

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 2016

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

Directors Absent: John Jeter, President
Blair Ball, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General 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 Vice President Bill Dickson at 7:00 p.m., August 1, 2016 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Fenn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. *Vice President Dickson requested roll call.*

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Present	Absent
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Melleby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Dickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Jeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

A quorum was present.

2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** *Vice President Dickson asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There being none the agenda was adopted as published.*
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. There were no members of the public that wished to comment at this time.*
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 18, 2016
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, July 25, 2016
 - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, July 25, 2016

- D. Approval of the Recommendations made at the Board Finance and Budget Workshop, as set forth in the Finance and Budget Report, July 25, 2016

Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan, to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0, with President Jeter and Director Ball absent.

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: General Manager Davis reported on the following: **A.** The Agency delivered 952 acre-feet for the month of July. **B.** During the course of the month a shutdown took place for a week at Crafton Hills Pump Station for testing of the pumps. General Manager Davis stated that the Agency and SBVMWD spent approximately \$30 million to expand the Crafton Hills Reservoir, thereby allowing water to still be delivered should there be a shutdown; as a result of the expansion deliveries continued at 8 cfs for the Agency and 17 cfs for YVWD. Due to the level of the reservoir and the high temperatures algae blooms formed, this resulted in Agency deliveries being stopped for a couple of days; deliveries are back to 20 cfs. **C.** Starting in August the Agency will be receiving exchange water from CLAWA of 1200 acre-feet over several months.

(2) General Agency Updates: **1) California Water Fix Change in Point of Diversion (CIPD) Hearings:** General Manager Davis attended the first hearing on July 27. He provided a policy statement for the Agency. Hearings will continue for the next couple of months. **2) Sites Reservoir:** The Agency's application was submitted with a request of 14,000 acre-feet (10,000 for the Agency and 4,000 acre-feet on behalf of BCVWD). **3) State of the Watershed Event:** The 2nd Annual State of the Watershed event is tentatively scheduled to take place in September; more information to follow. **4. Beaumont Basin Watermaster:** The agenda for the August 3rd Watermaster meeting has been issued. The Agency's request for a Groundwater Storage Agreement was listed as a topic for future meetings. The Agency was under the impression that this item would be listed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. General Manager Davis submitted inquiries to a couple Watermaster committee members as to why the item is being postponed. **5. Upcoming Engineering Workshop:** General Manager Davis is waiting on two draft documents to bring to the Board. It is a possibility that the August 8th Engineering Workshop will be canceled should these documents not be available in time for the agenda package.

B. Directors Reports: **1) Director Stephenson** reported that he attended the YVWD Board meeting that was held on July 26th. Items of discussion included a shutdown due to algae; and consideration of customers water rates from flat rate to a tiered rate. He reported that the brine line is fully operational. **2) Director Melleby** reported on the SGPRWA meeting that took place on July 27th. She provided a detailed report on the discussions that are taking place pertaining to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Vice President Dickson invited Bruce Cash (representing Southwest Resources) to speak on this subject. Mr. Cash is offering to pay for the IRWMP application as a regional partner. He stated that a letter will be submitted to the SGPRWA chairman tomorrow so that Southwest Resources can have clarity as to

whether the Alliance would like to accept the offer. **4) Director Duncan:** Director Duncan stated that during attendance of one of the SGPRWA meetings the City of Beaumont announced that they will no longer be participating in the SGPRWA. Director Duncan reported on the Banning Chamber of Commerce meeting that took place on July 21st and on the City of Banning Council meeting that he attended on July 26.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-04, Setting Tax Rate for FY 2016-2017: A staff report and financial materials were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated the tax rate is used to pay for the State Water Project. The Board had deliberated at length on this issue at the Finance and Budget workshop. The Board was provided three potential tax rates to adopt for this coming year. It was recommended at that time to maintain the current tax rate of \$0.185 in order to prepare for larger payments in 2026-2029. Director Melleby made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan to adopt Resolution No. 2016-04, maintaining the ad valorem tax rate at its current level for fiscal year 2016-2017. Vice President Dickson requested a roll call vote.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Melleby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Dickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Jeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion passed 5-2, with President Jeter and Director Ball absent.

B. Presentation on Whitewater Flume: Materials related to the Whitewater Flume PowerPoint presentation were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis informed the Board that this item will be revisited at a future meeting due to the sensitivity of the issue and some small uncertainties in the researched documents.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: A tour of EBX II is tentatively scheduled to place in October.

8. Announcements: *Vice President Dickson reviewed the following announcements:*

- A. Engineering Workshop (potential of being cancelled) August 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, August 22, 2016 at 4:00 pm

9. Closed Session (One Item) Time: 7:40 p.m.


- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – (Government Code Section 54957
 Title: General Manager

The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 7:49 pm

Vice President Dickson stated that there was no action taken during closed session that is reportable under the Brown Act. This item will be revisited at the September 6, 2016 Regular Board meeting. Vice President Dickson adjourned the meeting.

10. Adjournment

Time: 7:49 pm



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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