

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2019

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

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
Casmir Olaivar, Student Intern

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 Duncan at 1:30 p.m., March 4, 2019 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Lehtonen gave the invocation. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Duncan asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There being none the agenda was adopted as published.*
3. **Public Comment:** *President Duncan 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 that are not on today's agenda. There were no members of the public that wished to comment at this time.*
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, February 19, 2019
 - B. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, January 28, 2019
 - C. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, February 25, 2019
 - D. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, February 25, 2019

President Duncan asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Fenn, to adopt the consent calendar. Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Reports:**
 - A. **General Manager's Report:**
 - (1) **Operations Report:** General Manager Davis stated that the Agency was unable to deliver water during the month of February; this was due to a State mandated inspection of California dams and Crafton Hills Pump Station leaky valves. As of Friday, water is being delivered into Crafton Hills Reservoir. Water

is being delivered to BCVWD as of today at 10 cfs. DWR wanted to limit deliveries to all SWC on the EBX to 16 cfs for the month of March. A number of SWC, including this Agency, sent emails to DWR to asking them to reconsider its decision. DWR contacted SBVMWD and informed them that our Agency will be able to receive 20 cfs, effective immediately.

(2) Water Supply Report: General Manager Davis reported on the snowpack in the Sierras, precipitation in northern California, and storage in Lake Oroville using graphs from the DWR website; the graphs were made available to the Board members and the public. Snowpack is above the April 1st average. It was noted that the State Water Project water allocation was increased from 15% to 35%. The Agency is seeking to evacuate up to 2700 AF of its carryover water to the Bunker Hill Basin. General Manager Davis informed the Board that the Agency will be receiving Article 14b water later this year to make up for water that could not be delivered in February.

(3) General Agency Updates: General Manager Davis reported on the following:

- a. **Monitoring Wells:** The first of the three monitoring wells is done. Drilling for the second well will probably start on Friday.
- b. **California WaterFix:** There is no new information from SWC meetings to report. We do know that even with only one tunnel the benefits of the Cal WaterFix would equate on the average of 900,000 AF of water per year; 613,000 AF would be Table A, and 163,000 AF would be Article 21 water. Average long-term of the SWP reliability without the Cal WaterFix would be 48% and with 63%. An opt-in alternative is being discussed right now, but nothing is certain at this time.
- c. **Construction:** Construction continues at both the Mountain View Connection and the Noble Creek Enlargement. Mountain View Connection issues include Edison energizing the site and getting a new control systems consultant. The previous control system consultant dismissed himself from the project. A control system consultant is needed to tie the different components together and we are in the process of hiring one
- d. Next week's Engineering workshop will include a water rate workshop.

B. Directors Reports:

1) **Director Thompson** reported that the Conservation and Education Committee did not meet last month. There is a scheduled meeting for March 14th. 2) **Director Stephenson** reported that he attended the YVWD Workshop on February 26th. He also reported on the Yucaipa Basin SGMA meeting that he attended on February 27th.

C. Committee Reports: 1) **Director Ball** reported on the Capacity Fee ad hoc committee meeting that was held on February 25th. 2) **Director Lehtonen** reported on the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee meeting that was held last week. 3) **Director Fenn** reported on the SGPRWA meeting that was held on February 27th.

6. New Business:

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Municipal Water Quality Investigations Funding Agreement. A staff report and a copy of DWR's MWQI Program Work Plan for January – December 2019 were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis explained that is a program that this Agency has been involved with for many years, as are most urban Contractors. General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board the purpose of being involved in this program. The proposed action is to approve a new funding agreement for the next three years, from 2020 through 2022. This funding agreement includes participating Contractors as well as DWR. General Manager Davis asked for the Board to consider approving the MWQI Funding Agreement. Director Fenn moved, seconded by Director Stephenson, to approve item 6a. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Municipal Water Quality Investigations Specific Project Committee Agreement. A staff report and the MWQI Work Plan were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis explained that is a program that this Agency has been involved with for many years. This action is to approve a new specific project agreement for the next three years, from 2020 through 2022. General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board the purpose of being involved in this program during item 6a. This specific project agreement only includes the participating Contractors. General Manager Davis asked for the Board to consider approving the Municipal Water Quality Investigations Specific Project Committee Agreement. Director Fenn moved, seconded by Director Stephenson, to approve item 6a. The motion passed 7-0.

C. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee on Function and Use of Agency Administration Building. President Duncan informed the Board that he is adding a new Ad-Hoc Committee for the use for the SGPWA facility. The Facility Ad-Hoc Committee is composed of the following members: Michael Thompson, Chair; Steve Lehtonen, Member; David Castaldo, Member.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: **1.** Director Thompson requested discussion on upper management training. This item will be discussed by the GM Performance Evaluation Committee this month. **2.** Director Stephenson requested an update on the Flume. **2.** Director Castaldo stated that YVWD had said during a meeting that SGPWA would not allow YVWD to de-annexation in the Riverside County boundaries. Director Stephenson asked to meet with Director Castaldo so that he could update him on this issue.

8. Announcements:

- A. Engineering Workshop/Water Rate Workshop March 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Water Conservation & Education Workshop, March 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, March 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Finance and Budget Workshop, March 25, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Closed Session (2 Items)

Time: 2:29 p.m.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
Property: Potential water rights/supplies offers from Casitas MWD
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Mike Flood
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment


- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
Property: Potential water rights/supplies
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Ron Gastelum
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 3:31 pm

General Manager Davis stated that there was no action taken during closed session that is reportable under the Brown Act.

10. Adjournment

Time: 3:31 pm



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board
cmf