

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
January 4, 2016

Directors Present: John Jeter, President
Bill Dickson, Vice President
Mary Ann Melleby, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
David Fenn, Director
Leonard Stephenson, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Jeff Ferré, General Counsel
Cheryle Rasmussen, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call:** The meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Board President John Jeter at 7:00 p.m., January 4, 2016 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Director Dickson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda:** *President Jeter asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There being none the agenda was adopted as published.*
3. **Public Comment:** *President Jeter 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. No members of the public requested to speak at this time.*
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 21, 2015

Director Ball requested that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for December 21, 2015 item 4A reflect his reporting statement as follows: "Director Ball attended the BCVWD meeting; he also reported on the meeting with Assemblyman Mayes requesting his support to reduce the board from seven to five members through required state legislative action. Assemblyman Mayes asked several questions and took the Agency's petition under advisement." Director Ball made a motion, seconded by Director Fenn, to approve the December 21, 2015 Minutes as revised. *The motion passed 6-0-1, with Director Dickson abstaining as he was absent from the December 21st meeting.*

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: General Manager Davis reported on the following: **a) SWP Deliveries:** General Manager Davis reported that the Agency delivered 405 acre-feet to the Noble Creek connection for the month of December, for a total of 3467 acre-feet for the year (not including deliveries to YVWD). **b) DWR – Snowpack Measurement:** A snowpack measurement was taken by DWR on December 30th. The snowpack was 136% of normal at Phillips Station. Statewide electronic readings show about 105% of

normal for the date. Oroville is at 47% of normal for December 30; last year it was 62%. San Luis Reservoir is at 30% of normal for December 30. DWR is constantly performing data modeling on the snowpack and runoff; May of 2016 will be the most significant measurement. DWR Director Mark Cowin makes the final decision on allocation changes based on modeling results presented to him by his staff.

(2) SGMA Update: General Manager Davis reviewed three groundwater basin maps with the Board. He informed the Board that multiple agencies (SWC & water retailers) have been working together in meetings to discuss SGMA. The meetings have revolved around revising groundwater basin boundaries. Using the maps as visuals, General Manager Davis reviewed the proposed boundary revisions stating that local agencies are trying to carve a new Beaumont Basin out of the San Timoteo and San Geronio Pass basins. SGMA allows for the boundary revisions if there is just cause. A Basin Boundary Modification Request form would need to be submitted to DWR no later than March 31, 2016. General Manager Davis reviewed the issues involved in order to accomplish the boundary revisions.

(3) General Agency Updates: **1) Water Conservation Regulations:** General Manager Davis commented that the news media did not properly report the State Water Board proposed framework for modified emergency conservation regulation on December 21, as the changes do not make it significantly easier for retail water agencies to meet mandated goals. **2) Flume Report:** Operations and Maintenance Manager Ken Falls reported to General Manager Davis that the Flume had frozen resulting in no water flow for a week. **3) Kathy Tiegs:** General Manager Davis is in the process of inviting Ms. Tiegs to be present at a future board meeting. **4) ACWA's Groundwater Committee:** A formal notification from ACWA was received stating that General Manager Davis has been appointed to ACWA's Groundwater Committee. **5) General Announcements:** A sign-in sheet for all board meetings has been placed out in the lobby for guests; this is not a requirement.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferré stated that comments are due to the State Water Board on the proposed new water restrictions this week. A draft will be available in early February and it is anticipated to be adopted in February.

C. Directors Reports: There were no directors who wished to report at this time.

6. New Business: (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Cooperative use of SWP water: A staff report and a draft copy of the MOU for the Cooperative Use of SWP Water were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis reviewed the purpose of the MOU, which will enhance water supply reliability of the SWP for Class 8 Contractors of the East Branch. After discussion, Director Dickson made a motion, seconded by Director Ball, authorizing General Manager Davis to sign the MOU in its current form, as long as no substantive revisions are made to the draft prior to being finalized, subject to the approval of the General Counsel. *Motion passed 7-0.*

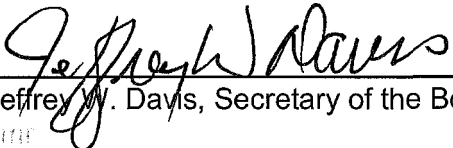
B. Consideration of Eliminating the Finance and Budget Workshop: A staff report was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis requested that Director Duncan provide insight on why he has proposed this action. After discussion, President Jeter requested that this item be tabled to the next Finance and Budget workshop.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: **1) Director Ball** requested a monthly report from the General Manager on monthly meetings that are to take place between the Agency and its retail managers. General Manager Davis informed the Board that monthly meetings took place in the past, but were unproductive and are no longer taking place. President Jeter's response was that this particular request is a form of micromanaging and that the Board will direct the General Manager if there needs to be a change. **2) Director Fenn** requested that President Jeter review committee assignments and to make additions or changes appropriately. General Manager Davis stated that this item will be on the agenda at the next board meeting.

8. Announcements

- A. Engineering Workshop, January 11, 2016 at **4:00 p.m.**
- B. The office will be closed January 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday**, January 19, 2016 at **7:00 p.m.**

9. Adjournment: *President Jeter adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.*



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board