SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
July 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: All participants attended by video conferencing/ teleconferencing	Larry Smith, President 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 Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant Tom Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer Emmett Campbell, Sr. Water Resources Planner
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 President Larry Smith at 1:30 p.m., July 25, 2022, by video/teleconference. Director Letulle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Letulle gave the invocation. President Smith requested a roll call.

Roll Call	***Present***	***Absent***
Director Ball	☒	☐
Director Duncan	☒	☐
Treasurer Letulle	☒	☐
Vice President Valdivia	☒	☐
Director Walton	☒	☐
Director Ybarra	☒	☐
President Smith	☒	☐

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, June 27, 2022

4. Consent Calendar (con't.)

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

Director Ybarra made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Walton seconded the motion. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call	***Ayes***	***Noes***	***Abstain***	***Absent***
Director Ball	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Duncan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Treasurer Letulle	☒	☐	☐	☐
Vice President Valdivia	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Walton	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Ybarra	☒	☐	☐	☐
President Smith	☒	☐	☐	☐

The motion passed 7 – 0.

5. Reports

A. General Manager's Report: None.

B. Legal Counsel's Report: Legal Counsel Ferre reported on AB 2449, a pending bill that was introduced on February 17, 2022, that relates to teleconferencing meetings of a legislative body of a local agency. This bill would revise teleconferencing provisions until January 1, 2026.

6. New Business

A. Adoption of Debt Service Budget FY 2022-23

Mr. Todd briefly reviewed the Staff Report. He also reviewed the draft Debt Service Expense Requirements for FY 2022-23. Proposed total Debt Service expenditures are approximately $24,300,000. Total estimated revenue, at the current tax rate of 17.5 cents, is projected at $26,700,000. The net excess revenue would be approximately $2,400,000. Mr. Todd answered questions from the Board. After discussion, President Smith requested a motion. Director Duncan made a motion to approve the proposed Debt Service Budget for FY 2022-23. Director Walton seconded the motion. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call	***Ayes***	***Noes***	***Abstain***	***Absent***
Director Ball	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Duncan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Treasurer Letulle	☒	☐	☐	☐
Vice President Valdivia	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Walton	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Ybarra	☒	☐	☐	☐
President Smith	☒	☐	☐	☐

The motion passed 7 – 0.

B. Setting Tax Rate for FY 2022-23

A PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Eckhart reviewed the information about the Unrestricted General Fund, the Consigned SWP Support Fund, and the Restricted Debt Service Fund. Today's discussion focuses on the Debt Service Fund (DSF). Mr. Eckhart reviewed potential impacts on the expenses of the DSF. The Board reviewed different formulas for setting the tax rate for FY 2022-23. The Board asked clarifying questions. Joyce McIntire (taxpayer), and General Manager Dan Jaggers (BCVWD) spoke. After discussion, President Smith requested a motion. Director Ybarra made a motion to set the tax rate at 17.25 cents per $100 of assessed value and approve Resolution No. 2022-17 with the stated tax rate. Director Ball seconded the motion. Director Letulle made a substitute motion to retain the current tax rate at 17.50 cents per $100 of assessed value and approve Resolution No. 2022-17 with the stated tax rate. Director Duncan seconded the motion. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call	***Ayes***	***Noes***	***Abstain***	***Absent***
Director Ball	☐	☒	☐	☐
Director Duncan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Treasurer Letulle	☒	☐	☐	☐
Vice President Valdivia	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Walton	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Ybarra	☐	☒	☐	☐
President Smith	☐	☒	☐	☐

The substitute motion passed 4 – 3.

C. Consider Contract Extension with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation (IERCD)

A Contract for Performance of FY 2022-23 Water Conservation Public Outreach Programs was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Eckhart noted that Crystal Cortez (IERCD) was present to provide a presentation and to answer questions. Mr. Eckhart stated that the Agency has been working with IERCD for almost ten years, focusing on school programs. The Water Conservation and Education Committee has asked IERCD to expand into different schools within the region. In addition, they are in charge of our Social Media content. There has been a lot of discussion about becoming involved in local community events. IERCD has experience in community events. Ms. Cortez reviewed the number of programs completed, students reached, and the number of schools that hosted programs. She also provided stats on the Social Media audience, posts, and impressions. The contract for FY 2022-23 will include community events, webinars, workshops, and outreach to HOA's, Community Centers, and public spaces. Ms. Cortez answered questions from the Board. After discussion, President Smith requested a motion. Director Duncan made a motion to authorize extending the professional services agreement with IERCD for FY 2022-23 for an amount not to exceed $40,000. Director Valdivia seconded the motion. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call	***Ayes***	***Noes***	***Abstain***	***Absent***
Director Ball	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Duncan	☒	☐	☐	☐
Treasurer Letulle	☒	☐	☐	☐
Vice President Valdivia	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Walton	☒	☐	☐	☐
Director Ybarra	☒	☐	☐	☐
President Smith	☒	☐	☐	☐

The motion passed 7 – 0.

7. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- BCVWD Board Meeting (July 13, 2022)

Director Duncan reported on:

- South Mesa Water Company (July 13, 2022)
- BCVWD Board Meeting (July 13, 2022)
- Cabazon Water District (July 19, 2022)
- Banning Chamber of Commerce (July 20, 2022)

Director Valdivia reported on:

- City of Banning meeting (July 18, 2022)

Director Walton reported on:

- Yucaipa Valley Water District Board Meeting (July 19, 2022)

President Smith noted that he has attended a number of meetings and there is a lot of discussion on the state mandate on water usage.

8. Topics for Future Agendas

Director Valdivia requested an Ad Hoc Committee for the City of Beaumont's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

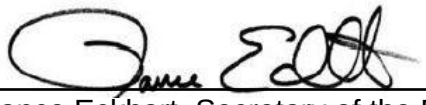
9. Announcements

Director Letulle reviewed the announcements:

A. Regular Board Meeting, August 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
B. Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting, August 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom
C. Finance and Engineering Workshop, August 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom

10. Adjournment

Director Letulle adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board
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