

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 24, 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
 Matt Howard, Operations Manager
 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 President Larry Smith at 1:30 p.m., October 24, 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.

<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 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

Mr. Eckhart requested that item 5. B proceed item 5. A. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Public Comment

President Smith asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

4. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 10, 2022

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B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Engineering Workshop, October 17, 2022

Director Duncan 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 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

B. Legal Counsel's Report:

1. Legal Counsel Ferre reviewed the rules for teleconferencing, which modified the requirements of the Brown Act. AB 361 amended open meeting laws to better facilitate virtual meetings during declared emergencies. AB 2449 is a new set of teleconference rules, allowing a legislative body to hold a meeting without having to comply with certain procedural requirements under limited circumstances.

A. General Manager's Report:

1. Mr. Eckhart updated the Board on the Board room remodel. Directors Ball, Valdivia, Duncan, and President Smith commented.
2. On October 24, 2022, 1,300 af of Nickel water will start to be delivered to Agency spreading basins and to BCVWD. Dan Jagers (General Manager, BCVWD) provided public comment.
3. Mr. Eckhart showed a news station video clip on the importance of Sites Reservoir.

6. Informational Presentation:

A. State Water Project (SWP) Sustainability for the Pass Region – Part 2, Water Supply Contract Overview

Sr. Water Resources Planner Emmett Campbell provided a presentation with information about the SWP Water Supply Contract. The Department of Water Resources and the Agency entered into the SWP Water Supply Contract in the 1960's. Mr. Campbell highlighted various aspects of the contract, including carryover water, San Luis Reservoir storage, Article 21 water, and non-Project water (i.e. Nickel Water). Dan Jagers (General Manager – BCVWD) provided public comment. Director Ball asked clarifying questions.

7. New Business – Deferred to next Board meeting.

8. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- City of Beaumont Council Meeting (10/18/2022)

Director Letulle reported on:

- AWWA Conference (10/25/2022)

Director Valdivia reported on:

- Calimesa Recycled Water Ceremony (10/14/2022)
- Cabazon Water District Board Meeting (10/18/2022)
- City of Beaumont Council Meeting (10/18/2022)

Director Walton reported on:

- City of Beaumont Council Meeting (10/18/2022)
- SBVMWD Board Meeting (10/18/2022)

Director Ybarra reported on:

- Cabazon Water District Board Meeting (10/18/2022)

President Smith reported on:

- Northern California Tour (11/12 – 11/14)

9. Topics for Future Agendas: None.


10. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the announcements:

- A. The office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, Friday, November 11.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, November 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Finance and Engineering Workshop, November 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
– Teleconference/Zoom
- D. Office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, 2022

11. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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