

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 13, 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 attended by video conferencing/
teleconferencing Mickey Valdivia, Vice President
Chander Letulle, Treasurer
Robert Ybarra, Secretary
Blair M Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Kevin Walton, Director

Staff Present: 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: Jeffrey 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., February 13, 2023, by video/teleconference. 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 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

The agenda was adopted as published.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting, January 23, 2023

Mr. Letulle moved, seconded by Director Walton, to approve the consent calendar. President Smith 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 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: Mr. Eckhart reported on water delivery and percolation rates at the Agency’s recharge ponds.

B. Legal Counsel’s Report: Mr. Ferre reported on a California lawsuit that dealt with CEQA.

6. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

A. Property Tax Review (Paula Cone, HdL)

Ms. Cone gave a presentation on the Agency’s Property Tax. Topics included Property Tax Basics, Assessed Value Review, Real Estate Sale Transaction Trends, and Forecasting Property Taxes. Ms. Cone answered questions from the Board.

6. B. Approval of the Right of Entry Agreement for the Santa Ana Weather Modification Pilot Program through the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (Mark Norton, SAWPA and Garrett Cammans, NAWC)

Mr. Howard noted that the Agency contributed \$20,000 in 2022 to this pilot program. SAWPA staff, North American Weather Consultants (NAWC), and SGPWA staff have identified the Agency’s Mountain View Turnout Facility property as an appropriate location for installing cloud seeding equipment. At this time, no additional funds are being requested. Mr. Norton reviewed the Santa Ana Watershed Weather Modification Pilot Program. After discussion, Mr. Duncan moved, seconded by Mr. Walton, to approve the Right of Entry Agreement between the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), and North American Weather Consultants (NAWC) to allow the installation, operation, and maintenance of cloud seeding equipment located at the Mountain View Turnout Facility. President Smith 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Valdivia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried, 6 – 1, with Letulle opposed.

C. Electronic Signature Use Policy

Mr. Todd noted that electronic signatures are allowed by State law in place of traditional wet-ink signatures for official public agency documents. Staff believes that allowing the use of electronic signatures would benefit the Agency. Mr. Todd provided examples of the benefits to the Board. After discussion, Mr. Valdivia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ball, to adopt Resolution 2023-03, Electronic Signature Use Policy.

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

The motion passed 7 – 0.

7. Reports - Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- BCVWD January Board Meeting
- YVWD Community Meeting 26th

Director Duncan reported on:

- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Meeting
- SBVMWD Board Meeting
- BCVWD Board Meeting
- YVWD
- Beaumont Chamber Breakfast
- SGPWA Board Special Workshop

Director Valdivia reported on:

- Beaumont Basin Watermaster Meeting
- SGPWA Board Special Workshop
- Chamber Breakfasts
- BCVWD

Director Walton reported on:

- SBVMWD Board Meeting
- So. Mesa Water Company Board Meeting
- BCVWD Board Meeting
- Chamber Breakfasts
- EVWD – Cyber Security Workshop

8. Topics for Future Agendas

Mr. Ball requested a follow-up on the Apple Fire video.

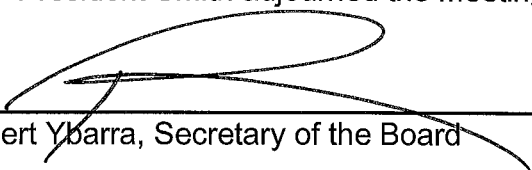
9. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Water Conservation and Education Workshop, February 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. - Teleconference/Zoom
- B. The office will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents' Day
- C. The Finance and Engineering Workshop, scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., is rescheduled to February 27, 2023
- D. Finance and Engineering Workshop and the Regular Board Meeting, February 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. – Teleconference/Zoom

10. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.



Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board
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