## San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

## **Invocation Policy**

## March 18, 2024

Pursuant to the following rules, an invocation shall be permitted at the beginning of each meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency ("SGPWA") immediately preceding the flag salute.

- I. Time Limit: The invocation shall be limited to three minutes.
- **II. Speakers:** Clergy, religious leaders, SGPWA Directors, SGPWA Staff, or other persons may open a legislative session of the SGPWA with an invocation so long as it is respectful, neutral, and does not intentionally disparage any other faith or belief.
- **III.** Rules for Opening Invocation at San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency: In addition to the requirements of Sections I and II of this Policy, invocations offered at the opening of a SGPWA Board meeting shall adhere to the following guidelines:
  - a. The invocation shall be respectful in tone and invite the SGPWA Directors and Staff to reflect upon shared ideals and common ends before embarking on their business.
  - b. The invocation shall not be used as an opportunity to preach or argue on behalf of or against a particular religious faith.
  - c. The invocation shall not be used as an opportunity to lobby or argue on behalf of or against a particular Board-related issue.
  - d. The invocation may call on God on behalf of those present, but speakers shall be free to offer the invocation according to the dictates of their own conscience.
  - e. No member of the Board, Staff, or any person in attendance at the meeting shall be required to participate in any invocation that is offered.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on March 18, 2024, by a vote of 6-0.

President Valdivia

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