

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 1, 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  
Jeffrey Ferre, General Counsel  
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager  
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 Duncan at 1:30 p.m., April 1, 2019 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Duncan 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. He stated that public comments will only take place at this time due to the number of closed items on the 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, March 18, 2019
  - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, March 25, 2019
  - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, March 25, 2019

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

5. **Reports:**
  - A. **General Manager's Report:**
    - (1) **Operations Report:** a) General Manager Davis reported that the Agency delivered 735 acre-feet of Table A water to the Noble Creek Connection for the month of March. b) SWP Water Allocation: DWR has increased the SWP Table A water allocation to 70%. c) The Agency's stored carryover water was lost; this was due to the result of not being able to take Article 21 water.

**(2) Legislative Report:** General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board the following bills: AB 441 (Beneficial Use), AB 1194 (Delta Members), SB1 (Environmental Regulations), SB 69 (Ocean Resiliency Act), and SB 204 (State Water Project Contracts).

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

- a. **SWC Fact Sheets (pages 28 & 29 of the agenda packet):** SWC has produced a useful Fact Sheet for board members to take to local state senators and assemblymen to talk to them about the SWP and its importance in this region. President Duncan and General Manager Davis will be discussing which board member(s) and/or staff should attend the meetings with our local officials.
- b. **Voluntary Agreements (pages 30 & 31 of the agenda packet):** This is related to the Voluntary Agreements, which are a comprehensive plan to improve water quality and habitat conditions in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins. General Manager Davis asked the Board to read these two pages at their convenience.
- c. **California WaterFix:** There will be a two day retreat with DWR in early May to come up with a plan. SWC will have three meetings among themselves before the May retreat.
- d. **Oroville Spillway:** DWR anticipates use of the spillway for the first time since it has been reconstructed on April 2, 2019
- e. **Oroville Storage:** Oroville Reservoir is at 105% for this date.
- f. **Oroville Repair Payment:** DWR explained that you can pay cash for transportation facilities, but not conservation facilities, so the Agency cannot pay case for its share of Oroville repairs.
- g. **CHP Mock Crash Scene:** Officer Darren Meyer asked permission to have a helicopter land on the Agency's property just north of the recharge facility. The CHP along with other first responders are staging mock crash scenes for Beaumont High School students every 15 minutes for a one hour period. The Agency gave Officer Meyer permission to land the helicopter on our property. He invited the Board and staff to attend. The event will take place at the Beaumont High School between 10 – 11 a.m. on April 18<sup>th</sup>; Brookside Avenue will be closed.

**B. Directors Reports:** 1) **Director Fenn** reported on the SGPRWA meeting that was held on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Committee Reports:** 1) **Director Thompson** reported that the Facility Ad Hoc Committee met on March 27, 2019. Discussion of a policy for the use of the SGPWA administration building took place. General Counsel Ferre was emailed for his input on the suggestions that the committee discussed. 2) **Director Fenn** stated that there will be a General Manager's Performance Evaluation Committee Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**6. New Business:**

**A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2019-01, Adoption of Updated CEQA Guidelines.** A staff report, a copy Resolution No. 2019-01, and a Memo from BB&K notating the 2019 Local CEQA Guidelines Update were included in the agenda packet. General Counsel Jeff Ferre remarked that every year each public agency should review their local CEQA Guidelines to determine whether any changes need to be made; BB&K does this for all of its clients. BB&K revises documents and makes them available to its clients via the CEQA Portal. He reported that at the end of last year there were some major changes dealing with the process of CEQA compliance, all of these changes are reflected in the updated CEQA Guidelines document. General Counsel Ferre recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2019-01, which would adopt the local CEQA Guidelines for this year. Director Thompson moved, seconded by Director Stephenson, to adopt Resolution 2019-01. The motion passed 7-0.

**B. Discussion of Strategic Plan.** Director Stephenson, Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee stated that the committee met several times and believes that the drafted revised Strategic Plan is comprehensive and complete. He welcomed comments from the Board. Director Thompson stated that he and Director Lehtonen are committee members. He felt very comfortable with the final product. Director Lehtonen stated that the primary difference is the Executive Summary and pages 64 thru 76. Director Stephenson inquired with the Board if they would like to review this document at their leisure or vote on it today. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not vote on it today and to bring it for discussion at the next Engineering workshop.

**7. Topics for Future Agendas:** There were no topics for further discussion request.

**8. Announcements:**

- A. General Manager Performance Evaluation Committee Meeting, April 8, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.
- B. Engineering Workshop, April 8, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, April 15, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Finance and Budget Workshop, April 22, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

**9. Closed Session (4 Items)**

**Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
One potential case

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code 54956.9  
One potential case

- C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8  
Property: Potential water rights/supplies offers from the City of  
Ventura  
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Negotiating parties: Lynn Takaichi  
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment
- D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: Potential water exchange with Casitas Municipal Water  
District Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Negotiating parties: Casitas Municipal Water District,  
Mike Flood, General Manager  
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

**The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 3:46 pm**

*General Counsel Ferre stated that there was no action taken during closed session that is reportable under the Brown Act.*

**10. Adjournment**

**Time: 3:47 pm**

  
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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board  
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