

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
October 19, 2020

IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, **THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC LOCATION FOR ATTENDING THIS BOARD MEETING IN PERSON.** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY LISTEN AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT TELEPHONICALLY BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER: 669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 820 7310 9940
 OR JOIN BY ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82073109940>

arrived at 1:33 p.m.)
 All Board members
 attended by video
 conferencing/
 teleconferencing

Lenny Stephenson, Vice President
 Michael Thompson, Treasurer
 Blair Ball, Director (arrived at 1:35 p.m.)
 David Fenn, Director
 David Castaldo, Director
 Steve Lehtonen, Director

Staff Present:
 All Staff members
 attended by video
 conferencing/
 teleconferencing

Lance Eckhart, General Manager
 Jeff Ferre, General Counsel
 Thomas Todd, Finance Manger
 Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
 Casmir Joy Olaivar, Student Intern

- 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., October 19, 2020 by video/teleconference. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Thompson gave the invocation. *President Duncan requested a roll call.*

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

A quorum was present.

- 2. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** *President Duncan asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda.* General Manager Eckhart responded, stating that there is no adjustment to the agenda.

3. **Public Comment:** *President Duncan asked for public comments.* Joyce McIntire (a resident of Yucaipa) commented on the Candidate Forum that was held by the Calimesa Chamber of Commerce. There were no other members of the public that spoke at this time.

4. **Consent Calendar:**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 5, 2020
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Engineering Workshop, October 12, 2020
- C. Approval of the Revised San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Vehicle Policy

President Duncan asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Director Lehtonen made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo, to adopt the consent calendar, as presented. President Duncan requested a roll call vote.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Aye	Noes	Absent	Abstain
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion passed 6-0, with Director Ball absent.

5. **Reports:**

A. General Manager's Report: General Manager Eckhart reported on the following:

- 1) Update on Flume Video: Operations Manager Ken Falls took General Manager Eckhart on a tour of the Flume area. Edison is cutting down trees and there are still smoldering hot spots in the tree stumps. Staff continues to collaborate with Banning Heights Mutual Water Company with the filming process.
- 2) Upcoming Meetings: General Manager Eckhart will be heading up north to the Bakersfield/Fresno area next week to discuss participating in a water bank with other interested parties. A report to the Board will be forthcoming.
- 3) Weather Update: It looks like we are in an El Nino year pattern. An El Nino year would mean that we may not be able to meet our customer water orders as the requests exceed 10k acre-feet. Subsequently, will be importing Nickel water and looking at water transfers in order to fill those requests.
- 4) Update on Flooding Potential: Staff is working with the community in regards to potential flooding. The school district has reached out to the Agency in regards to the Mountain View Middle School that is just south of the Fiesta Facility. We all want to make sure that we protect both theirs

and our facilities from any flooding. Staff will be meeting with the school district representatives this week.

- 5) Delta Conveyance: A vote will take place during November/December time frame. Volume and costs are firming up; not everyone is participating, which gives the Agency the opportunity to increase its share by a small percentage.

B. General Counsel Reports: A General Counsel report was not provided.

C. Directors Reports: 1) **Director Stephenson** reported on YVWD’s Board meeting. He also reported on the Candidate forum that was hosted by Calimesa Chamber of Commerce. 2) **Director Fenn** reported on the Beaumont Chamber Breakfast meeting that was held on October 9th. 3) **Director Ball** reported on BCVWD’s meeting. 2) **Director Thompson** reported on the Beaumont Watermaster meeting, General Manager Eckhart attended and spoke on the Agency’s position and why we should move forward on a collaborative effort. He also reported on the Water Conservation and Education Committee meeting that was held on October 8th. IERCD representatives spoke on the Agency’s social media campaign and the digital education program.

D. Committee Reports: 1) **Director Ball** reported on the Capacity Fee Committee meeting. An update of new data will be provided next month by our HdL consultant.

6. New Business:

A. Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2020-07 Approving Amendment to the Long Term Water Supply Contract with the State of California to Provide Water Management Flexibility and Making Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. A staff report, a copy of Resolution No. 2020-07, and related material were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart stated that this item has been in the making for over two years. The resulting change in the contract will provide for more flexibility in conducting transfers and exchanges, which are critical for the Agency to manage its water supplies moving forward. He noted that this item was discussed extensively during the October 12th engineering meeting and that it looks like the same audience is present today. He offered to go into detail should the Board request it. President Duncan requested public comment. There being none, he requested a motion. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Fenn, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-07. President Duncan requested a roll call on the motion.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Aye	Noes	Absent	Abstain
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Fenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Director Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion passed 7-0.

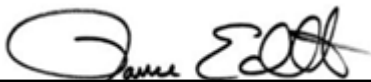
7. Topics for Future Agendas: None. President Duncan requested continuation of the noted future agenda items. General Manager Eckhart noted the request. He informed the Board that there are two items for upcoming agendas. 1.) Bunker Hill Basin: We are currently waiting on some terms and ideas from SBVMWD's attorney, which has caused some delay for about a month. 2.) Update on the Flume video: This was reported on during General Manager's report.

8. Announcements -

- A. Finance & Budget Workshop, October 26, 2020 at 1:30 pm–
Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Regular Board Meeting, November 2, 2020 at 1:30 pm–Teleconference/Zoom

9. Adjournment

Time: 1:57 pm



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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