

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Engineering Workshop**  
**August 14, 2017**

**Directors Present:** David Fenn, President  
Blair Ball, Director (arrived at 6:04 pm)  
David Castaldo, Director  
Ron Duncan, Director  
Steve Lehtonen, Director  
Leonard Stephenson, Director  
Michael Thompson, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel

**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 Director Duncan at 6:00 p.m., August 14, 2017 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

**2. Public Comment.** Fran Flanders suggested that the Agency start participating in PassCom meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Representatives from local public agencies meet at that time to discuss emergency preparedness. No other members of the public wished to speak at this time.

**3. Discussion Regarding Beaumont Basin Storage Losses.** Director Thompson informed the Board that this issue had been discussed at a recent Beaumont Basin Watermaster meeting, and that he had asked for a discussion at this workshop. At the Watermaster meeting, a consultant indicated that the basin was likely leaking, but it was unclear how much, and a study should be done to determine this. General Manager Davis told the Board that leakage has not been an issue in the past for several reasons, including the drawdown of the Beaumont Basin related to the judgment, the five year drought, and the fact that BCVWD's recharge facility, as well as the Agency's planned facility, are in the middle of the basin, far from the boundaries. He told the Board that leakage was not an issue when the Agency purchased the property and designed the proposed recharge facility, and that in all the Watermaster meetings when the Agency's storage account was discussed, leakage was never mentioned. He indicated that he is pleased that the Watermaster is finally addressing this issue after 13 years, and noted that he suspects that the study to be performed by the Watermaster will likely show that leakage is not a big problem. If it is, he related that the Watermaster has a number of options for how to manage the leakage, and that is the Watermaster's responsibility.

**4. Discussion of Earthquake Preparedness.** Director Thompson told the Board that after a recent Beaumont Chamber of Commerce event in which the speaker was from the California Earthquake Authority, he asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. He was curious as to what plans the Agency has in the event of an earthquake. General Manager Davis related that the Agency does not really own a distribution system, so that is not a big issue for the Agency. The Department of Water Resources, which operates the California Aqueduct, and the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, who largely operates and maintains the East Branch

Extension (along with the Agency) do have plans to deal with earthquakes. The Agency also has no specific plan for where it would hold Board meetings in the event that the Administration Building is damaged. General Counsel Ferre informed the Board that, in the event of an emergency, the Brown Act provides a lot of flexibility to public agencies as to where to hold meetings and how much notice needs to be given.

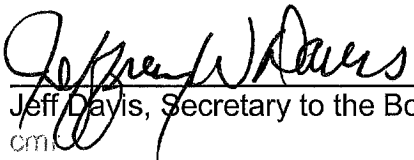
**5. Further Discussion of Board Meeting Times.** President Fenn began the discussion by relating to the Board a conversation with General Manager Davis after last week's Board meeting in which the Board voted to move all Board meetings and workshops to 6:00 pm on Mondays. He indicated that General Manager Davis had told him that two staff members had conflicts on Monday nights and asked if the Board could revisit this issue, especially for the two workshops. The Board discussed this issue at length. Director Stephenson moved, seconded by President Fenn, to recommend a new ordinance that would keep Board meetings at 6:00 pm, as decided last week, but to keep Board workshops at 4:00 pm, as they are now. The motion passed 6-1, with Director Ball voting no. General Counsel Ferre said that he would prepare the ordinance for consideration at the August 21 Board meeting.

#### **6. Announcements**

- A. Regular Board Meeting, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
- B. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting, August 23, 2017, 5:30 pm—Banning City Hall.
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, August 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm (this was changed by the Board to 4:00 pm in Item 5 above).
- D. Office closed in observance of Labor Day, September 4, 2017.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Director Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

  
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Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board  
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