

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
March 2, 2020

Directors Present: Ron Duncan, President
Lenny Stephenson, Vice President
Stephen Lehtonen, Treasurer
Blair Ball, Director
David Fenn, Director
David Castaldo, Director
Michael Thompson, Director

Staff Present: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
Casmir Olaivar, Social Media Specialist

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 Duncan at 1:30 p.m., March 2, 2020 in the Agency Boardroom at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Thompson gave the invocation. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Duncan asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. There being none the agenda was adopted as published.*
3. **Public Comment:** *President Duncan 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. No members of the public wished to comment.*
4. **Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, February 18, 2020
 - B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, February 24, 2020
 - C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Workshop Report, February 24, 2020
 - D. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, February 24, 2020

President Duncan asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo, to adopt the consent calendar as amended. Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Reports:**
 - A. General Manager's Written Report:** A written report was not provided in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis verbally provided the report to the Board.

(1) Operations and Water Supply Report: a) The Agency delivered 2064 AF in February. Of this, about 1400 AF was to the BCVWD facility and about 664 AF was to the Fiesta Recharge Facility. b) It is now apparent that San Luis Reservoir will not

fill. Flows to the Fiesta Recharge Facility were reduced to 10 cfs last week and just 5 cfs this week and that will go to zero next week. c) This was the first February in recorded history with no precipitation in the Sierras. February is historically our wettest month. The snowpack is about half what it normally is for this date.

(2) General Updates: General Manager Davis reviewed the following with the Board:

- a. New BiOps, Voluntary Agreements review.
- b. Vandalism took place at the Fiesta Recharge Facility. We have received No Trespassing signs and will be installing them soon.
- c. Negotiations for a Delta Conveyance amendment - we had another caucus - we have been moving forward. Another caucus will take place this week.

Director Ball inquired if the Fiesta Recharge Facility should continue to receive water at maximum capacity for the science. General Manager Davis stated that we have already tested the ponds and that there is little to be gained by continuing deliveries. The facility is operating as it is designed to. He noted that the infiltration rates were not as high as anticipated, however BCVWD is currently experiencing the same issue at its facility.

B. General Counsel Report: General Counsel Jeff Ferre stated that he has nothing to report at this time.

C. Directors Reports: **Director Castaldo** reported on the BCVWD Town Hall Meeting regarding its rate action on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020. He also reported on BCVWD's Engineering workshop that was held on February 27th. **Director Ball** reported on Banning Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast that was held on February 19th. He also attended BCVWD's Engineering workshop that was held on February 27th. **Director Stephenson** reported that he attended YVWD's Board meeting that was held on February 25th. **Director Lehtonen** reported on BCVWD's Town Hall Meeting regarding its rate action on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020. He also reported on BCVWD's Engineering workshop that was held on February 27th. **President Duncan** reported that he attended the Republican Women's meeting that was held on February 26th. He also attended Banning Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast that was held on February 19th.

D. Committee Reports: None

6. New Business:

A. Consideration and Possible Action on Adding Delivery Points for Yucaipa Valley Water District (YVWD). A staff report and related material were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis stated that this issue was discussed during the February Engineering workshop. During the workshop General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board YVWD's application for the four additional delivery points, YVWD's purpose for the request, and the reason why this process has taken so long to approve. General Manager Davis stated that YVWD wishes to procure more water in case of an emergency. The requests for these additional delivery points will allow YVWD to store water in a number of different basins. He stated that two of the requested points of delivery are located within the Beaumont Basin -

