

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2017

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
Ron Duncan, Vice President
Lenny Stephenson, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director
David Castaldo, Director (arrived at 7:05 pm)
Stephen Lehtonen, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

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

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation and Roll Call:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President David Fenn at 7:00 p.m., March 20, 2017 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

2. **Invocation:** Director Duncan provided the invocation.

3. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Fenn asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda.* There being none the agenda was adopted as published.

4. **Public Comment:** *President Fenn 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.

5. **Consent Calendar:**

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, March 13, 2017

Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Lehtonen, to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 6-1, with Director Castaldo absent.

6. **Reports:**

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: (a) SWP Water Deliveries: The Agency delivered a total of 623 acre-feet to the Noble Creek connection, so far this month. **(b)** Deliveries of 20 cfs are being made to the Noble Creek connection and pumping 24 hours a day.

(2) Report on Oroville Spillway: General Manager Davis gave a PowerPoint presentation of the extensive damage to and repairs to the Lake Oroville concrete spillway, as well as the damage and repairs to the emergency spillway. So far this water year, there were thirty atmospheric rivers that made landfall. This led to the 1.7 million cubic yards of debris and sediment that came from the middle of the spillway and is now being removed from the diversion pool. The spillway is being used at 50,000 cfs for five days, starting last Friday. As of this morning the reservoir was at

852 feet. Inflow was at 25,000 cfs; outflows at 46,000 cfs. The spillway will be used a couple more times this winter/spring to keep the level of the lake down. The emergency spillway has been repaired, but it is unlikely that it will be used again this water year. General Manager Davis explained how the Hyatt Powerplant was saved by DWR staff from being inundated with water. General Manager Davis informed the Board that the spillway and the dam are diligently maintained as there are annual inspections, 4-year inspections with FERC, and Division of Safety Dam inspections. The last major inspection took place in 2014 with FERC. The inspection report noted that possible damage to the gated spillway was highly unlikely. No one could have predicted that there would be thirty atmospheric rivers in one water year.

(3) General Agency Updates: (1) General Manager Davis stated that Director Thompson had inquired about doing a water exchange with San Diego's desalination plant. The Carlsbad Desalination Plant was built, funded, and owned by Poseidon Water. Poseidon has a contract to sell 100% of the output to the San Diego County Water Authority. Huntington Beach has a desalination plant that is in its final stages of permitting. General Manager Davis will continue to monitor the progress and the potential of purchasing water from this plant. (2) Conservation Regulations was extended to May. (3) General Manager Davis is continuing his efforts to locate potential sources of new water. A new potential water source came to his attention this past week; this was not in the Provost & Pritchard report. There is a good possibility that this might develop into a water purchase within the next 30 – 60 days. (3) Flume Update: The Forest Service requested that the Participating Entities submit a Special Use Permit application. A condition from the Forest Service is the release of flows that would not go to the people; instead it would go directly to the forest. The PE's submitted an application on March 3rd, per the deadline set by the Forest Service. The application had a cover letter stating if the Forest Service insists on flow releases that are more than a token amount that it would be a non-starter. Also, the letter stated that there is a large portion of the Flume that is not subject to the Forest Service request due to right-of-way issues.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferré deferred from reporting.

C. Directors Reports: (1) **Director Stephenson** reported on two YVWD meetings that he attended. He reported that at one of the meetings the YVWD Board voted to not attend the Agency's Capacity Fee Ad Hoc Committee meetings. They had requested that Director Stephenson report back to the Agency to draft an agreement that the Agency wants and that to bring it back to the YVWD Board for consideration. Director Stephenson had spoken to General Manager Davis about this prior to the YVWD Board proposing this. Director Stephenson stated that he thought it would benefit the Agency to have a generic Capacity Fee agreement that any of the retailers can use. (2) **Director Fenn** reported on the City of Beaumont Council meeting that he attended. (3) **Director Ball** reported on the BCVWD meeting on March 8th. (4) **Director Lehtonen** reported on the YVWD Board meeting. He also reported on the March 14th Banning City Council meeting.

