

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**January 10, 2022**

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  
All participants attended by video conferencing/  
teleconferencing Larry Smith, Vice President  
Mickey Valdivia, Treasurer  
Blair Ball, Director  
Ron Duncan, Director  
Chander Letulle, Director  
Robert Ybarra, Director

**Staff Present:** Lance Eckhart, General Manager  
Tom Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer  
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant

**Consultants Present:** Jeff Ferre, Legal Counsel

**1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation, and Roll Call**

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Board President Steve Lehtonen at 1:30 p.m., January 10, 2022, by video/teleconference. President Lehtonen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Lehtonen gave the invocation. President Lehtonen requested a roll call.

<u><b>Roll Call:</b></u>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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"/>
Vice President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer 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**

The agenda was adopted as published.

**3. Public Comment**

President Lehtonen asked for public comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Agency. There was no public comment.

**4. Consent Calendar**

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 13, 2021

**B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Finance and Engineering Workshop, December 20, 2021

**C.** Adopt Resolution 2022-01 of the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of Pass Water Agency Legislative Bodies for the Period of January 10, 2022 to February 8, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

Director Ball noted that the minutes of December 13<sup>th</sup> reflected that he abstained, however he was in attendance during the December 13<sup>th</sup> roll call for the Consent Calendar. Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Vice President Smith, to approve the Consent Calendar with the noted clerical correction.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 – 0.

**5. Reports**

**A. General Manager’s Report:** General Manager Eckhart gave a Water Conditions Update. Mr. Eckhart thanked Riverside County Flood Control and BCVWD for their efforts related to the flooding that took part in various parts of the watershed. He noted that the Agency put in k-rails at the Agency’s recharge facility. Although they were not needed it was a prudent move on the Agency’s part. The storms during the months October and December have been some of the wettest on record.

**B. Legal Counsel’s Report: None.**

**6. Election of Board Officers**

**A. Nominations for Board President**

President Lehtonen opened the nominations for Board President. Director Valdivia nominated Larry Smith as Board President. Hearing no other nominations, President Lehtonen requested a vote on the nomination of Larry Smith for Board President.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 – 0.

### **B. Nominations for Board Vice President**

Director Lehtonen turned the meeting over to President Smith. President Smith thanked the Board for their support, and thanked former president Lehtonen for his service to the Agency. President Smith requested that Legal Counsel Ferre refresh the Board on the process of the Election of Officers. Legal Counsel Ferre described the process. President Smith opened the nominations for Vice President. Director Ybarra nominated Director Valdivia for Board Vice President. Hearing no other nominations, President Smith requested a vote on the nomination of Mickey Valdivia for Vice President.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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"/>
President 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"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed, 7 – 0.

### **C. Nominations for Treasurer**

President Smith called for nominations for Board Treasurer. Director Valdivia nominated Chander Letulle for Board Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, President Smith requested a vote on the nomination of Chander Letulle for Board Treasurer.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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"/>
President 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"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed, 7 – 0.

**D. Nominations for Secretary/Assistant Treasurer**

Director Duncan nominated Lance Eckhart for Board Secretary/Assistant Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, President Smith requested a vote on the nomination of Lance Eckhart for Board Secretary.

<b><i>Roll Call</i></b>	<b><i>Ayes</i></b>	<b><i>Noes</i></b>	<b><i>Abstain</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
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"/>
President 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"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed, 7 – 0.

**7. New Business**

**A. Consideration of Resolution No. 2022-02 Adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Yucaipa Subbasin (Basin 8-002.07) as a Member of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency:** A staff report, Resolution No. 2022-02, and a PowerPoint presentation were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Eckhart reviewed the staff report recommendation, previous consideration, and background on this item. Within the presentation, Mr. Eckhart provided information on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, Sustainability Criteria that Identify when Undesirable Results Occur, Management Actions to Sustainably Manage Groundwater Resources, and the Plan Implementation. Director Lehtonen requested more information on the fiscal impact of this complicated item. Mr. Eckhart recommended discussion on the financial implications be held at a future meeting. Director Letulle requested that in the future, the fiscal impact be included in the presentation of an item. After discussion, Director Duncan made a motion, seconded by Director Ybarra, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-02, Adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Yucaipa Subbasin (Basin 8-003.07) as a member of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

<b><i>Roll Call</i></b>	<b><i>Ayes</i></b>	<b><i>Noes</i></b>	<b><i>Abstain</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
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"/>
President 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"/>
Director Lehtonen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed, 7 – 0.

**8. Reports**

**A. Directors Reports:** **Director Valdivia** reported on the Collaborative Agency Committee meeting, held on January 5, 2022. He thanked BCVWD for their efforts that took place during the recent storms. He also reported on the YVWD Board meeting that was held on December 21, 2021. **Director Ball** reported on the BCVWD Board meeting that was held on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**B. Committee Reports:** None.

**9. Topics for Future Agendas**

Director Duncan requested a review of the Finance and Engineering Workshop meeting time.

**10. Announcements**

**Director Valdivia made the following announcements:**

- A. San Geronio Pass Subbasin (Verbenia) Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Meeting, January 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.  
– Teleconference/Zoom
- B. San Geronio Pass Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Special Meeting, January 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. - Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Office closed January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- D. Finance and Engineering Workshop, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
– Teleconference/Zoom

**11. Adjournment**

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.



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Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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