

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**August 22, 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

**Directors Absent:** Chander Letulle, Treasurer

**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., August 22, 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.

<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"/>
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 no public comment.

**4. Consent Calendar**

- A.** Adopt Resolution No. 2022-21 of the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of Pass Water Agency Legislative Bodies for the Period of August 22, 2022 to September 20, 2022 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions
- B.** Adopt Resolution No. 2022-22 Appropriations Limit
- C.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, August 8, 2022
- D.** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Engineering Workshop, August 15, 2022

Director Ybarra made a motion to approve the consent calendar. 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 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 Treasurer Letulle absent.

**5. Reports**

**A. General Manager’s Report:** None.

**B. Legal Counsel’s Report:** Legal Counsel Ferre informed the Board that BB&K is keeping track of bills pertaining to virtual board meetings.

**6. Informational Presentation:**

**A. Flume Update**

Sr. Water Resources Planner Emmett Campbell provided a short presentation on the Whitewater Flume. He remarked that the flume (a water conveyance system) provides water to both Banning Heights Mutual Water Company and the City of Banning. In 2020, a wildfire, named the Apple Fire, burned through Burnt Canyon and the entire area of the flume. Southern California Edison (SCE) is in the process of re-building the flume, with will include polyethylene pipes. General Manager Eckhart stated that the Board requested a tour of the Flume to view the damage to the area, but because of a recent flash flood, access is difficult. In addition, SCE is working diligently to complete the repairs before the first snowfall, which would delay the repairs. These two factors make it unlikely to schedule a tour of the flume this year. Mr. Eckhart answered questions from the Board and received comments.

**7. Old Business**

**A. Approve Pending Legal Invoice for July 2022**

CFO Todd stated that this report was discussed briefly at the Finance and Engineering workshop. He reported that Vice President Valdivia reviewed the individual invoices from BB&K. President Smith requested a motion. Vice President Valdivia made a motion to approve the Legal Invoice for July 2022. Director Duncan 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"/>
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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 Treasurer Letulle absent.

**8. New Business – None.**

**9. Reports**

**A. Directors and Committee Reports**

**Director Ball** reported on:

- BCVWD Board Meeting (August 10, 2022)

**Director Duncan** reported on:

- Banning Chamber of Commerce (August 17, 2022)
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce (August 12, 2022)
- Special Meeting of the Banning City Council (August 18, 2022)

**Director Valdivia** reported on:

- Banning Chamber of Commerce (August 17, 2022)
- Beaumont Chamber of Commerce (August 12, 2022)
- Beaumont City Council (August 16, 2022)

**Director Ybarra** reported on:

- Special Meeting of the Banning City Council (August 18, 2022)

**10. Topics for Future Agendas: None**

**11. Announcements**

President Smith reviewed the announcements:

A. Office closed September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day

B. Regular Board Meeting, September 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

– Teleconference/Zoom

**11. Announcements (cont.)**

- C. Finance and Engineering Workshop, September 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
– Teleconference/Zoom
- D. Regular Board Meeting, September 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.  
– Teleconference/Zoom

**12. Closed Session (1 item)**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: Water Rights/Supplies: State Water Project Water  
and Non-State Water Project Water  
Agency negotiator: Lance Eckhart, General Manager  
Negotiating parties: Ray Stokes, General Manager – Central Coast Water  
Authority  
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The Board convened to closed session at 1:56 p.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 2:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:35 p.m.

Legal Counsel Ferre stated that no action was taken during Closed Session that is reportable under the Brown Act.

**13. Adjournment**

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.



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Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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