

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Engineering Workshop**  
**October 8, 2018**

**Directors Present:** David Fenn, President  
Blair Ball, Director  
David Castaldo, Director  
Ron Duncan, Vice President  
Steve Lehtonen, Director  
Leonard Stephenson, Director

**Directors Absent:** Michael Thompson, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel  
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant

**1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call.** The Engineering workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Duncan at 1:30 p.m., October 8, 2018 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Vice President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

**2. Public Comment.** There were no members of the public who wished to comment at this time.

**3. Discussion of Governance of San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin GSA's.** A copy of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin GSA Memorandum of Agreement was included in the agenda package for reference. General Manager Davis introduced Deborah Wordham of Best Best & Krieger, a SGMA specialist who has supported the Agency's SGMA efforts, and mentioned that she would help him make a presentation. He then summarized the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin SGMA situation. The three GSA's had previously wished to amend the MOA to allow Advisory Councils as a method of accomplishing the necessary work and maintaining transparency, but the Board at a previous meeting did not allow the amendment. He related that the General Managers of the GSA members have since developed a new strategy based on an outreach program modeled on that of IRWMP's that does not require an amendment to the MOA. He noted that if the Board desired a higher level of transparency, they could direct him to hold periodic SGMA updates at Board meetings, thus giving the Board and the public additional opportunities to learn about the GSA's activities and to provide input if desired. The Board showed its support for the outreach process based on IRWMP's and directed the General Manager to hold SGMA updates quarterly for the Board starting in January.

**4. Public Meeting to Receive Input on Potential Monitoring Well Sites in San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin.** A series of maps of the Subbasin was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis noted that, as a condition of a \$1 million grant the Agency received for drilling monitoring wells in the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin, a public meeting must be held to seek stakeholder input on the locations

of the monitoring wells. He reviewed the maps with the Board and with the public and noted the thought process behind the selection of the final three sites. He described the eastern boundary of the Subbasin and noted that virtually no water level data exists for that portion of the Subbasin, and because of that any model of the basin could not be considered to be accurate and would not be able to be calibrated. At the end of the presentation two members of the public made comments. One asked if the presence of Tamarisk trees would impact groundwater levels in the Subbasin, and the other supported the selection process of the three sites and the locations of the sites themselves. All three are owned by Caltrans, who is relatively easy to work with relative to obtaining easements. There was no other input received from the public at the meeting.

**5. Discussion of Overflow Methodology of Fiesta Recharge Facility (Joseph Caldwell—Webb & Associates).** General Manager Davis introduced Joseph Caldwell of Albert Webb & Associates who presented a short power point summarizing the drainage of the facility in the event of an emergency. He noted the primary and secondary overflow lines and described how they would work and that, even in the event that both of these failed, the facility is designed to drain to Mountain View Avenue, not to the existing middle school or the adjacent property. He answered a number of questions from board members and the public.

**6. Update on Sites Reservoir.** General Manager Davis provided verbal updates, noting that there were no documents supporting his updated information. He described a number of conference calls in which he participated that have resulted in:

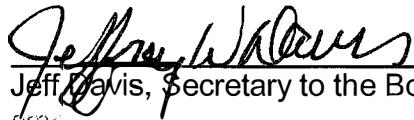
- Progress on enabling the costs of Sites Reservoir to be put on the Agency's Statement of Charges. He noted that this issue is linked to the issues of priority of Sites water vis a vis SWP water, and not harming other Contractors when Sites water is delivered via the SWP.
- Discussions related to changing Phase 2 of the Sites project to be a series of one-year time periods, thus enabling Sites investors to reduce the amount of their investments prior to getting all the information they need to make a final decision on participation.
- Progress on integrating the reservoir into operation of the SWP and CVP. He noted that much modeling is going on to determine how best to accomplish this, given the additional water that would be added to the system.

General Manager Davis noted that there will be a Sites Reservoir Committee meeting on October 18 that he will attend. He assured the Board that he will be able to update this information at the next Board meeting.

**7. Announcements**

- A. Regular Board Meeting, October 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, October 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance, October 24, 2018  
- 5:00 p.m. Banning City Hall;
- D. Regular Board Meeting, November 4, 2018 t 1:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment:** Vice President Duncan adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm



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Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board

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