7. New Business:

A. Public Hearing on Determination of Whether to Form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for the San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin: *President Fenn opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 pm.* SGMA requires all entities that wish to file as a GSA hold public hearings after placing ads in local newspapers, which the Agency did. The purpose of this public hearing is to ensure that stakeholders and the public have an opportunity to provide input prior to the GSA being formed. General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board the four Exhibits that indicate the areas that would be included and which areas are excluded in the San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin. There will be three GSA's for the San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin, the one under consideration tonight (comprised of the City of Banning, Banning Heights Mutual Water Co, Cabazon Water District, and the Agency), the one-square mile Verbenia GSA, of which the Agency and Mission Springs Water District will be members, and the portion outside of the Agency's service area, of which Desert Water Agency will be the sole GSA. President Fenn requested public comment. *There being none President Fenn closed the Public Hearing at 7:48.*

B. Consideration of Resolution 2017-02 – Election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA): A staff report and related material to the GSA were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis stated that the staff report provides detailed information. There is a deadline by DWR to submit the full documentations as a formal application to become the GSA for the majority of the Sub-basin. The accompany documents include the MOA itself and maps that detail the areas of the various GSA's. General Manager Davis offered to review the MOA and the Resolution with the Board. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Thompson to approve Resolution #2017-02, becoming a GSA for the San Gorgonio Pass Sub-Basin, and authorize the General Manager to take all steps required to file the appropriate documentation with the Department of Water Resources. Director Ball questioned why High Valleys was listed, however in the Exclusions the Morongo Tribe wrote that they wanted to be excluded. He questioned why High Valleys did not have the same language. General Manager Davis responded that High Valleys was originally going to be a member, however they do not have any part of the service area in the boundaries, and they receive their water from the City of Banning. High Valleys elected to be a stakeholder not a member. Director Ball asked why they would be a stakeholder. General Manager Davis responded that due to High Valleys receiving water from the City of Banning, this makes them a stake holder. After discussion President Fenn requested a vote on the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 2017-03 Adopting 2015 Urban Water Management Plan: A staff report and related material were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis explained why a redline version of the 2015 UWMP was included in the agenda packet, as he wanted the board to see what was changed from the draft to the final UWMP; these changes were due to public and Board comments received. Some of the comments received from the public were incorporated into revisions to the document; some were not. Staff is recommending that the Board adopt Resolution 2017-03, which would adopt the Final 2015 UWMP. Director Ball stated that one of the comments that he had talked about was the 62% reliability and the 58%. He questioned why the decision was to use the 62% figure. General Manager Davis stated that the decision was to use the State Delivery Reliability Report figure of 62%. After discussion Director Stephenson made a motion to approve, seconded by

Director Thompson to adopt Resolution No. 2017-03. President Fenn requested a vote on the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1, with Director Ball abstaining.

D. Consideration of Resolution 2017-04, Concurring in Nomination of Kathleen Tiegs to ACWA JPIA Executive Committee: General Manager Davis stated that he would like to consider item D&E together. The Agency belongs to ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Agency and gets most of its insurance coverage; ACWA JPIA has a Board of Directors. General Manager Davis explained the process of becoming a board member on the executive committee, stating that the board itself selects who will be on the executive committee. There are two local officials who wish to be on the executive committee. Kathy Tiegs (CVWD), President of ACWA, and Melody McDonald (Board member of SBVWCD), a longtime member of the Executive Committee, both are requesting the Agency to support their nominations. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Stephenson, to concur in the nominations of Kathy Tiegs and Melody McDonald. Motion passed 7-0.

E. Consideration of Resolution 2017-05, Concurring in Nomination of Melody McDonald to ACWA JPIA Executive Committee: This item was voted on during item 7D.


8. Topics for Future Agendas: President Fenn stated that during the Engineering workshop Resolution #2014-02 will be revisited. General Counsel Ferre informed the Board that a revision has been provided to staff. President Fenn requested that the revision be email to all of the board members. Additional topics to include: at the next Board meeting or Engineering workshop discussion on a Wheeling Policy; an update on wastewater collection with BCVWD; discussion on Sites Reservoir with BCVWD; ACWA's position paper; and an update on a potential water acquisition. No other topics were suggested by Board members.

9. Announcements

- A. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance, March 22, 2017
 - 1. IRWMP at 4:30 p.m. – Banning City Council Chambers
 - 2. Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Banning City Council Chambers
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, Monday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Time: 8:13 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board