

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
December 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

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, ID 834 9484 9626
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Directors Present:

All Board members
Attended by video
conferencing/
teleconferencing

Ron Duncan, President
Blair Ball, Director (arrived at 1:33 p.m.)
Steve Lehtonen, Director
Chander Letulle, Director
Larry Smith, Director
Mickey Valdivia, Director

Staff Present:

All staff members
Attended by video
conferencing/
Teleconferencing

Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Tom Todd, Jr., Finance Manager
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
Jeff Ferre, General Counsel

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 President Duncan at 1:30 p.m., December 14, 2020 via videoconference. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Duncan requested a roll call.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Director Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A quorum was present.

2. 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 spoke at this time.

3. Report on Water Conditions: A PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart reviewed with the Board the State Precipitation Stations, Reservoir Conditions, and the Drought Monitor data. The statewide precipitation reports indicated that drought development is likely for southern California. He noted that the Agency stores water at San Luis Reservoir and that we have to be cognizant of the potential of the reservoir spills. At this time, we are well below the capacity of the San Luis Reservoir this year. We do have some carryover

from last year to accommodate YVWD's water orders and the local fishing derby and other obligations. The total water orders for 2021 are 12,920 acre-feet. DWR sent a notice to SWC notifying them that the 2021 SWP initial allocation is 10%. Last year we were able to meet our demands, this year we will be relying on exchanges and trades. General Manager Eckhart answered questions from the Board. Director Ball asked that General Manager Eckhart explain to the Board the history of the spillway problems at Lake Oroville. General Manager Eckhart gave a brief overview of the importance of Lake Oroville and the failure of the spillway. He stated that in 2021, he will be providing the Board with a more in-depth report on Lake Oroville and DWR's effort to rebuild the spillway. General Manager Jagers (BCVWD) briefly explained the intent of BCVWD's water banking.

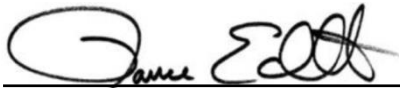
4. Update on Fire and Preventative Actions: A PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart provided a summary of what has occurred with the 2020 Apple and El Dorado fires and the protective actions. He talked about potential erosion, potential debris flows, potential impacts on infrastructure, and the uncertain long-term effects on water supply pertaining to the Whitewater Flume. He noted that BCVWD laid K-rails at the Noble turn-out; this facility supplies their recharge facility. In addition, there is a bridge located north of the corner of Beaumont Avenue and Brookside Avenue, which is near the Fiesta Recharge Facility and BCVWD's Recharge Facility. The bridge could potentially clog should a heavy rain event occur, and water could flow down Beaumont Avenue into the Fiesta Recharge Facility and into the middle school located south of the Fiesta Recharge Facility. We are working with the county, the school district, as well as our consultant Webb Engineering, to mitigate potential flooding should stormwater make its way to our recharge ponds. K-rails are being placed along the southern border of our Fiesta recharge facility by the school district to protect the neighboring middle school; these K-rails will stay in place for a couple of years. General Manager Eckhart concluded his presentation and answered questions from the Board. Director Valdivia noted that Riverside County Flood Control will be holding a meeting for Zone Area 5. He also noted that there is a Collaborative Agency Committee, which is made up of various districts, and he feels that the Agency should be attending these meetings. The intent of the committee is engage in interagency cooperation.

5. Report on Cherry Valley Pump Station Incident: A PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart provided a short presentation on the breach that occurred on December 3rd. He noted that SCE has been doing a series of shut-downs and after a scheduled shutdown, the electrical service to the pump station was reenergized, which ultimately resulted in a breach of a bulkhead at the pump station. The system was shut down remotely from the Devil Canyon Power Plant within ten minutes of the breach. DWR is investigating the incident. Deliveries are tentatively scheduled to resume in February 2021. General Manager Eckhart concluded his presentation and answered questions from the Board.

6. Announcements:

- A. Regular Board Meeting, December 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Office closed December 24th & 25th, 2020 in observance of the
Christmas Holiday
- C. Cancelled – Finance and Budget Workshop, December 28, 2020

7. Adjournment: President Duncan adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Eckhart", written over a horizontal line.

Lance Eckhart, Secretary to the Board

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