

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 6, 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 OR VIA ZOOM. MEETING ID 821 1597 9589

**Directors Present:** Ron Duncan, President  
 All Board members Lenny Stephenson, Vice President  
 attended by video Michael Thompson, Treasurer  
 conferencing/ Blair Ball, Director  
 teleconferencing David Fenn, Director  
 David Castaldo, Director  
 Steve Lehtonen, Director

**Staff Present:** Jeff Davis, General Manager  
 All Staff members Jeff Ferre, General Counsel  
 attended by video Thomas Todd, Finance Manger  
 conferencing/ Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant  
 teleconferencing 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., July 6, 2020 by video/teleconference. President Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Lehtonen gave the invocation. President Duncan requested a roll call.

<u><b>Roll Call:</b></u>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Director Castaldo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 Davis stated that there is no adjustment to the agenda.

3. **Public Comment:** *President Duncan stated that: As permitted under the Brown Act, and in order to provide an equal opportunity for members of the public to provide comment telephonically, all public comments, on items on or off the agenda, will be taken during the Public Comment portion of this meeting. Under the Brown Act, no action or discussion shall take place on any item not appearing on the agenda, except that the Board or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed for the purpose of directing statements or questions to staff for follow up. President Duncan asked for public comments from the public. There were no members of the public that spoke at this time.*

4. **Consent Calendar:**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 15, 2020
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Budget Workshop, June 22, 2020
- C. Approval of the Finance and Budget Report, June 22, 2020

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

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Reports:**

**A. General Manager's Report:** A written report was provided in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis verbally reported on the following:

1. **Operations Report – a)** General Manager Davis reported that the Agency delivered 579 acre-feet of Table A water to the Noble Creek Connection for the month of June. BCVWD deliveries were increased to 12 cfs on July 1, per their request.

2. **Other Agency Updates -**

a. Delta Stewardship Council: General Manager Davis reviewed with the Board a letter from DSC to DWR regarding comments on the partially recirculated Draft EIR for the SWP water supply contract amendments for water management. The amendment would allow more transfers and exchanges. DSC is claiming that the amendment itself is a covered action.

SWC and DWR does not agree with this assessment. SWC believe that the amendment allows more transfers and exchanges, but each of those individual transactions would have to be covered by CEQA and declared either a covered action or not a covered action.

b. COVID-19 Update – General Manager Davis reported the latest statistics of the virus within our region.

c. BiOps and Voluntary Agreements – General Manager Davis reported to the Board that a federal judge denied a preliminary injunction over operations of Shasta Dam and related temperature management in the Upper Sacramento River. This essentially means that the SWP and the CVP will be operated to the same criteria for the rest of the year. As to the Voluntary Agreements General Manager Davis informed the Board that the two Secretaries have committed to continuing talks with federal officials, leaving a hope that VA's could still happen. In the meantime, the NGO's who supported VA's have written a letter to the Governor urging him to move forward with the State Board Water Quality Control Plan.

d. SBVMWD agreed to move forward with the Facilitation Deliveries agreement.

**B. General Counsel Reports:** General Counsel Ferre did not provide a written report and did not provide a verbal report to the Board.

**C. Directors Reports:** 1) **Director Stephenson** reported that he had received an email that confirmed that SBVMWD had no objection to the Facilitation Deliveries agreement and were going forward with sending the information to the attorneys.

**D. Committee Reports:** None.

**6. New Business:**

**A. Consideration of Adoption of General Fund Budget for FY 2020-2021.** A staff report and a copy of related materials were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Davis noted that this item was discussed at the F&B workshop in June. Since that time, we have received additional information from DWR, which is meaningful. He did not change the numbers in the Budget as the Board acted on the proposed Budget that is included in the agenda packet. Next year, the Prior Year Adjustment to the monthly power bill will be a debit of \$430,000, of which \$215,000 will be in this fiscal year (January-June 2021). This means that the budget deficit will be not \$1.8 million, but \$2 million, on operating costs alone. He reviewed the proposed General Fund expenditures FY 2020-21 and the proposed General Fund sources of revenue FY 2020-21 with the Board. After discussion, General Counsel Ferre recommended that the Board accept the Budget as presented with the change to reflect the increase in the Statement of Charges from DWR, as explained in the Staff report. Director Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo, to adopt the General Fund Budget as revised.

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>	<b><i>Noes</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>	<b><i>Abstain</i></b>
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Motion passed 7-0.

**B. Appointment of Board Secretary.** General Manager Davis stated that items 6B through 6F are housekeeping items, as the incoming General Manager, Lance Eckhart position becomes effective on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Interim General Manager Davis is recommending that incoming General Manager Eckhart be appointed to the noted positions, to become effective July 13, 2020. President Duncan questioned Legal Counsel Ferre if all of the items could be voted on at one time. Legal Counsel Ferre recommended not combining all of them; however items 6B and 6C could be voted upon together. The Board was in agreement to vote on items 6B and 6C at this time. Director Thompson made a motion, seconded by Director Lehtonen, to appoint incoming General Manager Eckhart to the positions of Board Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, to become effective July 13, 2020. President Duncan requested a roll call vote.

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>	<b><i>Noes</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>	<b><i>Abstain</i></b>
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Motion passed 7-0

**C. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer.** This item was discussed during item 6B.

**D. Appointment of Alternate to JPIA.** General Manager Davis stated that currently Director Stephenson is the representative for JPIA and that he is the alternate. He recommended appointing incoming General Manager Eckhart to the alternate position. Director Castaldo made a motion, seconded by Director Stephenson, to appoint incoming General Manager Eckhart as the alternate representative to JPIA, effective July 13, 2020. President Duncan requested a roll call vote.

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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Motion passed 7-0

**E. Appointment of Yucaipa GSA Representative.** Interim General Manager Davis stated that he is currently the GSA Representative and suggested appointing incoming General Manager Eckhart to this position. Director Fenn made a motion, seconded by Director Thompson, to appoint incoming General Manager Eckhart as the Yucaipa GSA representative, to become effective July 13, 2020. President Duncan requested a roll call vote.

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

Motion passed 7-0

**F. Appointment of Alternate to Sites Reservoir Committee.** Interim General Manager Davis stated that he is currently on the Sites Reservoir Committee and suggested that incoming General Manager Eckhart be appointed as the alternate representative. He stated that this position is very complex and that incoming General Manager Eckhart would need some time to become knowledgeable in this position. The Board has the option to appoint Jeff Davis as the Agency's Sites Reservoir Committee member at a future meeting. After discussion, Director Thompson made a motion, seconded by Director Castaldo to appoint incoming General Manager Eckhart as the alternate to Sites Reservoir Committee, to become effective July 13, 2020. President Duncan requested a roll call vote.

<b><u>Roll Call:</u></b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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Motion passed 7-0

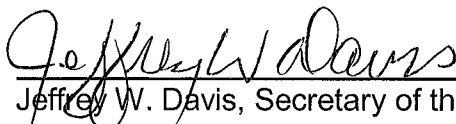
**7. Topics for Future Agendas:** President Duncan requested to have the appointment of the Sites Reservoir Committee member representative on the next Board meeting agenda. Director Ball requested an update on the progress of the Facilitation Deliveries agreement every other month.

**8. Announcements:**

- A. Water Conservation and Education Committee, July 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. – Cancelled
- B. Engineering Workshop, July 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, July 20, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

**Time: 2:25 pm**

  
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Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary of the Board