

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 2, 2023

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

Board Present: Larry Smith, President
In person Chander Letulle, Treasurer
Robert Ybarra, Secretary
Dr. Blair Ball, Director
Kevin Walton, Director

Board Present: Mickey Valdivia, Vice-President (AB 2449)
Via teleconference Ron Duncan, Director (location agendized)

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: Holland Stewart, 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. on October 2, 2023. President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. President Smith 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"/>
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"/>

Mr. Stewart noted that Mr. Duncan's location is posted on the agenda and has been identified. Mr. Stewart confirmed that Mr. Valdivia had notified the Board of his attendance under AB 2449. Mr. Valdivia provided a brief summary of his emergency circumstances. President Smith moved, seconded by Director Ybarra, granting Mr. Valdivia remote attendance for today's meeting.

<i>Roll Call</i>	<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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"/>
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 7-0.

A quorum was present.

2. Adjustment and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Eckhart requested item 8.A be presented to the Board before item 5. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Closed Session

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representative: President Larry Smith

Unrepresented employee: General Manager

Mr. Stewart announced that the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency would go into closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and Section 54957.6.

The Board recessed from open session at 1:35 p.m.

The Board convened to closed session at 1:37 p.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 2:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Stewart stated there was no reportable action.

8. New Business – Discussion

A. Review of San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Five-Year Strategic Plan – 2023 - Draft

Mr. Eckhart introduced Tara Bravo (CV Strategies) to present the Five-Year Strategic Plan Draft. He noted that no action will be taken at this meeting. Ms. Bravo informed the Board that the purpose of today's presentation is to review the Plan and for the Board to provide input. After discussion, Mr. Eckhart noted the Board's suggestions, stating that the Plan is a living document, and changes will be made as needed. Staff and CV Strategies will refine the Plan and present the updated version at a future Board meeting. Mr. Eckhart requested feedback from the Board within the next week in order for Staff to present the revised Strategic Plan at the next Board meeting.

5. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 18, 2023
- B. Approval of the Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Report for September 21, 2023

Mr. Letulle provided a brief synopsis of the Committee review of the financial reports. After discussion, Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by Mr. Letulle, to approve the consent calendar. President Smith requested a roll call vote. The motion passed 7-0.

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"/>
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 7-0.

6. Reports

A. General Manager’s Report

Mr. Eckhart reported on the following:

1. Sites Update: The State Water Application is still in process. The EIR Certification and a Notice of Determination are scheduled for October.
2. State of the City Event – Beaumont.
3. City of Banning Water Reclamation Facility Monument signage.

B. Legal Counsel’s Report None.

7. Informational Presentations

A. Review of Investment Policy

Mr. Todd noted that the Board requested a review of the Agency’s policies. The review of the Investment Policy is part of that process. The Investment Policy was updated in 2021. There are no changes recommended at this time. The next Investment Portfolio update will occur by year-end. Mr. Jagers (BCVWD General Manager) provided public comment.

8. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 to Support the Brookside West Recharge Facility Application for the WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant through the Bureau of Reclamation

Mr. Eckhart provided a brief overview of the property purchased for an additional recharge facility on Brookside Avenue in Beaumont. This new facility will be known as the Brookside West Recharge Facility. Proposed funding from the Bureau of Reclamation would provide for the design work to build the facility. Staff anticipates that the award would be \$800,000; the Agency would be responsible for a 50% match. The work would be initiated in Fiscal Year 2024-25 if awarded. Mr.

Jaggers provided public comment. After discussion, Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by Mr. Ybarra, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 to authorize the General Manager to apply for this grant and, if awarded, execute all related agreements and documents on behalf of the Agency.

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Director Ball	<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.

9. Reports - Directors and Committee Reports

Director Ball reported on:

- Personnel Policy Manual Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Director Duncan reported on:

- General Manager Evaluation Committee
- YVWD Board Meeting
- Cabazon Community Clean-up Event

Director Valdivia reported on:

- BCVRPD proposed Equestrian Trial
- Beaumont Chamber – State of the City Event

Director Smith reported on:

- Beaumont Chamber – State of the City Event

10. Topics for Future Agendas

None.

11. Announcements

President Smith reviewed the following announcements:

- Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, October 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Finance and Budget Committee Meeting, October 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

4. Closed Session (con't)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
 Title: General Manager

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representative: President Larry Smith

Unrepresented employee: General Manager

Mr. Stewart announced the continuance of the Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957 and Section 54957.6.

The Board recessed from open session at 3:57 p.m.

The Board convened to closed session at 4:03 p.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 5:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened to open session at 5:26 p.m.

Mr. Stewart stated there was no reportable action.

12. Adjournment

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

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Robert Ybarra, Secretary of the Board

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