

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 12, 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 Chander Letulle, Treasurer
 attended by video Blair M Ball, Director
 conferencing/ Kevin Walton, Director
 teleconferencing Robert Ybarra, Director

Directors Absent: Mickey Valdivia, Vice President
 Ron Duncan, Director

Staff Present: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
 Tom Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
 Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
 Emmett Campbell, Sr. Water Resources Planner
 Matt Howard, Operations Manager

Consultants Present: Jeffry Ferre, Legal Counsel
 Kristi More, The Ferguson Group
 Gwyn-Mohr Tully, Zanjero

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., December 12, 2022, by video/teleconference. Director Chander Letulle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Kevin Walton 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Valdivia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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

General Manager Eckhart requested that item 8A be reviewed prior to item 7C. The agenda was adopted with the proposed changes.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Administer Oath of Office

A. Dr. Blair M Ball, Division 4

B. Robert Ybarra, At-Large #2

C. Kevin Walton, Division 3

General Manager Lance Eckhart administered the Oath of office to Directors Ball, Ybarra, and Walton.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-30, Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference/Virtual Meetings of Pass Water Agency Legislative Bodies for the Period of December 12, 2022 to January 11, 2023 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting, November 28, 2022

Director Letulle made a motion, seconded by Director Walton, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Valdivia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 5 – 0, with Vice President Valdivia and Director Duncan absent.

6. Reports

A. General Manager's Report

1. Mr. Eckhart informed the Board that a notice had been received from the Department of Water Resources informing State Water Contractors that the initial allocation for State Water Project Table A Water is 5%.

B. Legal Counsel's Report

1. Mr. Ferre discussed three bills (AB652, AB1817, and AB2771) related to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These bills were recently passed and prohibit the use of PFAS. Mr. Ferre provided details about each bill. He commented that these bills will help combat PFAS in the groundwater supply throughout California.

7. New Business

A. Grant Update – The Ferguson Group, Kristi More

Mr. Eckhart introduced Project Manager Kristi More. Ms. More was hired to assist with grant opportunities for the Agency and for the region. Attached to the Agenda is a document named ‘Project Funding Opportunities for the San Geronio Pass Water Agency.’ Ms. More spoke on the different types of grants, both on a state and federal level. The Project Funding document is our guide for looking at developing and implementing a strategy to secure funds. Ms. More and Mr. Eckhart reviewed the document. The Board asked clarifying questions.

B. Cabazon GAP Funding Increase

Mr. Eckhart noted that the Board had previously approved an \$800,000 Gap Funding agreement to provide funding for Cabazon Water District improvements. Project manager, Krieger & Stewart Engineering Consultants, informed Staff of an opportunity to complete the projects sooner. Based on cash-flow estimates by K&S Engineering Consultants, Staff recommends raising the gap funding limit to \$1,300,000. Mr. Ferre stated that if this action is acceptable to the Board, an amendment would be needed to change the agreement. The Board asked clarifying questions. After further discussion, Director Ball made a motion, seconded by Director Walton, to approve Staff’s recommendation to increase the limit of funds to \$1,300,000, by bringing an amendment to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting. 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Valdivia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 5 – 0, with Vice President Valdivia and Director Duncan absent.

8. Informational Presentation –

A. State Water Project Sustainability for the Pass Region

- Part 3 – State Water Project Challenges

Sr. Water Resources Planner Emmett Campbell provided an overview on SWP Sustainability Parts 1 – 2. Part 3 explained the challenges of moving water and possible solutions. The Board asked clarifying questions. Mr. Campbell concluded his presentation and noted that Part 4 will be on the topic of Strategic Infrastructure and Water Delivery Discussion.

7. New Business (cont.)

C. Water Supply Plan – Zanjero, Gwyn-Mohr Tully

Mr. Eckhart mentioned Mr. Tully has assisted with the Agency’s UWMP, Urban Water Contingency Plan, and the EIR review for the long-term lease with Ventura.

Mr. Eckhart laid out the challenges that the Agency is facing, along with the challenges that Mr. Campbell reviewed. He explained the proposed contract would provide the Agency with tools and strategies to implement a Water Supply Strategic Plan. Mr. Tully, Mr. Eckhart, Mr. Ferre and Mr. Todd answered clarifying questions. After further discussion, the consensus was to ask Staff to finalize the details of an agreement with Zanjero, which would include targeted timelines and more definition on some of the deliverables and present the final agreement to the Board for formal consideration. Mr. Ferre will include information on sole source in the presentation.

9. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

Director Letulle reported on:

- ACWA Region 9 seat was appointed to a SBVMWD Board member
- PFAS
- ACWA Fall Conference

Director Ybarra reported on:

- ACWA Fall Conference
- ACWA JPIA meeting

President Smith reported on:

- ACWA Fall Conference
- Thanked the partners and friends from this industry for participating in the Agency's meetings.

10. Topics for Future Agendas

None.

11. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the announcements:

- A. Water Conservation and Education Workshop, December 13, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Finance and Engineering Workshop, and Regular Board Meeting December 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Canceled - Regular Board Meeting, December 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom
- D. Office closed December 26 – December 30, 2022 in observance of the Christmas Holiday

12. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:09 pm.



Lance Eckhart, Secretary of the Board

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