

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 27, 2023

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND 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 present in person 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 (in person)
Dustin Hardwick (via Zoom)

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., March 27, 2023. Mr. Ball led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Ball gave the invocation. President Smith requested a roll call.

| <i>Roll Call</i> | <i>Present</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
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| 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

None.

4. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 13, 2023
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance & Engineering Workshop, March 20, 2023

Mr. Duncan moved, seconded by Mr. Letulle, to approve the consent calendar. President Smith requested a vote.

| <i>Roll Call</i> | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Noes</i> | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
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| 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.

5. Reports

A. General Manager's Report

On March 24th, the Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project Table A allocation from 35% to 75%. Mr. Eckhart reported that the Agency's ponds are currently full. He thinks we will have carry-over Table A water for next year. Water is currently being spilling at San Luis Reservoir and Article 21 water will be available for the next 2-3 weeks.

B. Legal Counsel's Report

Mr. Ferre discussed AB 2449.

6. Informational

A. County Line Recharge Update

Mr. Campbell provided an update on the County Line Recharge project.

7. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

A. Contract with Cal-Rural Water Association (CRWA) for Small Water System Assistance (Dustin Hardwick)

Mr. Eckhart remarked that this item was discussed in detail at the March 20th workshop. He noted that CRWA's Deputy Director Dustin Hardwick was attending this meeting. Mr. Eckhart reviewed the proposal for services. He noted that CRWA was formed in 1990 as a non-profit organization that assists small water and wastewater systems with various technical services throughout the state. Several small water systems within our boundaries are in need of their assistance and are interested in a support program. CRWA has prepared a proposal (attached) with a menu of tasks that can be initiated to position the water systems to receive state and/or federal support quickly. Mr. Ferre provided legal advice. Samuel Trussle (Cherry Valley Mutual Water Co.) commented positively. After discussion, Mr. Ball moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to approve the proposal to

7. New Business – 7. A (con't)

enter into a contract with CRWA to assist small water systems in the Agency service area in attracting outside funding for infrastructure improvements. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

| <i>Roll Call</i> | <i>Ayes</i> | <i>Noes</i> | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
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8. Reports - Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- BCVWD Board meeting

Director Duncan reported on:

- YVWD Board Meeting

Director Letulle: Mr. Letulle passed on reporting.

Director Valdivia reported on:

- City of Beaumont Council meeting
- Chamber meetings

Director Walton reported on:

- SBVMWD Board meeting
- YVWD Board meeting
- Cabazon Board meeting
- Beaumont City Council meeting
- SGPRWA meeting

President Smith reported on:

- YVWD

9. Topics for Future Agendas

1. Mr. Walton – Updated on Board Policies
2. Mr. Valdivia – Discussion on the number of Board meetings
3. Mr. Duncan – Request for Sites Update

10. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

10. Announcements (con't)

- A. Regular Board Meeting, April 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m
- B. Water Conservation & Education Committee Workshop, April 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Finance and Engineering Workshop, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

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Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board

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