

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**April 25, 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 Mickey Valdivia, Vice President  
 attended by video Chander Letulle, Treasurer  
 conferencing/ Blair M Ball, Director  
 teleconferencing Ron Duncan, Director  
 Kevin Walton, Director

**Board Absent:** 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 Treasurer Letulle at 1:30 p.m., April 25, 2022, by video/teleconference. Treasurer Letulle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Treasurer Letulle gave the invocation. Treasurer Letulle requested a roll call.

<i><b>Roll Call</b></i>	<i><b>Present</b></i>	<i><b>Absent</b></i>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Ybarra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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**

Treasurer Letulle 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, April 11, 2022

**B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Engineering Workshop, April 18, 2022**

President Smith made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Duncan seconded the motion. Treasurer Letulle requested a roll call vote.

<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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**5. Reports**

**A. General Manager's Report:** General Manager Eckhart reported that staff is working with retail water agencies on regional messaging for drought response.

**B. Legal Counsel's Report:** Legal Counsel Ferre spoke on AB 1944. Mr. Ferre stated that this bill has a number of components including, but not limited to, requiring that the agenda identify any member of the legislative body that will participate in a meeting remotely. The bill would also require an updated agenda reflecting all of the members participating in the meeting remotely to be posted. In addition, a member would be exempt from identifying the address of the teleconference location, if the member elects to teleconference from a location that is not a public place.

**6. New Business**

**A. San Gorgonio Flume Update (Art Vela (City of Banning, Director of Public Works) and Julie Hutchinson (Banning Heights Mutual Water Company))**

Mr. Vela provided a slide presentation on the San Gorgonio Flume. He explained that the Flume was constructed over 100 years ago and started delivering water to the City of Banning and to BHMWC in 1913. The Flume is the primary source of water to the community of Banning Heights. Hydroelectric power generating capability was added in 1923. SCE and its predecessors are responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Flume. In 1998, SCE decided to surrender its FERC License. Because of this, SCE is obligated to restore the Flume to working condition prior to transferring ownership to BHMWC and the City of Banning. Mr. Vela provided a historical overview of the restoration and the damage that the Apple Fire caused. Mrs. Hutchinson provided input on the current progress and the team effort it took to make a permanent fix to the Flume. Dale Hutchinson provided input on the construction aspect. The Board asked questions relating to the project. There was no public comment.

**B. Agreement for State Water Project Multi-Year Transfer Program with City of Ventura and Notice of Exemption**

Mr. Eckhart recognized Betsy Cooper (City of Ventura) who was in attendance at today’s meeting. Mr. Eckhart provided a presentation that included charts on the Normal Year Supply vs Demand. The charts referenced additional proposed water storage, including SWP Table A water from the City of Ventura. He briefed the Board on the contents of the agreement. Public comment was received by General Manager Dan Jagers (BCVWD) and Director Daniel Slawson (BCVWD). Director Smith made a motion to approve entering into the Agreement for Transfer of State Water Project Water with the City of Ventura and authorizing the filing of an associated Notice of Exemption. Director Duncan seconded the motion. Treasurer Letulle requested a roll call vote.

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

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

**7. Reports**

**A. Directors and Committee Reports**

**Director Ball** reported on:

- BCVWD Board Meeting (April 13, 2022)

**Director Duncan** reported on:

- Banning Chamber Breakfast Meeting (April 20, 2022)
- Riverside County Water Task Force (April 22, 2022)

**Treasurer Letulle** reported on:

- Riverside County Water Task Force (April 22, 2022)

**Vice President Valdivia** reported on:

- Cabazon Water District Board Meeting (April 19, 2022)
- Southern California Water Coalition (April 22, 2022)

**President Smith** reported on:

- Riverside County Water Task Force (April 22, 2022)

**8. Topics for Future Agendas**

Director Ball requested a status report on the Agency’s Flume video.

**9. Announcements**

Treasurer Letulle reviewed the announcements:

- A. Regular Board Meeting, May 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
  - Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Finance and Engineering Workshop, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
  - Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Regular Board Meeting, May 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
  - Teleconference/Zoom

**10. Adjournment**

Treasurer Letulle adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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