

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

Invocation Policy

March 6, 2017

An invocation shall be permitted at each board meeting immediately following the flag salute.

- I. Time Limit:** The length of each invocation is limited to three minutes.
- II. Speakers:** Clergy, Staff, Directors, or other persons can open a legislative session of a public entity with a prayer as long as the prayer does not proselytize any one or disparage any other faith or belief.
- III. Guidelines for Opening Invocation at San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency:**
Based on this general principle, prayers offered at the opening of a session of a SGPWA meeting should adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. The prayer should be respectful in tone and invite the Board members and Staff to reflect upon shared ideals and common ends before embarking on their business.
 - b. The prayer should not be used as an opportunity to preach or argue on behalf of or against a particular religious faith.
 - c. The prayer should not be used as an opportunity to lobby or argue on behalf of or against a particular board related issue.
 - d. The prayer can call on God on behalf of those present.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on March 6, 2017 by a vote of 6-0, with Director Castaldo absent.

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President Fenn, President