

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Finance and Engineering Workshop
March 20, 2023

THIS MEETING HELD IN PERSON,
WITH PUBLIC AVAILABILITY PROVIDED VIA ZOOM.

- Board Present:** Larry Smith, President
Board members present in person Mickey Valdivia, Vice President
Chander Letulle, Treasurer
Blair M Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Kevin Walton, Director
- Board Absent:** Robert Ybarra, Secretary
- Staff Present:** Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Staff members present in person Tom Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
Emmett Campbell, Sr. Water Resources Planner
Matt Howard, Operations Manager
- Consultants Present:** Holland Stewart, Legal Counsel (in person)
Dustin Hardwick (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, Invocation, and Roll Call

The Finance and Engineering Workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors was called to order by Treasurer Chander Letulle at 6:00 p.m., March 20, 2023. Mr. Letulle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Letulle gave the invocation. Mr. Letulle 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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

Mr. Ryan Woll (Cherry Valley Water Company) provided public comment.

4. Reports

A. General Manager’s Report

Mr. Eckhart reported on Agency activities, the status of the State Water Project and general drought conditions.

5. New Business Finance & Budget

A. Ratification of Paid Invoices and Monthly Payroll for February, 2023: The Board reviewed paid invoices of \$3,381,967.10 and monthly payroll of \$43,132.93 for a total of \$3,425,400.03 for February, 2023.

B. Review of Bank Reconciliation for February, 2023: The Board reviewed the bank reconciliation for February, 2023.

C. Review of Budget Report for February, 2023: The Board reviewed the Budget Report for February, 2023. After discussion, Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by Mr. Walton, to accept items 5 A-C at the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Letulle 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"/>
Secretary Ybarra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed 6-0, with Mr. Ybarra absent.

D. Review of Pending Legal Invoices for February, 2023: Mr. Ball moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan to recommend that the Board approve payment of the legal invoices for February, 2023 in the amount of \$8,164.30 at the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Letulle 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"/>
Secretary Ybarra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed 6-0, with Mr. Ybarra absent.

E. Cabazon Gap Funding Report: Mr. Todd reviewed the report.

6. New Business Engineering

A. Small System Support – Cal-Rural Water Association Proposal

Mr. Eckhart reviewed a potential contract with Cal-Rural Water Association to assist in technical, administrative, and research activities for small water systems within the Agency's service area to attract outside funding for infrastructure improvements. Mr. Ryan Woll (Cherry Valley Water Company) provided comments. After discussion, it was recommended that this matter be placed on the Agenda for a future Board meeting.

7. Informational

A. Water Conditions Update

Mr. Howard presented an update on current weather and reservoir conditions and forecasted hydrologic conditions for California; DWR snow surveys; SWP allocation; and SGPWA water portfolio, deliveries, and recharge activities.

B. State Water Project Energy Costs

Mr. Todd reviewed the costs associated with moving water from Lake Oroville to the Agency's service area.

C. Capacity Constraints and Water Banking

Mr. Campbell reviewed some issues related to moving water along the East Branch Extension and a potential banking program to enhance the Agency's flexibility in water operations.

8. Announcements

Mr. Letulle reviewed the announcements:

A. Regular Board Meeting, March 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

B. Regular Board Meeting, April 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

C. Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, April 11, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Letulle adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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Lance Eckhart, Assistant Secretary of the Board

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