

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 23, 2023

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/ Robert Ybarra, Secretary
teleconferencing Blair M Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Kevin Walton, 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

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., January 23, 2023, by video/teleconference. Mr. Eckhart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Smith 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"/>
Secretary 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

Joyce McIntire (YVWD Board Member) provided public comment.

4. Consent Calendar

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 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 January 23, 2023 to February 22, 2023, Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting, January 9, 2023

C. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance & Engineering Workshop, January 17, 2023

Vice-President Valdivia moved, seconded by Director Duncan, to approve the consent calendar. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

<i>Roll Call</i>	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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"/>
Secretary 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 reported on the Freedom Foundation vs. Superior Court of Sacramento County case. The case dealt with the California Public Records Act.

6. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

A. Sites Reservoir Project (Jerry Brown, Executive Director)

Mr. Eckhart introduced Executive Director Jerry Brown. Mr. Eckhart stated that Mr. Brown is attending this meeting to provide an update on the progress of the Sites Reservoir Project. Mr. Brown gave a brief account of his credentials in public utilities. He has been the Executive Director of the Sites Reservoir Project since 2020. Mr. Brown spoke on the Project's financing, investment, and the next steps and goals for 2022-2024. His presentation included water reliability, noting that had Sites Reservoir been in place today, the reservoir would have collected about 120,000 acre-feet of water supply because of the recent storms. In addition, with the projected precipitation for the next month, the reservoir could potentially be filled to about one-fourth of the reservoir capacity, about 400,000 acre-feet. Mr. Brown answered questions.

6. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action (con't)

B. Change Order for the Backbone Water System Feasibility Study

Mr. Eckhart noted that this item was discussed in detail at the January 17th Finance and Engineering Workshop. After discussion, Director Ball moved, seconded by Director Walton, to approve the proposal for additional consulting services by Albert A. Webb and Associates for the Backbone Water System Feasibility Study. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

<i>Roll Call</i>	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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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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"/>

Motion carried, 7 – 0.

C. Board Committee Assignments

A slide of the proposed 2024 Committee Assignments was presented. President Smith stated that this is a draft of the Committee Assignments. He asked that the Board review the assignments, and provide feedback to him.

7. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

Director Valdivia reported on:

- City of Banning City Council held on January 10th.
- Chamber of Commerce Breakfasts
- Upcoming City of Calimesa Installation Dinner to be held on January 26th

Director Walton reported on:

- His presence at ongoing meetings related to turf replacement in the Homeowners Associations.

Director Duncan reported on:

- City of Banning City Council meeting held on January 10th
- Inland Empire Resource and Conservation District Water Conservation presentation

Director Ybarra reported on:

- Capital Improvement Committee meeting

7. Reports (cont.)

Director Smith reported on:

- San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District – Upper Santa Ana River Division 1 Water Forum, held on January 19th

8. Topics for Future Agendas

Director Valdivia requested an update sometime in February or March on the BCVWD MDN Line 16 water capture project.

9. Closed Session (one item)

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Water rights/supplies – State Water Project

Agency negotiator: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

Negotiating parties: Dudley Ridge Water District

Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The Board recessed from open session at 2:40 p.m.

The Board convened to closed session at 2:43 p.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 3:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:46 p.m.

There was no reportable action.

10. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Regular Board Meeting, February 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- Teleconference/Zoom
- B. Water Conservation and Education Workshop, February 14, 2023
at 1:30 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom
- C. The office will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents' Day
- D. Finance and Engineering Workshop, Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom

11. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

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Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board

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