

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2021

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 Thomas Todd, Finance Manager
attended by video Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
conferencing/ Jeff Ferre, Legal 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 Vice President Smith at 1:30 pm, June 21, 2021 by video/teleconference. Director Valdivia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Duncan gave the invocation. Director Duncan requested a roll call.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Director Ball	☒	☐
Director Duncan	☒	☐
Director Letulle	☒	☐
Director Smith	☒	☐
Director Valdivia	☒	☐
Director Ybarra	☒	☐
President Lehtonen	☒	☐

A quorum was present.

- 2. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** Director 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:** Director Duncan asked for public comments on any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. There was no public comment at this time.
- 4. Consent Calendar:**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 7, 2021
 - B. Approval of the Engineering Workshop Report, June 14, 2021

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

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Aye	Noes	Absent
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion passed 5-0, with Director Letulle and President Lehtonen experiencing technical difficulties.

5. Reports:

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

- 1) An update on the Backbone Pipeline discussion that took place on June 17th with the Local Capital Improvement Committee and representatives from the City of Banning and Cabazon Water District.

B. General Counsel Reports: General Counsel Ferre reviewed with the Board the current COVID-19 rules and how they impact the Agency.

6. New Business:

A. Public Hearing, 2020 Regional Wholesale Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) – Resolution 2021-08: A staff report and supporting documentation were included in the agenda packet. Vice President Smith opened the public hearing and referred this item to General Manager Eckhart. General Manager Eckhart noted that Agency counsel participated throughout the entire process, including stakeholder meetings, to assist with the regional approach, consistency with the increasing UWMP requirements, and legal sufficiency. The Board has seen an administrative draft of the plan and the public review draft of the plan. General Manager Eckhart noted that he had not received any public comments. He also noted that there were some non-substantive changes made to the 2020 UWMP public draft. He reviewed with the Board the elements of the UWMP and the projection of water reliability. General Manager Eckhart recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the UWMP plan as written or as amended during the public hearing and authorize staff to submit the plan to the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2021. Vice President Smith opened the floor to public comments; there was no public comment given. Vice President Smith closed the public hearing. Vice President opened the floor for a motion. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Ybarra, to adopt Resolution 2021-08, adopting the 2020 UWMP. Vice President Smith requested a roll call vote on the motion.

<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.

B. Water Shortage Contingency Plan – Resolution 2021-09: Vice President Smith requested a motion. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Ybarra, to adopt Resolution 2021-09, Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Vice President Smith requested a roll call vote on the motion.

<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.

C. Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan – Resolution 2021-10: Vice President Smith requested a motion. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Ybarra, to adopt Resolution 2021-10, Addendum to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. Vice President Smith requested a roll call vote on the motion.

<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.

D. Flume Update – Julie Hutchinson (BHMWC): General Manager Lance Eckhart introduced Julie Hutchinson (BHMWC). Ms. Hutchinson thanked the Board for requesting an update on the Flume. She also thanked the Board for passing within the Budget monies allocated toward small systems in the region. Ms. Hutchinson presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Whitewater Flume Update – Post Apple Fire. She provided background information; initial damage assessment – October 20, 2020; Flume damage assessment and tour on 02/26/2021; and current efforts. She thanked the Board for time, interest, and support. Ms. Hutchinson answered questions from the Board. Director Duncan requested that the presentation be uploaded to the Agency's website. General Manager Eckhart responded that he would comply with the request. Director Ybarra inquired about a tour of the Flume. Ms. Hutchinson stated that she would support that request. General Manager Eckhart noted that he would put a tour together to take place in the near future.

E. Proposed Budget for the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-22: General Manager Lance Eckhart noted that the Board had reviewed the proposed Budget at two different meetings. He referred this item to Finance Manager Thomas Todd. Mr. Todd provided a brief review of the timeline of the proposed Budget. He noted a typographical error, stating that the water purchases would take about 70 percent, not 80 percent of the Budget. He explained the change in the accounting practices. Vice President Smith requested comments from the public. There being none, he asked for comments from the Board. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Valdivia, to approve the Budget 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.

7. Reports - Directors:

A. Directors Reports: None

B. Committee Reports:

1) **Director Ybarra** reported on the Local Capital Improvement Committee meeting that took place on June 17th. The discussion during that meeting was about the backbone pipeline to Banning. The City of Banning discussed submitting a Memorandum of Understanding.

8. Topics for Future Agendas. None.

9. Announcements:

- A. Finance and Budget Workshop, June 28, 2021 at 1:30 pm –
Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Office closed Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day
- C. Regular Board Meeting, July 12, 2021 at 1:30 pm –
Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Finance & Budget - Engineering Workshop, July 19, 2021 at 1:30 pm –
Teleconference/Zoom

11. Adjournment: Vice President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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