

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors**  
**August 21, 2023**

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

**Board Present:** Larry Smith, President  
In-person 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  
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  
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 6:00 p.m., August 21, 2023. President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Smith 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**

The agenda was adopted as published.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

## **8. Reports - Directors and Committee Reports (con't.)**

**Director Walton** reported on:

- SBVMWD District Board Meeting
- YVWD Board Meeting
- Banning Chamber Breakfast
- MAC Meeting

**Director Ybarra** reported on:

- Banning City Council Meeting

**Director Valdivia** reported on:

- Calimesa Chamber Breakfast
- MAC Meeting

**Director Letulle** reported on:

- BIA – SCWC
- Cal-Nevada AWWA Education Seminar

**Director Duncan** reported on:

- Banning City Council Meeting and Special Meeting
- BCVWD
- YVWD
- Water Education and Conservation Committee meeting
- Banning Chamber Breakfast
- Cert Training EMD

**Director Ball** reported on:

- BCVWD Engineering Meeting

## **9. Topics for Future Agendas**

1. Mr. Valdivia requested the BCVWD MDN Line 16 Update be removed from pending items.
2. Mr. Walton requested the Strategic Plan discussion be removed from pending items.
3. Dr. Ball requested additional discussion on the GAP Funding Program.
4. Mr. Letulle requested a discussion on the retailer water rate.
5. Mr. Eckhart suggested having a workshop in the near future to discuss the Gap Funding Program..
6. Mr. Valdivia requested a discussion on a non-profit foundation sponsorship program.

## **10. Announcements**

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

- A. The Office will closed in observance of Labor Day, September 4, 2023
- B. Regular Board Meeting, September 11, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- D. Regular Board Meeting, October 2, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- E. Banning Stagecoach Days, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m.,  
Dysart Equestrian Park

**11. Closed Session (one item)**

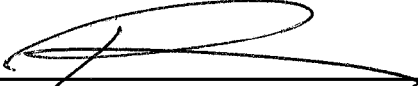
- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: Water rights/supplies/exchange – SWP Table A  
Agency negotiator: Lance Eckhart, General Manager, SGPWA  
Negotiating parties: Matt Knudson, General Manager, AVEK  
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

The Board recessed from open session at 7:31 p.m.  
The Board convened to closed session at 7:40 p.m.  
The Board adjourned from closed session at 8:00 p.m.  
The Board reconvened to open session at 8:02 p.m.

There was no reportable action.

**12. Adjournment**

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

  
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Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board  
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