

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**June 26, 2023**

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

**Board Present:** Larry Smith, President  
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:** 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., June 26, 2023. Mr. Ybarra led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Ybarra 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"/>
Secretary Ybarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director Walton	<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**

None.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 12, 2023
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 19, 2023

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

The motion passed 7-0.

**5. Reports**

**A. General Manager's Report:** Mr. Eckhart reported on Article 21 water, noting that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is reducing the delivery of Article 21 water. Once Article 21 is no longer available, the Agency will begin delivery of SWP Table A water.

**B. Legal Counsel's Report:** Mr. Ferre reported on a recent State audit of DWR. The assessment focused on DWR's water supply forecasting and surface water management. His report included DWR's response to the report.

**6. Informational Presentations:**

**A. Regional Turf Replacement Program**

Mr. Eckhart provided an informational presentation about a potential Turf Replacement program. He explained how the program would be implemented. He noted that the Agency has been meeting with various Homeowner Associations regarding a turf replacement program; Solera and Four Seasons are interested in the program. The funding would be through federal grants. This program could be a local "pilot" project for ongoing future grant efforts and program expansion. He noted that if the grants are approved, it would impact Agency resources. A grant application will be submitted in the near future. Mr. Slawson (BCVWD Board member) provided public comment.

**B. Recharge Observations**

Mr. Campbell reviewed information about Beaumont Avenue Recharge ponds rates and operations. Mr. Jagers (BCVWD General Manager) provided public comment.

**C. Overview of Board Policies and Ordinances**

Mr. Eckhart informed the Board that Staff will review the Agency's policies and ordinances during the next few months. Staff will make recommendations for action. Staff is currently reviewing the Employee Guide, including employee benefits.

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

**A. Ordinance 18 Establish New Board Meetings and Times**

Mr. Eckhart noted that the Board had met on this topic previously to discuss changes in the Board meeting dates and times. It was the consensus of the Board to eliminate the monthly Board Workshops and to hold two Board meetings, one on the first Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and one on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. If Ordinance 18 is adopted, the new board schedule will be

effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Ferre stated that because there is a pre-existing Ordinance, it is recommended that a new Ordinance be adopted. Joyce McIntyre provided public comment. After discussion, Mr. Valdivia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ybarra, adopting Ordinance 18 to establish the new meeting times and dates and affirm the place of the Board meetings. 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Secretary Ybarra	<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"/>
President Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The motion passed 6-0, with Mr. Ball abstaining.

## 8. Reports - Directors and Committee Reports

**Director Ball** reported on the following:

- June 7 – Beaumont Basin Water Master
- June 14 – BCVWD
- June 16 – Riverside County Water Task Force
- June 13 – Calimesa Chamber Breakfast

**Director Duncan** reported on the following:

- June 6 – YVWD
- June 7 – Beaumont Basin Water Master
- June 9 – Beaumont Chamber Breakfast
- June 20 – YVWD Board Meeting
- June 21 – Banning Chamber Breakfast
- Garden Club Sun Lakes (as guest speaker)

**Director Valdivia** reported on the following:

- June 6 – YVWD
- June 16 – Riverside County Water Task Force
- 2x2x2 meeting
- June 7 – Beaumont Basin Water Master
- June 13 – Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting

**Director Walton** reported on the following:

- June 6 – YVWD
- June 16 – Riverside County Water Task Force
- June 7 – Beaumont Basin Water Master

## 8. Reports - Directors and Committee Reports (cont.)

**Director Ybarra** reported on the following:

- June 6 – YVWD
- June 16 – Riverside County Water Task Force
- June 7 – Beaumont Basin Water Master
- June 13 – Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting

**President Smith** reported on the following:

- June 9 – Beaumont Chamber Breakfast
- June 13 – Calimesa Chamber Breakfast
- June 21 – Banning Chamber Breakfast

## 9. Topics for Future Agendas

Mr. Valdivia and Mr. Walton requested a tour by Staff of the Beaumont Avenue Recharge ponds. Mr. Valdivia requested establishing a committee to identify the usage of the monies received from the cell tower lease. Mr. Letulle requested that the procurement policy include information on RFP, Contracts, and Public Works Projects. Mr. Duncan requested an update on the Beaumont Avenue Recharge ponds signage.

## 10. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Canceled: Regular Board Meeting, July 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Office closed in observance of Independence Day, July 4, 2023
- C. Regular Board Meeting, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

## 11. Adjournment

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

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Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board cms