

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223

**Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2018**

**Teleconference Location: Hampton Inn & Suites
Business Center Room
3450 Creek Pointe Room
East Pointe, GA**

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
Ron Duncan, Vice President
Lenny Stephenson, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director (arrived at 1:36)
David Castaldo, Director (absent)
Stephen Lehtonen, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Jeff 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 Fenn at 1:30 p.m., April 16, 2018 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Fenn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Duncan gave the invocation. A quorum was present.
2. **Statement Regarding Teleconference:** *President Fenn announced that the teleconference location was canceled.*
3. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Fenn asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. General Manager Davis stated the closed session has been canceled. There were no other adjustments to the agenda. 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 that are not on today's agenda. 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, April 2, 2018
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, April 9, 2018

President Fenn asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan, to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 5-0, with Director Castaldo absent and Director Ball not yet arrived.

6. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report:

(1) Operations Report: (a) SWP Water Deliveries: 1) The Agency has delivered a total of 571 acre-feet to the Noble Creek Connection, so far this month. **(b) Fishing Derby:** Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation and Parks Annual Fishing Derby will be held at the BCVWD water pond facility next Saturday.

(2) Water Supply Update: General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board DWR reports on precipitation for the Northern Sierra, San Joaquin Valley, and Tulare Lake Basin. He also reviewed the California's snow water content, reservoir conditions, and storage levels. The next Water Operations Committee meeting will take place on April 24th.

(3) California WaterFix Update: General Manager Davis provided a PowerPoint presentation that was authored by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The information included what the average capability is with and without the CA WaterFix. Metropolitan has proposed to fund the 9000 cfs project, including GAP funding for its share. An analysis of costs and benefits was also provided. General Manager Davis stated that this Board will likely be asked to consider a GAP funding action; an action to join a financing JPA; and to consider a resolution of support for funding a particular amount.

(4) General Agency Updates: General Manager Davis reported on the following: **(a) Noble Connection:** Staff submitted to DWR a 90% design package on the Noble connection enlargement for their review last week. **(b) San Geronio Pass GSA:** The first SGP GSA meeting took place last week. The GSA members want the Agency to take the lead on this basin. Staff will have some actions come to the Board on this in the next couple of months as staff determines a governance structure. **(c) Beaumont Avenue Recharge Facility Construction Update:** Pre-construction surveys will take place this week for birds and Los Angeles pocket mouse. The contract has been signed by both parties and Pro-Craft will be on site next Monday. General Manager Davis and Pro-Craft Construction met with the schools and school district to let them know what is going on. Safety of the students is the number one priority during construction.

B. General Counsel Report:

(1) General Counsel Jeff Ferre provided a written report pertaining to Water Code Section 1525 and the case of Northern California Water Association et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board et al, dated March 2, 2018; whereas, the Court of Appeal initially rejected challenges to the State Board's schedule of fees. However, the State Board appealed the case and the Court of Appeal reversed the trial judge's ruling, thereby upholding the State Board fees as valid regulatory fees.

C. Directors Reports:

1) Director Stephenson reported on two of YVWD's Board meetings that he attended. **2) Director Duncan** reported that he contacted the superintendent of Banning Unified School District to relay that the Agency has contracted with Inland Empire Resources Conservation District to train high school teachers in using a tabletop groundwater model (which the Agency will be providing) to understand groundwater principles. The teachers will then incorporate this in their curriculum. **3) Director Ball** reported that he attended the BCVWD Board meeting. He informed the Board that its Engineering workshop will be held on April 25th at 7:00 p.m.

7. New Business:

A. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve USGS Cooperative Agreement to Drill Three Monitoring Wells: A staff report and a copy of a proposal from USGS for the cooperative water-resources program in FFY18 were included in the agenda packet. The Agency had applied for and received two SGMA grants, each for \$1 million. The first \$1 million grant would be allocated to drill three additional monitoring wells in the eastern portion of the sub-basin. These monitoring wells enable us to better manage the basin in the long term. The total cost of the drilling of the wells is \$1,015,000. USGS will contribute \$15,000.00. The second \$1 million grant is for the production of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. After discussion Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Stephenson, authorizing the General Manager to sign the agreement with USGS, contingent on a 100% certainty that the Agency is a recipient of the first SGMA grant. Motion passed 6-0, with Director Castaldo absent.

8. Topics for Future Agendas: There were no items requested for future agendas.


9. Announcements:

- A. Finance & Budget Workshop, April 23, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance, April 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. – Banning City Hall
- C. Regular Board Meeting, May 7, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Closed Session (2 Items): *President Fenn noted that the Closed Session was canceled.*

11. Adjournment:

Time: 2:24 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board