Water Fix. The Record of Decision (formal end of the CEQA process) and the Notice of Determination (end of the National Environmental Policy Act process) date has been moved from June to September. Director Mark Cowin (DWR) was present at a recent SWC meeting that General Manager Davis attended. Director Cowin stated that the SWC are working on the Biological Assessments and Biological Opinions. He believes that the fish agencies will push back on the analysis that was done, but is confident that it will work out. There is the issue of the Delta smelt and how to define jeopardy to this fish. Other issues to note are financing, cost allocation, and the change in point of diversion (CIPD). To change the CIPD requires a two-part hearing process through the State Water Resources Control Board. Part 1 begins in May and ends in August; Part 2 begins in September and goes into 2017. General Manager Davis will be testifying during the Part 1 hearing on May 8th, speaking on policy statements.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferré deferred his report until the next board meeting, due to the length of today's agenda.

C. Directors Reports: There were no directors who wished to report at this time.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Presentation on BCVWD Recharge Facility: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to the Board and members of the public. General Manager Davis stated that the Board requested BCVWD to provide a presentation on its recharge facility. He introduced Dan Jagers (BCVWD Engineer) to provide the presentation to the Board. Mr. Jagers thanked the Board for allowing him to identify what BCVWD's recharge facility performance capability is, as well as other features related to the facility. He stated that the purpose of the presentation is to discuss the history and facts of the BCVWD Noble Creek Recharge Facilities (NCRF) Phase 1 and Phase II, including a review of the recharge facilities important dates; capacities of the SWP facilities and NCRF

Phase I and II recharge facilities; review of the District's NCRF Demonstrated Capacities; and a review of the NCRF Phase I & II costs. He identified two near term capacity solutions for BCVWD NCRF Phase I & II. The first solution is to remove the bottleneck by upgrading the existing SGPWA metering station to BCVWD to achieve 34 cfs. The second solution is to install approximately 950 linear feet of 24" pipeline from the SGPWA BARF pipeline to BCVWD's NCRF raw water pipeline. Mr. Jagers took questions from the Board. Director Ball asked a number of questions relating to assisting BCVWD in its request to improve its facility. General Manager Davis stated that he received a letter last week from BCVWD expressing an interest in enlarging an existing connection on the California Aqueduct. He explained to the Board the process that is involved to get the additional capacity that is being requested. Mr. Jagers stated that a second letter will be forthcoming on the request to install the 950 feet of 24" pipeline. General Manager Davis explained that DWR would not be involved with this request; therefore this item would be brought before the Board. He noted that there is no connection at Mountain View at this time, as it is in final design. Mr. Jagers thanked the Board for their time and concluded his presentation.

B. Consideration of Methodology for Discussing Alternate Allocation Policy: A staff report was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis stated that during the March 14th Engineering workshop the Board requested that this item be placed on the agenda to discuss allocating water differently from the current method. It was proposed that an outside water industry expert run a workshop(s). The Agency would invite elected officials to attend, as well as the public. Director Ball requested that staff review the current water allocation with the Board. Director Fenn requested that General Manager Davis and the water industry expert present during the same meeting. The Board was in agreement. After discussion, President Jeter made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, authorizing the General Manager to move forward in securing a water expert to discuss water allocation policy. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Appointment of Participation in Joint Board Meeting: General Manager Davis stated that General Manager Joe Zoba (YVWD) submitted an email in which he provided additional joint board meeting dates for elected officials to attend; the meeting dates were provided to the Board. General Manager Davis stated that he was unclear if the Board wished to participate in any further joint board meetings. After discussion, Director Ball made a motion, seconded by Director Dickson, to continue attending the joint meetings, and notice each meeting. General Counsel Ferre explained to the Board that should a quorum not attended then the board members that are present will only be able to participate as a member of the public. *President Jeter requested a roll call vote.*

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Aye	Noes	Abstain
Director Stephenson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Director Melleby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Dickson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
President Jeter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion failed 2-4-1.

D. Consideration of Scheduling Various Staff Reports: Director Ball stated that he had requested this item be placed on the agenda. The purpose is to solidify some dates on meeting requests for inventory of recharge facilities within the boundaries of the Agency and also the historical accounting of the \$317 per acre foot charge from inception, so that the elected officials in the audience can calendar them should they choose to attend. General Manager Davis stated that the historical accounting is scheduled for April 4th. The inventory of the recharge facilities will be reported near the end of April.

E. Review and Further Consideration of Ad Hoc Members for the Proposed Facilitated Meetings: Dr. Ball suggested that this item be revisited as his concern is that the two board members that were appointed to the ad hoc committee for the facilitated meetings will be up for reelection this year. He also noted that some board members have more committee assignments than others. He proposed that two other members that are not up for reelection and have fewer committee assignments be appointed instead; suggesting that those two appointees be Director Fenn and himself. He requested that this item be discussed again at the next board meeting.

7. Topics for Future Agendas:

8. Announcements: *President Jeter reviewed the following announcements:*

- A. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance, March 23, 2016
 1. Business Meeting at 5:00 pm – Banning City Hall Conference Room
 2. Presentation at 6:00 pm – Banning City Council Chambers
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, March 28, 2016 at 4:00 pm
- C. Regular Board Meeting, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm

9. Adjournment: *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.*



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board