

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2021, 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,
THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

Board Present: Steve Lehtonen, President
Board members Larry Smith, Vice President
Attended by video Mickey Valdivia, Treasurer
conferencing/ Blair Ball, Director
teleconferencing Ron Duncan, Director
Chander Letulle, Director
Robert Ybarra, Director

Staff Present: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Staff members Tom Todd, Jr., Finance Manager
attended by video Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
conferencing/ Jeff Ferre, General Counsel
teleconferencing

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 Lehtonen at 1:30 pm, June 7, 2021, by video/teleconference. President Lehtonen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Valdivia gave the invocation. President Lehtonen requested a roll call.

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

A quorum was present.

2. **Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** President Lehtonen asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda. General Manager Eckhart responded, stating that there was no adjustment to the agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** President Lehtonen asked for public comments on any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. There were no public comments at this time.

4. Consent Calendar:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting and Finance and Budget Workshop, May 24, 2021.

President Lehtonen asked for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Ybarra, to adopt the consent calendar as presented.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ybarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion passed 7-0.

5. Reports:

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

- 1) A Sites Reservoir Project Board workshop will take place in the near future.
- 2) Beaumont Basin Watermater update: A request for financial participation for a study of storage water losses was made by General Manager Joe Zoba (YVWD). The initial phase of the study is about \$10k and would be a shared cost.
- 3) Update on water deal with the City of Ventura and Casitas Water District: General Manager Eckhart answered questions from the Board.

- B. **General Counsel's Report:** General Counsel Ferre reported on public locations for board meetings. He answered questions from the Board. Director Valdivia and President Lehtonen requested that this item be agendized for a future meeting to discuss in-person board meetings.

6. Unfinished Business:

- A. **2020 Regional Wholesale Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP):** A staff report, a copy of the 2020 Regional Wholesale UWMP, and a PowerPoint presentation were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart stated that today's goal is to distribute the public review draft of the 2020 UWMP. He noted that changes had been made since the distribution of the administrative UWMP draft. Gwyn-Mohr Tulley and Greg Young (Tulley & Young) provided detailed explanations on the following:

- Layperson's Description
- Introduction to SGPWA
- Water Service and System Description
- Water Supply

- Water Use
- Water Service Reliability
- Water Shortage Contingency Plan
- Delta Reliance Appendix

Mr. Tully concluded his presentation and opened this item for questions from the public and the Board. After discussion, President Lehtonen thanked Mr. Tully and Mr. Young. President Lehtonen requested a motion from the Board. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Smith, to receive and circulate the 2020 Regional Wholesale UWMP Public Review Draft. President Lehtonen requested a roll call vote.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Aye	Noes	Abstain
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ybarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion passed 7-0

B. General Fund Budget: A PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart noted that the discussion of the draft of the proposed budget for the General Fund for FY 2021-22 will focus on new items proposed for the General Fund. General Manager Eckhart went into detail regarding new projects that are being proposed. The projects include:

- Infrastructure Plan (Phase 2)
- Backbone Pipeline
- Three-Party Deal (Bunker Hill)
- South Mesa Recharge
- Small Systems Support
- Grant Support
- Federal Advocate
- Yucaipa GSA and San Gorgonio GSA
- Income Study
- Agency Audio/Video Update
- Maintenance and Improvements

General Manager Eckhart answered questions from the Board during the presentation. President Lehtonen noted that an ad-hoc committee for grant support and federal advocacy would be warranted. Finance Manager Thomas Todd reviewed the spreadsheets for the rest of the items of the proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2021-22 with the Board. President Lehtonen opened this item for public comment. General Manager Dan Jagers (BCVWD) stated that he appreciates the long-term planning effort

being proposed. He spoke on the reserves that BCVWD has and the importance for all of us to bank water for the region.

7. Reports – Directors

A. 1) Director Valdivia noted that he would not be able to Chair the upcoming Finance and Budget workshop on June 28th. He asked that Director Smith and Director Letulle perform the morning review of the financials for the workshop. Director Letulle stated he also would not be able to attend but that he would be available for the workshop. **2) Director Smith** stated that he attended the BCVWD Finance Committee. He noted that BCVWD is also demonstrating total transparency.

B. Committee Reports:

1) Director Ybarra stated that the Local Capital Improvement Committee will be meeting with representatives from the City of Banning in the near future.

8. Topics for Future Agendas: President Lehtonen noted the current pending agenda items, as well as Director Letulle's request for a Sites update.

9. Announcements

- A. Water Conservation and Education Workshop, June 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Engineering Workshop, June 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Regular Board Meeting, June 21, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
- D. Finance and Budget Workshop, June 28, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom

President Lehtonen adjourned the Board meeting to Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

10. Closed Session – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
One potential case.

- **The Board came out of closed session at 6:03 p.m.**
- **The Board reconvened to open session at 6:04 p.m.**

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

11. Adjournment: President Lehtonen adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board