

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2016

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

Directors Absent: Mary Ann Melleby, Director
Ron Duncan, 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 4:00 p.m., June 6, 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:** *President Jeter 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. Jennifer Ayres presented the Board with a plaque and thanked them for the financial support and participation in the Inland Solar Challenge. The winner of this year's event was Banning High School.*
4. **Consent Calendar:** *President Jeter asked for an approval of the Consent Calendar.*
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Allocation Workshop, May 10, 2016
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, May 16, 2016
 - C. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, May 23, 2016
 - D. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, May 23, 2016
 - E. Approval of the recommendations made at the Board Finance and Budget Workshop, as set forth in the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, May 23, 2016

Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Fenn, to approve the Consent Calendar as published. Director Dickson abstained from the May 23, 2016 Finance and Budget Workshop. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Melleby and Duncan absent on items 4A and 4B. Motion passed 4-0, with Director Dickson abstaining, Directors Melleby and Duncan absent on items 4C, 4D, and 4E.

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: General Manager Davis reported on the following: **(a) SWP Water Deliveries:** The Agency delivered a total of 1213 acre-feet (an average of 20 cfs 24/7) to the Noble Creek Connection for the month of May. **(b) SCADA System:** A few minor mishaps have occurred resulting in a brief shutdown at CVPS for a couple of hours. Upstream demands are increasing in EBX, for the time being we will only receive 20-22 cfs until the end of summer.

(2) General Updates: **(1)** General Manager Davis gave an explanation as to why today's board meeting was changed from 7:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. He stated that the Board has always been conscious that this building was built with tax dollars. The Agency strives to make this building available for public functions, including election days. The Registrar requested that two voting precincts be held here on June 7th, which requires time to set-up the night before the election. The change in the meeting time was to necessitate the election. **(2)** General Manager Davis informed the Board that DWR has sent out an estimate of its 2017 Statement of Charges, which is issued every calendar year. He stated that the SWC are concerned that costs keep going up. He reminded the Board that a letter (of which the Agency signed) had been sent to DWR on the increase issue. DWR responded with a letter in May informing SWC what the estimated Statement of Charges will be next year. He stated that the actual charges for this calendar year will be about \$18 million (without variable). The estimate for 2017 will be about \$20 million; an overall 9% increase for the Agency. A dry year water program implemented in 2014 and 2015 (requested by the SWC) contributed to the increase. Further discussion on this item will take place at the July Finance and Budget workshop. **(3)** General Manager Davis announced that the next Allocation workshop will take place on June 29th at 4:00 p.m. Director Fenn stated that he would not be able to attend, due to a prior commitment. In order to insure that all board members will be present for the allocation workshop, the Board was in agreement to postpone the workshop to July.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferré deferred, as he will be presenting item 6C.

C. Directors Reports: **1) Director Fenn** reported on the May 26th Special Joint meeting regarding the proposed water allocation plan. He noted that there were not many attendees present. Due to the non-response from a number of water retailers both BCVWD and YVWD decided to put the water allocation meetings on hold. **2) Director Dickson** thanked the Agency for the flowers that were given for his wife's funeral.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consideration of Election of Special District Member and Alternate Special District Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Eastern Riverside County: Ballot instructions and ballot material, including letters of support for Nancy Wright and Robert Stockton were included in the agenda packet. In addition, a letter of support was received today for Kristin Bloomer; the Board had been provided a copy. General Manager Davis stated that the Board had tabled this item during the May 16th Board meeting. After discussion, Director Dickson made a motion, seconded

by Director Fenn, to nominate Nancy Wright for the Special District Member seat. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Melleby and Duncan absent. Director Fenn nominated Gail Paparian as the Alternate Special District Member. Motion died for lack of a second. Director Dickson nominated Robert Stockton as the Alternate Special District Member. Motion died for lack of a second. Director Ball nominated Dan Hughes as the Alternate Special District Member, seconded by Director Fenn. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Melleby and Duncan absent.

B. Consideration of Conduct of Future Special District Selection Committee: A Ballot form for the Conduct of Future Special District Selection Committee Elections was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that this ballot pertains to how future elections will be conducted, either by a plurality or majority of votes casted. Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Stephenson, to vote for the candidate receiving the highest number of votes among nominees shall be elected. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Melleby and Duncan absent.

C. Consideration of Resolution 2016-01, Updating California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines: Resolution No. 2016-01 and related material were included in the agenda packet. General Counsel Ferre stated that CEQA requires all public agencies adopt Local CEQA Guidelines. He conveyed that every year the Agency updates its local CEQA guidelines. The CEQA process determines whether or not it is exempt, or a negative declaration, or an EIR. It is recommended that the guidelines are adopted by way of a resolution. General Counsel Ferre reviewed the changes with the Board and recommended that the Board adopts Resolution No. 2016-01, which will amend and adopt the Agency's Local CEQA Guidelines. Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Stephenson, adopting Resolution No. 2016-01, updating and amending the CEQA Guidelines. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Melleby and Duncan absent.

D. Consideration of Potential Participation in Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) A staff report and related material was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that this last item was requested by Director Melleby who is not present at today's meeting. The Alliance has been discussing the possibility of applying for an IRWMP planning grant for the pass area. This Agency is already included in two other IRWMPs. One of the main reasons to have an IRWMP is to get grant funding. The alliance believes that it has a reasonably good chance to get funding through an IRWMP planning grant. He explained that a proposal would need to be submitted by sometime in August and that there is a cost associated with producing an integrated plan for the region. The Alliance has asked its members to determine if they would be interested in participating in such a plan. At this time there is no commitment, the Alliance is merely asking who is interested. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to meet with the Alliance to talk about an IRWMP. General Manager Davis will report back to the Board during the June 13th Engineering workshop.

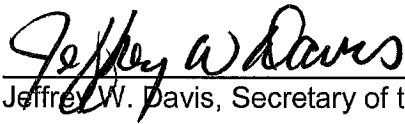
7. Topics for Future Agendas: There were no topics for future agendas given.

8. Announcements

- A. Engineering Workshop, June 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance, June 22, 2016
 - 1. Administrative Committee Meeting at 4:00 pm – Banning City Hall Conference Room
 - 2. Regular Meeting at 5:00 pm – Banning City Hall Conference Room

9. Adjournment

Time: 4:52 pm



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board