

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
May 18, 2020

IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, **THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC LOCATION FOR ATTENDING THIS BOARD MEETING IN PERSON.** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY LISTEN AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT TELEPHONICALLY BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER:

(866) 212-0875,
Participant passcode: 7006747 #

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

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
General Counsel Jeff Ferre
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
Casmir Olaivar, Social Media Specialist

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 1:38 p.m., May 18, 2020 by teleconference. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Fenn gave the invocation. President Duncan requested a verbal roll call.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 spoke at this time.*

4. **Consent Calendar:**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, May 4, 2020

President Duncan asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo, to adopt the consent calendar.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Aye	Noes	Absent	Abstain
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Reports:**

- A. **General Manager's Report:** A written report was not provided in the agenda packet.

1. **Operations Report** - The Agency has delivered approximately 540 acre-feet, 300 AF to the Noble Creek Connection, and 240 AF to Fiesta Recharge Facility, so far this month. We are currently delivering to each connection at 10 cfs.

2. **Other Agency Updates**

- a. **BiOps and Incidental Take Permits:** General Manager Davis read some excerpts from a letter that was written by Brenda Burman, Commissioner of Reclamation; this letter was included in the agenda packet. The letter was submitted to Senator Feinstein. It was a follow-up letter to the Secretary of Interior's letter that was provided to the Board at the last Board meeting. In the agenda packet was a letter from the Attorney General and also from the State Water Contractors related to a temporary injunction issued by a judge on the new BiOps.
- b. **COVID - 19 Update:** General Manager Davis provided the latest statistics (deaths and cases) related to COVID-19 that are within the Agency's service area. He also relayed to the Board that the County has issued guidelines for offices and businesses who wish to reopen, and how operations at the Agency's administrative office will be maintained under the COVID-19 guidelines.
- c. **Update on Calimesa Facilitation Deliveries:** General Manager Davis noted that the facilitator, Tim Moore, has one more meeting with YVWD. He will

then draft a set of Principles of Agreement, which the Board will discuss at the June Engineering Workshop.

- d. ACWA: Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Spring Conference will no longer take place in Monterey. Instead, it will take place as a virtual conference in July.
- e. LAFCO – Not enough votes made it in before the deadline. LAFCO made the decision to extend its deadline. The Agency has submitted its vote.

B. General Counsel Reports: None.

C. Directors Reports: 1) **Director Ball** reported on BCVWD’s meeting that was held on May 13th. 2) **Director Stephenson** reported on the YVWD workshop that was held on May 12th. 3) **Director Fenn** inquired on ACWA’s virtual conference. He and Directors Thompson, Ball, Castaldo, Thompson and President Duncan asked to receive information from staff as to the cost and dates of this event.

D. Committee Reports: 1) **Director Ball**, Chair of the Capacity Fee Ad-Hoc Committee stated the committee met on May 11th, and gave further direction to staff.

6. New Business:

A. Consideration and Possible Action on Contracting with Kennedy/Jenks. A staff report, a proposal letter from Kennedy/Jenks, and related materials were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis stated that Kennedy/Jenks is a highly qualified firm to prepare Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) for State Water Contractors. He noted that they prepared the Agency’s 2015 UWMP. He recommended that the Board authorize him to accept the proposal, to sign a contract that is approved by the General Counsel for an amount not to exceed \$126,000, and to direct the consultant to begin work on the 2020 UWMP. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Lehtonen, to approve authorizing the General Manager to sign a contract with Kennedy/Jenks for the 2020 UWMP, not to exceed \$126,000. President Duncan requested a verbal roll call vote.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Director Castaldo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Duncan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion failed 2-5, with Directors Castaldo, Ball, Fenn, Thompson and President Duncan opposed.

After further discussion from the Board, Director Thompson made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo directing Staff to request a couple of more

proposals from UWMP firms. President Duncan requested a verbal roll call vote.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Aye	Noes	Absent	Abstain
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion carried 5-2, with Directors Lehtonen and Stephenson opposed.

B. Update and Discussion on Sites Reservoir Progress to Date and Phase 2 Agreement. Related materials were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reviewed stated that there will be no recommendation today, as this is for informational purposes. He spoke on the five key messages for the Sites Reservoir Message Platform.

- Sites Reservoir is a 21st Century Multi-Benefit Solution to California's Water Reliability Challenges
- Our Strength is in our Diverse Statewide Participation
- Sites Reservoir is a "Right Sized" Project that will meet our Water Supply needs for Today and in the Future
- Sites Reservoir provides Environmental, Water Supply, Flood Protection and Recreation Benefits for the state of California for Generations to come
- We are On-Track to Deliver this Vital Project for the People of California

He also reviewed with the Board the member reservoir participation per acre-foot, affordability overview, project schedule benefits, reservoir operations and how they are being refined and integrated with the SWP and Central Valley Project. In addition, he presented a Sites Reservoir PowerPoint that detailed the project. He noted that there is a timeline delay due to COVID-19. Phase 2 participation will cost \$100 per acre-foot, with the first installment of \$60 per acre-foot due November 1st.

C. Discussion of Proposed Engineering Budget for FY 2020-21. A Proposed Draft Engineering Budget for 2020-2021 was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reviewed in detail each line item that was included in the budget. He took questions from the Board. Director Stephenson questioned the Flume flow monitoring item for \$30k. General Manager Davis stated that this is a shared cost between the City of Banning, Banning Heights Mutual Water Company and the Agency. We have in the past years shared the cost for USGS monitoring. Director Stephenson requested an update on the flume from either the City of Banning or from BHMWC. General Davis stated that he would make the request to them.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: 1) Director Fenn noted that his request on April 20th for staff to provide a water delivery pricing worksheet that would be reviewed in a workshop was not noted within the pending agenda items section. Director Fenn mentioned that with the State of California being in a deficit that the Board should be informed of any mention from the State to access the Agency's funds in LAIF.

8. Announcements:

- A. Special Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Office Closed Monday, May 25, 2020 in observance of Memorial Day
- C. Finance & Budget Workshop, Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom

9. Adjournment

Time: 3:33 pm



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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