

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 2018

Directors Present: David Fenn, President
Ron Duncan, Vice President
Blair Ball, Director
Stephen Lehtonen, Director

Directors Absent: Lenny Stephenson, Treasurer
David Castaldo, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

Staff Present: 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 David Fenn at 1:30 p.m., October 15, 2018 in the Agency Boardroom located at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. *President Fenn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Lehtonen gave the invocation. A quorum was present.*
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Fenn asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There were no adjustments to the agenda. The agenda was adopted as published.*
3. **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.*
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 1, 2018
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, October 8, 2018Director Ball inquired about the October 1, 2018 Board minutes pertaining to item 6A Yucaipa GSA voting rights and appointing an alternate. General Counsel Ferre stated that discussion on this topic should be noted on item 7. After discussion, Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Stephenson, to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Motion passed 4-0, with Directors Stephenson, Castaldo and Thompson absent.
5. **Reports:**
 - A. **General Counsel Report:** General Counsel Ferre provided a written report, which was included in the agenda packet. No further comment was given.

B. Directors Reports:

1) **Director Duncan** reported on the following: a) He attended the Pass EDA meeting that was held last week; no notable items. b) He also attended the BCVWD Board meeting on October 10th. SGPWA's water rate was an item of discussion. 2) **Director Ball** reported that he also attended the BCVWD Board meeting on October 10th.

6. New Business:

A. Consideration and Possible Action on Assignment of Municipal Waster Quality Investigations Program to the State Water Contractors: A staff report and the Assignment of State Water Project Contractors Authority MWQI Program Specific Project Agreement to SWC were included in the agenda packet. General Counsel Ferre informed the Board that the SWC Authority (SGPWA is a member) was set up to help or contractor for work that DWR needs to get done for certain water quality monitoring. Currently the only reporting that is being done by the SWPCA is that of the MWQI program. The MWQI program enables SWC to keep up on water quality issues within the State Water Project and to monitor water quality on a real time basis. The SWPCA's board has discussed what its next steps should be. It was decided by the Board for the SWPCA organization to go on hiatus for now. Due to this decision there are two proposed Board actions to be voted on separately. The first is an agreement among the members of the SWPCA to assign the MWQI program to the State Water Contractors Inc. A new employee hired by the SWC will oversee the MWQI SPC. There is no fiscal impact to the proposed action. The second action is to approve Amendment No. 1, which will be discussed during item 6B. Director Ball requested more information on the following:

1. What is the dollar amount that the Agency is paying for the MWQI?
2. Why is the SWC hiring a new employee? Will the hiring of this individual increase costs to the Agency? If so, by how much?
3. Is this assignment going to save the Agency money?
4. Is money being saved by not disbanding the JPA right now? If so, by how much?

It was the consensus of the Board to continue discussion on this item during the next Finance and Budget workshop.

B. Consideration and Possible Action on Amendment No. 1 to Municipal Water Quality Investigations (MWQI) Agreement: This item was not discussed due to the outcome of item 6A.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: **Director Ball** requested that a future agenda item be placed on the next Yucaipa GSA, regarding changing its by-laws.

8. Announcements:

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

9. Closed Session (1 Item)

Time: 1:55 pm

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: General Manager

The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 2:25 pm

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

10. Adjournment

Time: 2:25 pm



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board

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