

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 15, 2023

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

Board Present: Larry Smith, President
Present in person Mickey Valdivia, Vice President
Robert Ybarra, Secretary
Blair M Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Kevin Walton, Director

Board Absent: Chander Letulle, Treasurer

Staff Present: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
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: Holland Stewart, 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 Vice President Mickey Valdivia at 6:05 p.m. on May 15, 2023. Mr. Valdivia remarked that we are having videoconferencing difficulties. An email notification of the issue was sent out to the group distribution list. Mr. Eckhart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer Letulle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 presented. Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Valdivia announced a brief recess. The meeting resumed at 6:20 p.m.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting, April 24, 2023

Mr. Duncan moved, seconded by Mr. Walton, to approve the consent calendar.

The motion passed 6 – 0, with Mr. Letulle absent.

5. Reports

A. General Manager’s Report: Mr. Eckhart reported that the Foothill Pipeline is temporarily shut down due to a valve replacement; it is likely to be operational on Monday. He reminded the Board that this weekend is the Solar Challenge Event at Yucaipa Regional Park. IERCD will be staffing a booth during the Cherry Festival on June 3rd and 4th; all board members are welcome to assist. An MOU between San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and the Agency is on Valley District’s May 16th agenda for consideration and approval. The MOU will be brought before our Board on May 22nd.

B. Legal Counsel’s Report: None.

6. New Business Finance – Discussion and Possible Action

A. Ratification of Paid Invoices and Monthly Payroll for April, 2023:

The Board reviewed paid invoices of \$2,095,375.71 and monthly payroll of \$57,848.07 for a total of \$2,153,223,78 for April, 2023.

B. Review of Bank Reconciliation for April, 2023:

The Board reviewed the bank reconciliation for April, 2023.

C. Review of Budget Report for April 2023:

The Board reviewed the budget report for April 2023.

D. Review of Pending Legal Invoices for April 2023:

The Board the pending legal invoice for April 2023.

Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by Mr. Ball, to accept items A-C, and approve payment of the legal invoice for April, 2023. Mr. Valdivia 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 6 – 0, with Mr. Letulle absent.

- E. Cabazon Gap Funding Report – Mr. Todd reviewed this report.

7. New Business Engineering – Informational

A. 2023 Water Portfolio Update

Mr. Campbell spoke on the State Water Project, the 2023 Water Portfolio, and Carryover Mitigation.

8. New Business Engineering – Discussion and Possible Action

A. Consideration of General Budget for FY 2023-24

Mr. Eckhart and Mr. Todd presented the proposed General Fund Budget for FY 2023-24. Staff asked for Board input on the proposed budget. The Board will consider the the budget for possible approval at the May 22nd Board meeting.

B. SGPWA Meeting Discussion

Mr. Eckhart stated that several Board members and members of the public requested a discussion on this item. He noted the poor attendance during the evening meetings. The overall goal is to reduce the number of Agency Board meetings. This proposal would consolidate and integrate Board workshops into a Board meeting so that there are only two Board meetings monthly. Considering the schedule of various public meetings in the region, the preferred option would be to hold Board meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Valdivia pointed out that one of the Board members was not in attendance today and requested that the Board consider this item at a future meeting.

9. Reports

A. Directors and Committee Reports

President Smith reported on:

- ACWA 2023 Spring Conference

Director Ball reported on:

- Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District

Director Walton reported on:

- ACWA 2023 Spring Conference

Vice President Valdivia reported on:

- Collaborative Agencies Committee Meeting
- Beaumont and Banning Chamber Breakfasts
- Backbone Infrastructure

Director Ybarra reported on:

- ACWA/JPIA
- ACWA 2023 Spring Conference

10. Topics for Future Agendas – None.

11. Announcements:

Mr. Valdivia reviewed the following announcements.

- Regular Board Meeting, May 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- Office closed May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day
- Regular Board Meeting, June 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

- D. Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, June 13, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- E. San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting, May 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
- F. Municipal Advisory Council Meeting, May 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Agency's Headquarters.
- G. Solar Boat Challenge to take place this weekend at Yucaipa Regional Park

12. Adjournment

Mr. Valdivia adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board

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