

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
September 14, 2020

Directors Present: Ron Duncan, President
All Board members Leonard Stephenson, Vice President
Attended by Video David Castaldo, Director
Conferencing/ David Fenn, Director
Teleconferencing Steve Lehtonen, Director
Mike Thompson, Director

Directors Absent: Blair Ball, Director

Staff Present: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
All staff members Jeff Ferre, General Counsel
Attended by Video Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
Conferencing/ Tom Todd, Finance Manager
Teleconferencing

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., September 14, 2020 via videoconference/teleconference. Vice President Stephenson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Vice President Stephenson requested a roll call.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Present	Absent	
Director Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Director Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Director Fenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
President Duncan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arrived at 1:50 pm

A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment: Vice President Stephenson requested public comment. No members of the public wished to address the Board at this time.

3. Review of 2021 Local Water Deliveries. 1) A PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart relayed to the Board that the Agency is allotted 17,300 acre-feet of Table A water. Every year the Department of Water Resources determines the percentage of what State Water Contractors receive; allocation for 2020 is 20% = 3,460 acre-feet. He noted that the Agency is at 60% of long term reliability (10,380 AF) and that we are currently meeting the local water delivery demands. In order to meet the current water requests the Agency secured imported water from a number of outside water sources, those being Nickel water (34,000 acre-feet of reliable water over a twenty-year period), Ventura water (year-year), and Yuba water. The Agency is actively looking into securing water

from additional sources to meet water demands in the future. 2. General Manager Eckhart reminded the Board that in the near future (October/November) the Board will need to take action on securing water from Sites Reservoir and Delta Conveyance. 3. General Manager Eckhart noted that he has concerns pertaining to banking water during wet years. In the event that we import our Table A water supply, and also import our additional water from other sources, it will be challenging to have enough storage space between BCVWD's recharge facility and the Agency's recharge facility. There may be a need to look at outside banking facilities in the future. 4. General Manager Eckhart stated that to date (July totals with estimates to date) the Agency has delivered an estimated 7,520 acre-feet. He also stated that the total request from by our water retailers for 2020 is 10,200 acre-feet. General Manager Eckhart concluded his presentation and answered questions from the Board. Vice President Stephenson requested public comment. Dan Jagers (General Manager BCVWD) conveyed that there is a "T" at the intersection of Beaumont Ave & Cherry Valley Boulevard that would provide for a future connection to BCVWD's recharge facilitates. He suggested collectively doing an emergency project to make that connection complete to the BCVWD recharge facility.

4. Discussion of Cost sharing Agreement for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A Staff report, a proposed Cost Sharing Agreement, and a PowerPoint presentation were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart noted that that in 2018, the Agency was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (SGP) to support Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation. The Agency contracted with Provost & Pritchard to develop the GSP. The decision to contract with Provost & Prichard was unanimous by the six members of the Working Group members consisting of:

1. San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
2. City of Banning
3. Banning Heights Mutual Water Company
4. Cabazon Water District
5. Mission Springs Water District
6. Desert Water Agency

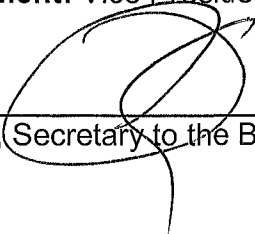
The potential to exceed the \$1 million grant amount due to scope changes as the program progressed was determined to be likely by the Working Group. A cost share agreement, to cover non-grant funded expenses, was discussed during the early stages of the project, but no action was taken due to not knowing if it would be necessary. In June of 2020, it was clear to the Working Group that additional scope items would be necessary to implement the GSP and a change order would be needed to cover the additional work. The six members of the GSP Working Group unanimously agreed with the need for the proposed change order and with the terms of the cost share agreement, subject to approval by the governing boards of each member of the Working Group. The Agency would be responsible for approximately \$27,000 of the additional scope items. General Manager Eckhart stated that Staff's recommendation is to present the Cost Sharing Agreement to the Board for consideration at a future Board meeting. Vice President Stephenson requested public comment. There was no public comment at this time. Vice President Stephenson requested Board discussion. A brief discussion by the Board and Staff ensued.

Vice President Stephenson read the following announcements:

7. Announcements:

- A. Regular Board Meeting, September 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Finance & Budget Workshop, September 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Regular Board Meeting, October 5, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom

8. Adjournment: Vice President Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary to the Board

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