

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Engineering Workshop**  
**July 9, 2018**

**Directors Present:** David Fenn, President  
Blair Ball, Director (arrived 1:45 pm)  
Ron Duncan, Vice President  
Steve Lehtonen, Director  
Leonard Stephenson, Director  
Michael Thompson, Director

**Directors Absent:** David Castaldo, Director

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

**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 Vice President Duncan at 1:30 p.m., July 9, 2018 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Vice President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

**2. Public Comment.** No members of the public wished to address the Board at this time.

**3. Discussion of Fencing for Fiesta Facility.** Photos and cost estimates of various types of fencing that were discussed at an Engineering workshop in 2013 were included in the agenda package. The Board discussed what type of fencing they wished to place around the recharge facility currently under construction. It was the consensus that the fencing should be secure, to keep out trespassers, and that staff should consult with ACWA JPIA for its thoughts on fencing for this type of facility. The Board directed General Manager Davis to come back with specific options for security fencing endorsed by ACWA JPIA.

**4. Discussion of Potential Landscaping and Water for 4.5 Acres for Fiesta Facility.** A layout of the facility was included in the agenda package. The Board discussed this issue and the consensus was that it does not want to install landscaping that requires irrigation, as this would set a bad example for a water importer. The Board discussed potential hardscape, such as decomposed granite or rocks, as well as possibly installing a solar array on a portion of the property. The Board wishes to keep a portion of the 4-1/2 acre pad on the southern end of the facility vacant for operational purposes, but is open to using a portion of it for hardscape or solar. The Board directed General Manager Davis to look at options for hardscaping and solar and to come back to the Board with a recommendation. He noted that the Board does not have to make this decision at this time.

**5. Discussion of Official Name for Fiesta Facility.** General Manager Davis noted that the Fiesta names comes from the development company that owned the property prior to the Agency. The Board had no specific thoughts on a possible

name for the facility but asked staff to bring this back for further discussion at a future meeting.

**6. Discussion of Potential Wheeling Rates and Wheeling Policy.** General Manager Davis noted that the Board discussed this issue at the September 2017 Engineering workshop. At that meeting, the Board directed the General Manager to research wheeling fees with other water agencies, and to discuss components of the rate with an attorney. General Counsel Ferre reported that recent court cases prior to the September 2017 workshop did not in fact change the wheeling statute or drastically change the components of a wheeling rate. General Manager Davis pledged to research wheeling rates and to bring this issue back to the Board for discussion in the near future. The Board noted that a wheeling rate could have an impact on water rates and a facility capacity fee, both currently under consideration by the Board.

**7. Update and Discussion on Sites Reservoir.** General Manager Davis noted that he has access to numerous documents that are not yet public documents, so he had to pull information from them and arranged that information in a Power Point that was presented and handed out to the Board and the public. He gave background information on the project and discussed financing all future phases, which is being discussed by the Sites JPA and Sites Reservoir Project Committee this month. He told the board that information is changing on this project and that he may do updates every month for the next few months. He informed the Board that it will likely have to make a decision on participation in Phase 2 in the October/November time frame. He noted that the Board will need to know at that time if DWR will be willing to put the costs of Sites on the Statement of Charges, and also whether the Agency will have a capacity fee that can be collected by retail agencies. He summarized the key issues the Board must deal with this year, most of which involved the financing of the project.

#### **8. Announcements**

- A. Regular Board Meeting, July 16, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, July 23, 2018 at 1:30 pm.
- C. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance, July 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.—Banning City Hall

**9. Closed Session (1 item): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – One potential case. The Board went into closed session at 3:00 p.m. At 3:32 p.m., the Board came back into open session and General Counsel Ferre announced that no action was taken that is reportable under the Brown Act.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Vice President Duncan adjourned the meeting at 3:32 pm



Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board