

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Engineering Workshop
June 14, 2021 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,
THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

Directors Present: Stephen Lehtonen, President
All 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
All staff members Jeff Ferre, General Counsel
Attended by video Tom Todd, Jr., Finance Manager
conferencing/ Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
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 President Lehtonen at 1:30 p.m., June 14, 2021, via videoconference. General Manager Eckhart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Vice President Smith requested a roll call.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Present	Absent
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. Public Comment: President Lehtonen 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. General Manager’s Report: General Manager Eckhart reported on SB 559 – “Department of Water Resources: water conveyance systems: Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Fund” passed the Senate in June. He informed the Board that the Agency’s website had a glitch in the calendar; this issue has been resolved.

4. Water Conditions Update: General Manager Eckhart reported on the following:

- Weather & Reservoir Conditions
- Forecasted Hydrologic Conditions - Dry
- 2021 Deliveries
- Water Debt – 6,750 AF

5. General Fund Budget: General Manager Eckhart reported on the changes made to the draft of the proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2021-22. General Manager Eckhart answered questions from the Board and received comments from the Board. After discussion, Director Smith made a motion, seconded by Director Valdivia, to move this item forward to the June 21, 2021 Board meeting for approval. Further discussion from the Board ensued. Director Ball and Director Valdivia requested information on the costs of the proposed new staff member including the method of funding, salary range, job description and the need for the new staff member. President Lehtonen requested a roll call vote.

<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"/>

Motion passed 7-0.

6. Announcements:

- A. Board Meeting, June 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Finance and Budget Workshop, June 28, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Office closed July 5, 2021, in observance of Independence Day
- D. Board Meeting, July 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom

President Lehtonen adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 2:18 pm.


7. 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 3:22 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:23 p.m.

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

8. Adjournment: President Lehtonen adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary to the Board