

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 28, 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 attended by video conferencing/teleconferencing: 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
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., November 28, 2022, by video/teleconference. General Manager Lance Eckhart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Vice President Mickey Valdivia 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

The agenda was adopted as published.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, November 14, 2022

4. Consent Calendar (con't)

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance and Engineering Workshop, November 21, 2022

Director Chander Letulle made a motion, seconded by Director Ron Duncan, to approve the consent calendar. 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

A. General Manager's Report

1. Mr. Eckhart reported that Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant, was recovering well, and might be returning to work earlier than expected.

B. Legal Counsel's Report

There was no Legal Counsel report

6. Informational Presentation - None

7. New Business

A. Adopt Resolution 2022-28 making findings and adopting a negative declaration pursuant to CEQA for the multi-year transfer of State water Project Table A supply from the City of Ventura to the Agency and Ratifying the Boards previous approval to the same.

Mr. Eckhart reported that the document has been reviewed by DWR as an administrative draft. Mr. Ferre briefly reviewed the resolution. The project and contract have been approved. CEQA and EIR have been completed in all regards. The resolution is not a new approval, but affirms this and meets DWR requirements. Daniel Slawson (BCVWD Board member) commented. After further discussion, Vice President Valdivia moved, seconded by President Smith, to approve the resolution as stated. President Smith asked for 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.

B. Adopt Resolution 2022-29 to Support the Nested Monitoring Wells Project Application for Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant Program through the Department of Water Resources

Mr. Eckhart reported on the proposed DWR grant application for a project that will assist with groundwater management, groundwater sustainability, and implanting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the San Geronio Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The proposal asks for funds (\$2 million) to install 4 nested monitoring wells in identified areas where data gaps exist. SGPWA will be the lead agency. After further discussion, Treasurer Letulle moved, seconded Director Robert Ybarra, to adopt the resolution as stated. President Smith asked for 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.

8. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering workshop (11/17/2022)
- Financial Feasibility Ad Hoc Committee (11/10/2022)

Director Duncan reported on:

- meeting with Senator Ochoa Bogh (11/15/2022)
- Banning Chamber breakfast (11/16/2022)
- Riverside County organizational meeting (11/16/2022)

8. Reports (con't.)

Director Valdivia reported on:

- meeting with Senator Ochoa Bogh (11/15/2022)
- Banning Chamber breakfast (11/16/2022)

Director Ybarra reported on:

- awards ceremony nomination
- fire truck in Veteran's Day parade (11/11/2022)

President Smith reported on:

- County Land-Use Planning, alternate

9. Topics for Future Agendas

Director Duncan reminded the Board about his request for discussion about naming facilities and installation of signs.

10. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the announcements:

- A. Regular Board Meeting, December 12, 2022 at 1:30 pm
- B. Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting, December 13, 2022 at 1:30 pm
- C. Finance and Engineering Workshop and Regular Board meeting combined, December 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm
- D. The December 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting is canceled, due to the Christmas Holiday
- E. The office will be closed from December 26th thru December 30th, due to the Christmas and New Year's Holiday

11. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:54 pm.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board