

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**April 24, 2023**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

**Board Present:**  
(present in person)      Larry Smith, President  
Mickey Valdivia, Vice President  
Chander Letulle, Treasurer  
Robert Ybarra, Secretary  
Blair M Ball, Director  
Ron Duncan, Director      (left at 2:30 p.m.)  
Kevin Walton, Director

**Staff Present:**  
(present in person)      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  
(present in person)

**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., April 24, 2023. Vice President Valdivia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Treasurer Letulle gave the invocation. President Smith requested a roll call.

<b><i>Roll Call</i></b>	<b><i>Present</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
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**

Mr. Eckhart requested that agenda items 6-D and 6-E be presented before agenda items 6-A through 6-C. The agenda was adopted as amended.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 27, 2023
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Finance & Engineering Workshop, April 17, 2023
- C. Approval of The Ferguson Group Contract

Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to approve the consent calendar. Mr. Ball stated that in the April 17, 2023 Minutes, Mr. Letulle was noted as having voted; he was absent that day. President Smith said the minutes would be changed to reflect the correct information. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Noes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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"/>
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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**

On April 20, 2023, the Department of Water Resources increased the State Water Project Table A water allocation from 75% to 100%. 2006 was the only other year that the Agency received an allocation of 100%. Mr. Eckhart reported on Article 21 water, potential water spills, the Agency’s water debt, and a response related to the Agency’s social media campaign.

**B. Legal Counsel’s Report**

Mr. Ferre reported on SB 753 (water theft) and SB 1572 (potable water – nonfunctional turf).

**6. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

**D. Adopt Resolution 2023-08 Revoking Resolution 2022-14 Declaring a Stage 2 Water Shortage**

Mr. Eckhart remarked that on May 24, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Emergency Regulations to reduce water demand and improve water conservation. On June 13, 2022, the Agency adopted Resolution 2022-14, declaring a Stage 2 (11-20 percent shortage) as required by the Emergency Regulations. Due to several substantial winter storms this water year, the depleted water reservoirs have been restored. Staff recommend revoking Resolution 2022-14. Mr. Eckhart made a presentation on the 2023 Water Management Update (a follow-up to the 2022 Stage 2 water shortage announcement). After discussion, Mr. Walton moved, seconded by Mr. Ybarra, to adopt Resolution 2023-08, revoking Resolution 2022-14, which declared a

**6. D. New Business – (con't)**

Stage 2 Water Shortage pursuant to the Agency's Water Shortage Contingency Plan and as required by the State Water Resources Control Board.

President Smith requested a roll call vote.

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

**E. County Line Recharge Basin and Turnout Project Proposal for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

Mr. Campbell reviewed previous discussion on this topic, and provided an overview of the project, CEQA review, and a contract recommendation. After discussion, Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by Mr. Letulle, to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Albert A. Webb and Associates for a not-to-exceed amount of \$111,800 to perform and complete CEQA for the County Line Road Recharge Basin and Turnout Project. President Smith requested a roll call vote.

<b><i>Roll Call</i></b>	<b><i>Ayes</i></b>	<b><i>Noes</i></b>	<b><i>Abstain</i></b>	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
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The motion passed 7-0.

**A. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board Officers' Election 2024-'25 Term – Appointing an Authorized Voting Representative**

Ms. Stiff reviewed ACWA's Board Officers' Election and voting representative process. She noted that in previous years the Board President was designated to vote on behalf of the Agency. After discussion, Mr. Letulle moved, seconded by Mr. Valdivia, to appoint President Smith as the voting representative. Mr. Duncan made a substitute motion to appoint the General Manager as the voting representative. The substitute motion failed for lack of a second. President Smith requested a roll call vote on the original motion.

**6. A. New Business – (con't.)**

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President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed 7-0.

**B. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) - Seeking Board Candidates for the 2024-'25 Term**

Ms. Stiff reviewed ACWA's Board Officers' Election process. She inquired if any Board member was interested in running for a position on ACWA's Board. The Board declined to run for ACWA's Board of Directors.

**C. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) - Seeking Region 9 Candidates**

Ms. Stiff reviewed ACWA's Region 9 Election process. She noted that the Region 9 Board consists of 7 members, the Chair, Vice-Chair, and five Members. The position is for a two-year term. She inquired if any Board member was interested in running for a position on ACWA's Region 9 Board. Mr. Letulle stated that he was interested in running. Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to adopt Resolution 2023-09, nominating Mr. Chander Letulle as a potential member of ACWA's Region 9 Board. President Smith requested a vote. The motion passed 7-0.

**7. Reports - Directors and Committee Reports**

**Director Ball** reported on:

- BCVWD Board meeting

**Director Letulle:** Reported on:

- Well Education for Latino Leaders 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference
- California Water Environment Association Annual Conference

**Director Valdivia** reported on:

- YVWD
- Beaumont Basin Watermaster

**Director Walton** reported on:

- Banning Recreation and Parks District Fishing Derby
- LAFCO
- City Council Meetings

**8. Topics for Future Agendas**

1. President Smith – United Water Conservation District visit
2. President Smith – Meeting dates and times

**9. Announcements**

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Canceled: Regular Board Meeting, May 8, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. ACWA Spring Conference, May 9-11, 2023
- C. Finance and Engineering Workshop, and Regular Board Meeting, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- D. Regular Board Meeting, May 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

***Draft – Subject to Board Approval***

Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board

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