

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
August 13, 2018

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
Blair Ball, Director (arrived 1:45 pm)
David Castaldo, Director
Ron Duncan, Vice President
Steve Lehtonen, Director
Leonard Stephenson, Director
Michael Thompson, 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., August 13, 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. Tom Shaloub of Yucaipa Valley Water District indicated his support of the Sites Reservoir project, and urged the Board to continue its participation and investment in the project. Director Castaldo stated that although he had pulled papers to run for the Beaumont City Council, he did not file them, as he felt that he had made a commitment to the Agency and, once informed that the two offices were incompatible, made the decision to continue in his position as Director to fulfill his four year commitment.

3. Review of Cal WaterFix Contract Amendment Agreement in Principle. A copy of the Agreement in Principle was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis noted that the AIP was derived from a series of negotiation sessions between the Public Water Agencies (Contractors) and the Department of Water Resources between February and June. The AIP will become the basis for actual contract amendment language, that will be drafted later. The amendment has two objectives—to supplement and clarify terms of the SWP water supply contract that will provide greater water management regarding transfers and exchanges, and a fair and equitable approach to cost allocation for the California WaterFix. General Manager Davis reviewed the document with the Board, indicating that it represents a major victory for the Contractors who wish to engage in more water exchanges and transfers for water management purposes. He also indicated to the Board that CEQA must be implemented for the amendment, and that this process has already begun. He related to the Board that the Department wishes for all Contractors to approve the AIP, even though approval would not result in any commitment on the part of the Agency, so that it can be assured that the AIP has wide support among the Contractors. It was the consensus of the Board that the General Manager bring the AIP to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

4. Update on Sites Reservoir. General Manager Davis reviewed a PowerPoint presentation with the Board, the location of Sites Reservoir, its planned yield, the governance structure of the Sites Reservoir JPA, the current status of the project, and a summary of the Phase 2 and Phase 3 funding strategy. He noted that he will bring a Phase 2 participation agreement to the Board for discussion in the near future, and that approval will be required by October or November if the Board wishes to continue investing, in order for the project to continue in a timely fashion.

5. Discussion of Proposition 3, November Water Bond. Several documents summarizing the bond and what types of projects it would fund were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis mentioned that the Prop 3 committee spoke to the San Geronio Pass Water Alliance in July and asked for the support of the Alliance's members. General Counsel Ferre noted for the Board that, outside of a resolution of support for the Proposition, the Agency can not really take any action supporting it. No tax dollars could be used to lobby for it or influence the public to vote for or against it. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that a resolution of support for the water bond be brought to the next Board meeting for discussion, consideration, and a possible vote.

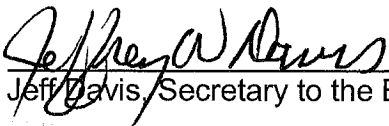
6. Discussion of Fencing for Fiesta Recharge Project. General Manager Davis told that Board that he and Finance Manager Tom Todd are gathering information from fencing contractors related to costs of fencing the project with different types of fencing, but that he didn't have enough information to present today. He suggesting putting this on the agenda for the September Engineering workshop. Director Castaldo mentioned that he has had constituents tell him to make sure that, whatever fencing is used, that it not be ugly.

7. Announcements

- A. Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance, August 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm—Banning City Hall
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, August 27, 2018 at 1:30 pm.
- D. Vice President Duncan announced that Jon Israel, husband of Cabazon Water District Board member Maxine Israel, was killed in an accident on the 10 Freeway last week. He noted that a funeral will be held Saturday, August 18 at noon at the Cabazon Community Center.

8. Adjournment

Vice President Duncan adjourned the meeting at 3:10 pm



Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board