SGPWA Recharge Facility and BCVWD Recharge Facility. One of the requested points of delivery is located within the Yucaipa Basin – Wilson Creek Facility. The final requested point of delivery is located within the Bunker Hill Basin – Bunker Hill Conjunctive Use Project. The CEQA process for the Bunker Hill CUP has begun but it is not completed. Staff is not recommending approving the Bunker Hill basin as a new delivery point for YVWD at this time. When CEQA is completed for this project staff will bring this item back to the Board for consideration. Staff is recommending that the Board approve three new delivery points for YVWD – Wilson Creek, Fiesta recharge, and BCVWD recharge. The Board could also conditionally approve the Bunker Hill basin as a delivery point, with proof of CEQA compliance required before allowing YVWD to take delivery at that location. After discussion, Director Thompson made a motion, seconded by President Duncan, to approve YVWD's application - conditionally approving the Bunker Hill basin as a delivery point based on CEQA compliance. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Amendment to Delta Conveyance Finance Joint Power Authority Agreement (JPAA). A staff report and supporting documents were included in the agenda package. General Manager Davis informed the Board that this is a housekeeping item. On May 21, 2018, the Board approved Resolution 2018-02, which authorized joining the Delta Conveyance Finance Joint Powers Authority. The existing JPA refers to the Delta Conveyance project as the "California Water Fix." That project is no longer in existence and the purpose of the amendment is to change references to the "California Water Fix". In addition, a few other housekeeping changes are included in the amendment. General Manager Davis reviewed the changes with the Board. He reported that the DC Finance JPA is getting ready for a potential bond sale in 2022 to finance the final design and the beginning of construction of the Delta Conveyance project. The amendment allows the JPA Agreement to reflect the fact that there are new members, that certain events have transpired since 2018, and to clarify minor administrative issues. Staff is recommending that the Board adopts Resolution No. 2020-01, approving an amendment to Delta Conveyance Finance Joint Power Authority Agreement. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Fenn, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Consideration and Possible Action to Award a Contract to Roberts Consulting Group for Executive Recruitment Service for the Position of General Manager. A staff report and supporting documents were included in the agenda package. General Counsel Ferre stated that an Ad-Hoc Committee was formed in order to initiate the process for recruiting a new General Manager to take over in July of 2020. On December 2, 2019 the Board took action to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for executive recruitment service firm that will assist in all aspects of advertising, interviewing, and helping the Board select a new General Manager. The Board conducted interviews with two firms on February 24, 2020. The Board authorized Legal Counsel to pursue a final version of an agreement with Roberts Consulting Group; said agreement is in the agenda packet. The fee schedule by Roberts Consulting Group is in the amount of a fixed fee of \$27,000, which includes expenses. Roberts Consulting Group has agreed to this contract and has signed it. Staff recommends that the Board take action to award this contract to Roberts Consulting Group. Director Stephenson made a motion,

seconded by Director Thompson, to award a contract to Roberts Consulting Group for executive recruitment services in the amount of \$27,000. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Topics for Future Agendas: Director Stephenson requested further discussion on Nickel water. **Director Fenn** stated that at a previous Finance and Budget workshop there was discussion on income coming from property tax that was on hold due to a pending lawsuit. He requested that staff inform the Board when that money is received or when there is an update. **Director Thompson** requested a review of the Agency's contract with Albert Webb & Associates for the Fiesta Recharge Facility. **Director Ball** stated that on February 3rd the Board had given staff specific questions pertaining to CalPERS. He asked when those questions would be responded to. General Counsel Ferre stated his colleague at BB&K is working on getting answers to those questions. **Director Castaldo** would like discussion on the subject of the Agency's properties and how to utilize them.

8. Announcements:

- A. Engineering Workshop, March 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Water Conservation and Education Workshop, March 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, March 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

9. Closed Session (1 Item)

Time: 2:32 pm

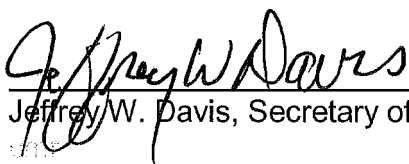
- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8
Property: Potential water rights/supplies offers from the City of Ventura
Agency negotiator: Jeff Davis, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Lynn Takaichi
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The meeting reconvened to open session at: Time: 2:42 pm

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

10. Adjournment

Time: 2:42 pm



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board