

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223

Official Minutes
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024

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

Board Present: Mickey Valdivia, President
Chander Letulle, Vice President
Kevin Walton, Secretary
Robert Ybarra, Treasurer
Blair M Ball, Director
Ron Duncan, Director
Larry Smith, Director

Staff Present: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
In person Maricela Cabral, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Emmett Campbell, Sr. Water Resources Planner
Matt Howard, Operations Manager
Thomas Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

Consultants Present:
In person Holland Stewart, Legal Counsel

1. Call to Order, Invocation, Flag Salute, and Roll Call

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Valdivia at 6:00 p.m., April 15, 2024, at the office of the Agency. Director Ball gave the invocation; Vice President Letulle led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Valdivia requested roll call.

2. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published.

3. Public Comment

No public comment received.

4. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Minutes of the April 1, 2024, Regular Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors.

On a motion by Director Ron Duncan, second by Treasurer Robert Ybarra, the board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Letulle, Walton, Ybarra, Ball, Duncan, Smith

Noes: None
Abstained: Valdivia
Absent: None
Motion passed 6-0-1 with President Valdivia abstaining.

5. Reports

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager, Lance Eckhart reported on the following:

1. Water Education Foundation Water Leaders Program – mentoring/working alongside an Engineer who works at Coachella Valley Water District on SGMA and adjudication matters.
2. Southern California Water Conference – SGPWA is set to sponsor the forthcoming conference scheduled for August 9, 2024. Will be part of the panel speaking on small systems assistance and Gap Funding.
3. Provided update on the Intersection Beautification Program for Beaumont Avenue and Brookside West.
4. Currently have two projects funded by ARPA: \$3 million allocated for County Line Road and \$1.8 million for six Heli-hydrants in the region. These are scheduled for inclusion on the County's consent calendar on April 30, 2024.

President Valdivia commented he would like to see an equestrian trail on either Brookside East or West.

B. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel Holland Stewart had no report.

6. Informational Presentations

A. Water Conditions Update

Matt Howard, Operations Manager briefed the Board on reservoir conditions, highlighting the recent DWR snow survey's impact on our 2024 State Water Project allocation and March recharge deliveries. While Northern Sierra precipitation was above average from October to March, April saw a dip. Year-to-date precipitation totals slightly below average at 44.3 inches. Orville Reservoir is at 90% capacity, with a notable increase since March. San Luis Reservoir, at 73% capacity, is below average due to pumping restrictions. Statewide, the April 1 snowpack stands at 113% of average, promising for water supply. This impacts our portfolio, with the State Water Project allocation now at 30%. With carryover water and this year's allocations, we have approximately 20,718 acre-feet. March deliveries totaled 2030 acre-feet, with a similar projection for April, totaling just over 5000 acre-feet locally.

Dan Jiggers, General Manager of Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District provided comments on the water conditions update.

B. State Water Project Fundamentals

Emmett Campbell, Senior Water Resources Planner provided a presentation on State Water Project fundamentals. Topic covered was an overview of the

8. Reports - Directors and Committee Report

Directors Smith and Ball reported on the following:

- April 4, 2024, 2x2 meeting with Beaumont Cherry Valley and City of Beaumont

Treasurer Ybarra reported on the following:

- April 10, 2024, Capital Improvement Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

Directors Walton, Duncan and Letulle had no report.

President Valdivia reported on the following:

- April 8, 2024, San Geronio Pass Water Agency Foundation Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting
- April 9, 2024, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting
- April 9, 2024, City of Banning City Council Meeting
- April 10, 2024, Capital Improvement Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

9. Topics for Future Agendas

None.

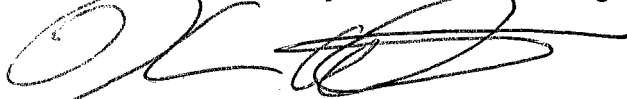
10. Announcements

President Valdivia reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Finance & Budget Committee Meeting, April 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, May 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. has been rescheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Association of California Water Agencies 2024 Spring Conference, May 7-9, 2024
- D. Regular Board Meeting, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

President Valdivia adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.



Kevin Walton, Secretary of the Board

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