

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 9, 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 Blair M Ball, Director
conferencing/ Ron Duncan, Director
teleconferencing Kevin Walton, Director
Robert Ybarra, Director

Board Absent: Chander Letulle, Treasurer

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

Consultants Present: Jeff Ferre, Legal Counsel
Paula Cone, HdL Coren & Cone

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., May 9, 2022, by video/teleconference. General Manager Eckhart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Smith 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"/>
Director Duncan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 none.

4. Consent Calendar

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, April 25, 2022
- B.** Adopt Resolution No. 2022-10 of the Board of Directors of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of Pass Water Agency Legislative Bodies for the period of May 9, 2022 to June 7, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

Director Valdivia made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Ball 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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, 6-0, with Director Letulle absent.

5. Reports

A. General Manager's Report: General Manager Eckhart reported on the status of the Flume video, noting that the theme has changed from damage and disrepair to repairs in progress. The video's emphasis will now be on the history of the Flume. He noted that an Agency tour of the Flume might occur sometime this summer. Director Valdivia mentioned that Riverside County Flood Control may have some video footage to share with the Agency. Mr. Eckhart informed the Board that local water retailers are meeting this week to discuss the upcoming drought regulations.

B. Legal Counsel's Report: Mr. Ferre reviewed Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22 pertaining to Urban Water Suppliers and the enactment of Level 2 (20% reduction) of their water shortage contingency plans.

6. New Business

A. HdL Tax Revenue Update 2022/2023 (Paula Cone, HdL)

Ms. Cone provided an update on the Agency's tax revenue projections for the next five years and how it affects the Agency's income. She answered questions from the Board and members of the public.

B. Introduction to California Special Districts Association (Chris Palmer, CSDA)

Mr. Palmer informed the Board that CSDA has over 1300 members statewide. He reviewed the benefits of SCDA membership, including the following:

- 1. Legislative Advocacy

2. Professional Development
3. CSDA Online Resources
4. Value-Added Benefits and Services

He answered questions from the Board and Staff. Mr. Palmer will send Staff a CSDA membership application.

C. 2022 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Mr. Ferre explained that CEQA Guidelines are reviewed every year. He stated that changes to the guidelines are approved by Board resolution. He noted that there were some changes to the CEQA Guidelines, but they do not directly impact the Agency. Mr. Ferre provided a summary of the changes. Mr. Ferre answered questions from the Board. Director Duncan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-11 Adopting the 2022 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act for the Agency. Director Walton 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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, 6-0, with Director Letulle absent.

D. Review of Significant Budget Items FY 2021-22

Mr. Eckhart reviewed significant budget items for FY 2021-22, noting that some of the items have been completed, and some are ongoing. Mr. Eckhart reviewed potential items to be included in the General Fund Budget for FY 2022-23, including potential new hires, COLA, grant support, the Backbone pipeline, South Mesa recharge, audio/video modifications, and maintenance and improvements. In the next couple of meetings, there will be additional opportunities for discussion in order to get a consensus from the Board about items to be added to the General Fund Budget for FY 2022-23. The Board provided input for future discussions.

7. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering meeting on April 28, 2022
- City of Beaumont Council meeting on May 3, 2022

Director Duncan reported on:

- City of Beaumont Council meeting on May 3, 2022

Director Valdivia reported on:

- City of Calimesa Council meeting on May 2, 2022
- City of Beaumont Council meeting on May 3, 2022

Director Ybarra reported on:

- City of Beaumont Council meeting on May 3, 2022
- Capital Improvement meeting held on April 29, 2022

8. Topics for Future Agendas

None.

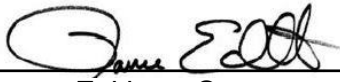
9. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the announcements:

- A. Finance and Engineering Workshop, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Regular Board Meeting, May 23, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
- Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Office closed May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day

10. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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