

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 28, 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: Larry Smith, President
 All participants attended by video conferencing/
 teleconferencing Mickey Valdivia, Vice President
 Chander Letulle, Treasurer
 Blair M Ball, Director
 Ron Duncan, Director
 Kevin Walton, Director
 Robert Ybarra, Director

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

Consultants Present: Jeffry 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 Larry Smith at 1:30 p.m., March 28, 2022, by video/teleconference. Director Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Duncan gave the invocation. President Smith requested a roll call.

<i>Roll Call</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> (arrived - 1:34 pm)
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> (left - 3:16 pm)
Vice President Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ybarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
President Smith	<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 Smith 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, March 14, 2022
- B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Engineering Workshop, March 21, 2022

Director Duncan made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Ybarra seconded the motion. President Smith 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"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Walton	<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 Smith	<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 stated that he received a letter from DWR regarding reducing SWP Table A water from 15% to 5% allocation. The letter also mentioned human health and safety needs. He mentioned that there would likely be an Executive Order submitted today by Governor Newsome regarding water conservation efforts and increased regulations.

B. Legal Counsel's Report: Legal Counsel Ferre spoke on two pending bills (AB 1944 and AB 2449). He reminded the Board that Executive Order N-29-20 expires in January 2024. The two proposed bills deal with open and public meetings and teleconferences.

6. New Business

A. Consideration of Continued Participation in the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)

Mr. Eckhart reviewed the history of a trans-Delta facility that would transport water efficiently and effectively across the Delta and would complete the State Water Project. He summarized previous projects that did not come to fruition. The current project being considered is the DCP. In November 2020, the Board decided to participate in the DCP at a level of 2%. Mr. Eckhart introduced Graham Bradner (Delta Conveyance Authority, Executive Director) and Carrie Buckman (DWR, Environmental Program Manager). Mr. Bradner spoke about his role in this project, and he provided a detailed Engineering Update. Ms. Buckman spoke on her role in the project, the need for the DCP, the purpose and objectives of the DCP, the Bethany Reservoir Alignment, and the Planning Update. Both Mr. Bradner and Ms. Buckman explained that the project is on schedule and on

budget. Mr. Bradner and Ms. Buckman concluded their presentation and answered the Board's questions. After discussion, President Smith requested public comment. Public comment was provided by Dan Jagers (BCVWD, General Manager) and Joyce McIntire (resident of Calimesa). Vice President Valdivia asked staff to provide letters of support from political figures and a list of who is participating in the DCP. After discussion, President Smith requested a motion from the Board. Vice President Valdivia made a motion to continue the discussion at the next Board meeting scheduled for April 11, 2022. Director Letulle seconded the motion. President Smith 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"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Walton	<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 Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed, 7 – 0.

B. Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Election

Mr. Eckhart provided a summary of why LAFCOs were formed. He noted that local representatives President Smith and David Hoffman (BCVWD Board member) have volunteered to serve on the LAFCO Commission for the Western Division. Mr. Eckhart said that Mr. Phil Williams of Lake Elsinore submitted a request for a letter of support from the Agency. President Smith stated that it is important to have local representation, which is why he is seeking a nomination. He is also supportive of the candidacy of David Hoffman. President Smith requested public comment. There was none. President Smith asked for Board comment. After discussion, Vice President Valdivia made a motion to rank David Hoffman as #1 and Vice President Smith as #2 on the LAFCO ballot. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

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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"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Director Ybarra	<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"/>

The motion passed, 7 – 0.

C. Provost & Pritchard Amendment 3 for Consulting Services Related to Water Acquisitions

Mr. Eckhart stated that Provost & Pritchard (P&P) has identified opportunities to expand the Agency's water supply portfolio since 2016. He reviewed the various water acquisitions that P&P has assisted the Agency in acquiring since. Amendment 3 would allow the Agency to continue these efforts. The proposed amount of \$20,000 would continue this effort for the calendar years 2022 and 2023. Additional expenditures could not exceed 10% without written approval. President Smith requested public comment. There was none. President Smith requested Board comment. After discussion, President Smith requested a motion. Vice President Valdivia made a motion to authorize P&P Amendment 3 for consulting services related to water acquisitions.

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Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed, 6 – 0, with Director Letulle absent.

D. Finance & Engineering Workshop Meeting Time

Mr. Eckhart stated that Director Duncan requested discussion on the Finance & Engineering meeting times. In 2021, the Board changed the meeting time from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the intent to provide a time that would allow more public attendance. This item is on the agenda for Board discussion to determine if it would like to continue meeting at 6:00 p.m. President Smith requested public comment. Public comment was provided by Dan Jagers (General Manager, BCVWD). President Smith requested Board comment. After discussion, Vice President Valdivia made a motion to table this item. Director Ybarra seconded the motion. After further discussion, Director Ybarra made a substitute motion not to advance this item to the next meeting. Director Ball seconded the motion. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

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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"/>
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Director Ybarra	<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"/>

The motion passed, 6 – 0, with Director Letulle absent.

7. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering Meeting (March 24, 2022)

Director Duncan reported on:

- Banning Unified School District
- Yucaipa Installation Dinner (March 11, 2022)
- Beaumont Chamber Breakfast Meeting (March 11, 2022)
- Banning Chamber Breakfast Meeting (March 16, 2022)
- Banning Market Night
- Yucaipa GSA Meeting (March 23, 2022)
- San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting (March 23, 2022)
- Beaumont Parks and Recreation (Vietnam Veterans Day)

Vice President Valdivia reported on:

- City of Banning Council Meeting (March 22, 2022)
- City of Beaumont Council Meeting (March 15, 2022)

Vice President Valdivia's announcements:

- Banning Installation Dinner (March 31, 2022)

Director Walton reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering meeting (March 24, 2022)
- Yucaipa GSA (March 23, 2022)
- So. California Water Dialogue Webinar (March 23, 2022)

Director Ybarra reported on:

- City of Banning Council Meeting (March 22, 2022)
- Banning Little League

Director Ybarra's announcements:

- Banning Installation Dinner (March 31, 2022)

President Smith reported on:

- Banning Chamber Breakfast (March 16, 2022)

8. Topics for Future Agendas

None.

9. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the announcements:

- Regular Board Meeting, April 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom
- Water Conservation and Education Workshop, April 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom
- Finance and Engineering Workshop, April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom

10. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Draft - Subject to Board Approval

Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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