## SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223 Minutes of the Board of Directors Engineering Workshop

Board of Directors Engineering Workshop May 13, 2019

**Directors Present:** Ron Duncan, President

Leonard Stephenson, Vice President

Blair Ball, Director David Castaldo, Director David Fenn, Director Steve Lehtonen, Director Mike 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 Stephenson at 1:30 p.m., May 13, 2019 in the Agency Board room at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. Vice President Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A guorum was present.

- **2. Public Comment:** Vice President Stephenson 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.
- 3. Discussion of Possible Infrastructure Plan. A copy of a staff report was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis pointed out that the recently completed strategic plan calls for an infrastructure plan to be developed by the Agency, and that discussion of a potential capacity that could help to pay for infrastructure should be accompanied by a study summarizing what infrastructure is required by the Agency. Dan Jaggers, General Manager of Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, spoke on infrastructure, a capacity fee, and a nexus study for it. Joe Zoba, General Manager of the Yucaipa Valley Water District, suggested that a new study on infrastructure is not required as the Agency already has a study. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that funds for an infrastructure study be included in the general fund budget for 2019-2020.
- 4. Discussion of Engineering Budget for 2019-2020. A copy of a draft engineering budget was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis reminded that Board that he has presented such a draft budget to the Board each year in advance of the regular budget presentation, to provide for the Board an idea of what engineering and consulting needs would be for the Agency for the coming year. He reviewed the draft budget with the Board, noting that the Board will have two more opportunities to review the budget.

- 5. Report on Loss of Carryover Water. A chronology of events related to loss of carryover water was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis reported that this item had been requested by the Board and that he had put together the chronology in response to that request. He reviewed the chronology with the Board, noting that loss of carryover water was inevitable this year given that the Agency was shut down in February by DWR and that flows were restricted after the EBX came back online in March. He summarized attempts by Agency staff to work deals with other Contractors that would have prevented some of the loss and noted that they were unsuccessful largely because the Department of Water Resources did not allow some of these and for the one they did, it took so long to approve an agreement that carryover water was already gone by the time it was. He informed the Board that the Agency delivered nearly 2000 acre-feet of the carryover water before it was converted to Article 21 water and offered to Contractors, and that some portion of the carryover water was converted to this year's Table A water.
- **6. Discussion on Potential Sponsorship of Santa Ana Watershed Signs.** A photo of a typical sign was included in the agenda package, along with a summary of costs of sponsorship. General Manager Davis reviewed the information with the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to not participate in any such sponsorship.
- **7. Discussion of Ordinance 8.** A copy of the Ordinance was included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis noted that this too was requested by the Board. He summarized the Board's concern as related to retailers' ability to change their water request after the fact. He pointed out that the Ordinance does allow "reasonable" changes to these requests. After a brief discussion the Board decided to not pursue any changes to the Ordinance at this time.
- 8. Announcements:
  - A. Cancelled Regular Board Meeting, May 20, 2019 at 1:30 pm.
  - B. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance, May 22, 2019, 5:00 pm, Banning City Hall.
  - C. Office closed Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day.
  - D. Finance and Budget Workshop, Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1:30 pm
- 9. Closed Session (1 item)

Time: 3:38

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

The Board reconvened to open session at 4:25 pm. General Counsel Ferre announced that no action was taken that is reportable under the Brown Act.

**10. Adjournment:** Vice President Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 4:26 pm.

Jeff Davis, Secretary to the Board