

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2018

Teleconference Location: London Bridge Resort
Business Center
1477 Queens Bay
Lake Havasu City, AZ

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
Lenny Stephenson, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director
Stephen Lehtonen, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

Directors Absent: Ron Duncan, Vice President
David Castaldo, Director

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

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 1:30 p.m., August 20, 2018 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Fenn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Fenn gave the invocation. A quorum was present.
2. **Statement Regarding Teleconferencing: Teleconference was cancelled.**
3. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Fenn asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda.* General Manager Davis informed the Board that the teleconference was cancelled. The Agenda was adopted as amended.
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 Regular Board Meeting, August 6, 2018
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, August 13, 2018

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

6. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: (a) SWP Water Deliveries: The Agency delivered 770 acre-feet of Table A water to the Noble Creek Connection so far this month.

(2) Construction Update: General Manager Davis reported to the Board that grading on the Orchard property has started. No additional construction work has been done on the ponds since the last board meeting update.

(3) General Agency Updates: (a) Noble Enlargement: (a). General Manager Davis reported that final edits of the 100% submittal will take place this week, at which point the 100% package for DWR signatures will be submitted. Upon signature approval from DWR the Agency will initiate advertising for construction.

(b) Sites Update: General Manager Davis provided a time schedule on Phase 2 participation. He informed the Board that during last week's Sites meeting discussion took place on delaying the closing date. Initially the closing date for financial issues was December 31st; the date has been extended to February 14, 2019. This provides the Agency with approximately six additional weeks to decide on its Phase 2 participation.

(c) Cal WaterFix Update: Two new Joint Power Authorities have been formed and both have held their initial meetings.

(d) SGMA: General Manager Davis spoke on the need of forming an Advisory Council for the San Geronio Pass and Verbenia Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

(e) State Water Resources Control Board Update: General Manager Davis reported on SWRCB's draft order for unimpaired flows. SWRCB Chairman Marcus said last week that they will not vote on this at their meeting this week. Public hearings will take place this week.

(f) Contract Extension Hearing Update: The August 14th Contract Extension Hearing has been cancelled and will possibly be rescheduled before the end of the month.

(g) Water Tax: There are two bills in the legislature regarding a voluntary water tax, which are very similar to the earlier water tax bills.

(h) Water Rate Status: General Manager Davis requested to hold a workshop on the water rate. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the workshop either on the 6th or the 13th of September, at 6:00 p.m.

B. Director Reports: (1) Director Stephenson reported on the following meetings that he attended: August 2nd YVWD Board meeting, August 8th South Mesa Water Company, and the August 14th YVWD Board meeting.

(2) Director Lehtonen reported on the San Bernardino Water Conference meeting that he attended on August 10th.

C. Committee Reports: (1) Director Thompson provided a written report on the August 9th Water Conservation and Education committee meeting. The committee also discussed the State of the Water Supply event.

7. New Business:

A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Agreement in Principle for Cal Waterfix and Water Management Contract Amendment: A staff report and a copy of the Draft 3 – June 27, 2018 – Doc # 00115 were included in the agenda packet. This item was covered in detail during the Engineering workshop. General Manager Davis reminded the Board that approval of this item does not commit the Agency to any future costs. The purpose of this item is to show that the Board is in agreement with the language. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Lehtonen to approve the language of the Agreement in Principal for the California WaterFix. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Duncan and Castaldo absent.

B. Consideration and Possible Action on Water Resources Institute Donation: A staff report and a copy of the Potential Task List for Student Intern were included in the agenda packet. Director Thompson explained why WRI is seeking donations and what types of benefits the Agency would receive in the way of an intern. The goal is to develop a social media footprint on multiple platforms with the assistance of the intern. After discussion, Director Thompson made a motion, seconded by President Fenn to authorize a \$10,000 contribution to the WRI at Cal State, San Bernardino, and that the Agency contract with WRI for a student intern (for up to 325 hours of work) to focus on developing a social media footprint for the Agency. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Duncan and Castaldo absent.

C. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Revised Proposal from Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD): A staff report and a copy of the Public Outreach Program Agreement were included in the agenda packet. Director Thompson explained the desire to revise the agreement between IERCD and the Agency. The revision is to increase its expenditures for school education programs from \$10,000 to \$12,700 for this fiscal year. The revised proposal includes 36 water education programs instead of 18; this is in addition to the groundwater model training. Director Thompson made a motion, seconded by President Fenn to approve the revised proposal from IERCD for \$2700 more, to be used to produce 18 additional water conservation programs for school children this year. Motion passed 5-0, with Directors Duncan and Castaldo absent.

D. Consideration and Possible Action on Resolution 2018-06, an Endorsement of Proposition 3: A staff report, a copy of Resolution 2018-06, and a Summary of Major Programs in the Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018 were included in the agenda packet. President Fenn stated that this item was discussed during the August 13th Engineering workshop and also at the SGPRWA meeting. Proposition 3 will be a direct impact and a benefit to our region. President Fenn made a motion, seconded by Director Thompson to adopt Resolution 2018-06. General Counsel Ferre recommended that the language be changed as follows: Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency endorses Proposition 3, the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 Initiative, and urges its residents to review this measure and consider voting in favor of the Proposition 3 in November. President Fenn amended his motion to accommodate the recommendation. Director Thompson seconded the motion. Director Ball stated that we as a Board should not be in favor of something that has

not yet been read. After discussion, President Fenn requested a vote. Motion passed 4-1, with Director Ball voting no and Directors Duncan and Castaldo absent.

8. Topics for Future Agendas: None.

9. Announcements:

- A. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance, August 22, 2018
at 5:00 p.m. – Banning City Hall
- B. Finance & Budget Workshop, August 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Office closed in observance of Labor Day, September 3, 2018
- D. Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday** – September 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

President Fenn adjourned the meeting at: 2:09 pm



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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