

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**January 9, 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/ Blair M Ball, Director  
teleconferencing Ron Duncan, Director  
Kevin Walton, Director  
Robert Ybarra, Director

**Staff Present:** Lance Eckhart, General Manager  
Tom Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer  
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant  
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 9, 2023, by video/teleconference. Director Ron Duncan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Director Duncan 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"/>
Director 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**

General Manager Dan Jagers (BCVWD) provided public comment.

**4. Election of Board Officers**

**A. Nominations for Board President**

President Smith opened the nominations for Board President. Mr. Jeff Ferre reviewed the nomination rules. Director Duncan nominated Larry Smith as Board President. Director Chander Letulle nominated Mickey Valdivia. Vice President Valdivia declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, President Smith closed the nominations and requested a 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"/>
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"/>

Larry Smith was elected President, 7 – 0.

**B. Nominations for Board Vice President**

President Smith thanked the Board for their support. President Smith opened the nominations for Vice President. President Smith nominated Mickey Valdivia. Director Duncan nominated Director Kevin Walton. Director Walton declined the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, President Smith closed the nominations and requested a 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"/>
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"/>

Mickey Valdivia was elected Vice-President, 7 – 0.

**C. Nominations for Board Treasurer**

President Smith opened the nominations for Treasurer. Director Robert Ybarra nominated Chander Letulle for Board Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, President Smith closed the nominations and requested a 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"/>

**4. Election of Board Officers (con't)**

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"/>

Chander Letulle was elected Treasurer, 7 – 0.

**D. Nominations for Secretary/Assistant Treasurer**

President Smith opened nominations for Secretary/Asst. Treasurer. Vice-President Valdivia nominated Director Ybarra for Board Secretary/Asst. Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations, President Smith closed the nominations and requested a 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"/>
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"/>

Robert Ybarra was elected Secretary/Asst. Treasurer, 7 – 0.

**5. Consent Calendar**

**A.** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-01 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 9, 2023 to February 8, 2023 Pursuant to Brown Act Provisions

**B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting, December 12, 2022

**C.** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance & Engineering Workshop and the Regular Board Meeting, December 19, 2022

Vice-President Valdivia made a motion, seconded by Director Walton, to approve the consent calendar. 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"/>
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.

**6. Reports**

**A.** Mr. Eckhart reviewed a letter written by DWR Director Karla Nemeth to all State Water Project Contractors on the subject of State Water Project actions during winter storms. He also informed the Board that the Ventura multi-year transfer was finalized. The Board made favorable comments.

**B.** Mr. Ferre reported on AB 2536, related to development fees, impact fees for nexus studies, connection fees and capacity charges.

**7. Informational Presentation**

**A. 2023 Prospective**

Mr. Eckhart made a presentation about projected Agency activities for next few weeks and months, including updating the Agency's Strategic Plan and Water Portfolio, Local Investments, Small Systems Programs, and Public Information. Mr. Eckhart also gave an update on the boardroom renovation and the reopening of in-person board meetings.

**8. Reports**

**A. Directors and Committee Reports**

**Director Duncan** reported on:

- His appointment to the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority board.

**9. Topics for Future Agendas**

Director Valdivia requested an update on the BCVWD water capture project.

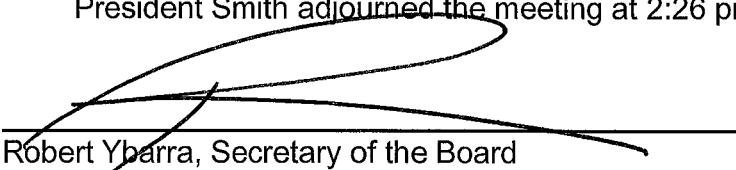
**10. Announcements**

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

- A. The office will be closed January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- B. Finance and Engineering Workshop, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm.  
– Teleconference/Zoom
- C. Regular Board Meeting, January 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.  
– Teleconference/Zoom

**11. Adjournment**

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:26 pm.

  
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Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board  
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