

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**August 8, 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  
 Robert Ybarra, Director

**Staff Present:** Lance Eckhart, General Manager  
 Tom Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer  
 Emmett Campbell, Sr. Water Resources Planner  
 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 Larry Smith at 1:30 p.m., August 8, 2022, by video/teleconference. Director Walton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Vice President Mickey Valdivia gave the invocation. President Smith requested a roll call.

<b><i>Roll Call</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
Director Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrived at 1:34 p.m.
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 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.** Adopt Resolution No. 2022-18 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 August 8, 2022 to September 6, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions
- B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 25, 2022
- C.** Annual Adoption of Pay Scale for CalPERS

Director Valdivia made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Duncan seconded the motion. 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"/>
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:** None.
- B. Legal Counsel's Report:** Mr. Ferre reviewed information on AB 2313. AB 2313 would authorize the Judicial Council to conduct institutes and seminars to orient judges to new judicial assignments related to the water industry. It would require the Judicial Council to identify experts in water science or management who may be available to a judge adjudicating an action relating to water.

**6. Informational Presentations(s)**

**A. State Water Project: Sustainability for the Pass Region**

- **Part 1 – State Water Project Overview**

Sr. Planner Emmett Campbell provided a PowerPoint presentation on the State Water Project (SWP) that showed the transport path of the Agency’s contracted amount of water (known as Table A) from Lake Oroville to the East Branch Extension. The presentation also included information about the SWP infrastructure. Joyce McIntire (YVWD Board member) and Paul Kielhold (SBVMWD Board member) made public comments.

**7. New Business**

**A. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-19 Amending the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code (COI)**

Legal Counsel Jeff Ferre informed the Board that the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code is a document that the Board reviews bi-annually. The COI identifies all Board Members and designated employees who may make decisions that would impact the Agency's financial interests. He recommended adoption of Resolution No. 2022-19, which would add the position of Sr. Water Resources Planner, and to confirm the description of the CFO and General Manager under part A, which are the officials managing public investments. President Smith requested Board comment on this proposal. Vice President Smith and Director Duncan commented and asked clarifying questions. Director Duncan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-19, adopting the amended Conflict of Interest Code of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency and directing that such amendment be submitted to the Fair Political Practices Commission as the Agency's code-reviewing body (Gov. Code § 87306 and 87306.5). Director Ball seconded the motion. President Smith 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 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.

**8. Reports**

**A. Directors and Committee Reports**

**Director Ball** reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering Workshop meeting on July 28, 2022

**Director Duncan** reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering Workshop meeting on July 28, 2022
- Banning Town Hall meeting on August 4, 2022

**Director Valdivia's** announcements:

- Pass EDA Alliance meeting will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker on the topic of 'Water in the Pass' will be Mr. Eckhart. (Director Duncan requested notification of the meetings).
- The city of Yucaipa will be holding a meeting on a Notice of Preparation and Scoping meeting for the Wine Country Specific Plan

**Director Walton** reported on:

- Special Districts Association of Riverside County Luncheon on August 29<sup>th</sup>

**8. Reports (cont.)**

**Director Ybarra** reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering Workshop meeting on July 28, 2022
- Announced that he is working on the grand opening for homeless shelters in the City of Banning

**President Smith's** announcement

- BIA Southern California Water Conference is set for August 12 at 8:00 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel in Ontario. Mr. Eckhart stated that the Agency is a sponsor and provided detailed information on the conference.

**9. Topics for Future Agendas**

Vice President Valdivia inquired about the City of Beaumont 2x2 meetings he has been attending for the Beaumont Wastewater Treatment Facility; he felt it should be formalized. President Smith requested that this topic be added to an upcoming agenda to discuss whether a special Ad Hoc Committee is to be formed or to add it to the existing committee infrastructure list.

**10. Announcements**

President Smith reviewed the announcements:

- A. Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting, August 9, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Finance and Engineering Workshop, August 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Regular Board Meeting, August 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom

**11. Adjournment**

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.



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Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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