

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Board of Directors Meeting
August 23, 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 - Left the meeting at 2:39 p.m.
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., Chief Financial Officer
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, August 23, 2021 by video/teleconference. Director Letulle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Duncan gave the invocation. President Lehtonen 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. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda:** President Lehtonen informed the Board that Item 6C of the agenda would be moved to directly after the Consent Calendar. President Lehtonen stated that he will be leaving the meeting early. He and Vice President Smith and past President Duncan are the members of the General Manager's Performance Evaluation Committee, and he would like to be present for the discussion and possible action on this item. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. **Public Comment:** President Lehtonen asked for public comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Agency. There were no members of the public that wished to speak at this time.
4. **Consent Calendar:**
- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 9, 2021
 - B. Approval for the Minutes of the Finance & Engineering Workshop, August 16, 2021

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

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

The motion passed, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

6. **New Business:**
- C. **General Manager's Performance Evaluation Recommendation (GMPE) to Amend Contract:** President Lehtonen stated that additional GMPE items, separate from today's discussion, will be discussed at a future closed session. He also stated that there is a need to establish a GMPE policy. President Lehtonen stated that the purpose of this agenda item is for Board consideration and possible action on the GMPE Committee recommendations from the August 11, 2021 meeting. He read the minutes from that meeting. The minutes reflected the Committee recommendation for a pay raise, and allowing the General Manager to choose an Agency-provided HMO health insurance plan. President Lehtonen further stated that an upcoming closed session will include review and discussion of the contract, goals, and objectives of the General Manager. President Lehtonen explained the purpose of bringing this item before the Board today, stating that the Board had not finalized Mr. Eckhart's pay for the fiscal year, and it is currently the end of August. President Lehtonen requested comment from the Board. Director Letulle requested a copy of the contract, along with the goals and objectives met to date, and the goals and objectives anticipated for the 2021-2022 contract term. After further discussion, it was decided to schedule the appropriate closed and open sessions to consider these matters. Director Valdivia made a motion to have a special meeting on August 30th, with the possibility of ratifying the contract at the September 13th Board meeting. After discussion, Director Valdivia rescinded his motion. After further discussion, Vice President Smith made a motion,

seconded by Director Ball, to discuss this item at the September 13th Board meeting, in closed and possibly open session. President Lehtonen requested a roll call vote.

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

The motion passed, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

5. Reports:

A. General Manager's Report: General Manager Eckhart reviewed the following items with the Board:

1) Carryover Basics (Carryover Primer – Article 56 & San Luis Reservoir). Article 56 is an important asset of the State Water contract, which the Agency intends to use in a more meaningful way in the future. General Manager Eckhart explained Article 56 and Article 21 carryover provisions of the SWP Contract, including descriptions, definitions, considerations and risks involved in managing the transfer and exchange of the carryover balance.

B. General Counsel's Report: None.

6. New Business:

A. Election of Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 9 Board of Directors: A staff report, and related materials were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart explained that every two years, ACWA elects a new Board of Directors, including a new Board for each region. ACWA has presented a slate of candidates for election to the Region 9 Board. The Agency's Board can either elect the slate as presented, or a portion of the slate, or none of the slate and choose from the individual Board Candidate Nominations noted on the Region 9 Board Ballot. President Lehtonen requested discussion or a motion from the Board. Director Valdivia made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan to vote for the slate recommended by the Region 9 Nominating Committee. President Lehtonen requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Director Ybarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain.

C. Request to Nominate Cathy Green for ACWA Vice President, Resolution 2021-14: A staff report, related material, and Resolution No. 2021-14, were included in the agenda packet. General Manager Eckhart noted that Orange County Water District is requesting support and a vote to elect Cathy Green to the office of Vice President for ACWA’s 2022-23 term. President Duncan requested discussion from the Board. After discussion, Director Smith made a motion, seconded by Director Duncan, to approve Resolution 2021-14 nominating Cathy Green for office of Vice President for ACWA’s 2022-2023 term. President Lehtonen requested a roll call vote.

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

The motion passed, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

President Lehtonen excused himself from the meeting and turned the meeting over to Vice President Smith.

7. A. Reports - Directors:

- 1) Director Ball** reported on BCVWD’s Board meeting that he attended on August 26th.
- 2) Director Valdivia** noted that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors will be meeting tomorrow. It is expected that they will recommend moving forward to approve Addendum No. 1 to Plans and Specifications and Contract documents for MDP Line 16, Stage 50 Recharge Basin Feeder.
- 3) Director Duncan** reported on the Southern California Water Conference that was held in Ontario on August 13th; SWC General Manager Jennifer Pierre, was the keynote speaker.
- 4) Vice President Smith** also reported on the Southern California Water Conference.

B. Committee Reports: Director Ball reported that the Financial Feasibility Committee met on August 16th and will be meeting again on September 21st.

8. Topics for Future Agendas. Director Valdivia requested discussion on a policy or resolution regarding posting of the Agency's agenda. Director Ball requested discussion on redistricting. General Counsel Ferre stated that he and General Manager Eckhart are currently working on the matter of redistricting.

9. Announcements

- A. Office closed in observance of Labor Day, September 6, 2021
- B. Board meeting, September 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.
 - Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Finance and Engineering Workshop, September 20, 2021, at 6:00 pm.
 - Teleconference/Zoom

10. Adjournment: Vice President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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