

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

Official Minutes
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 21, 2024

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

1. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Vice President Letulle at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 21, 2024, at the office of the Agency. Director Smith provided the invocation; Vice President Letulle led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a roll call.

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

Board Absent: Mickey Valdivia, President

Staff Present: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Thomas Todd, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
Maricela Cabral, Exec. Asst. /Clerk of the Board
Emmett Campbell, Sr. Water Resources Planner

Consultant Present: Holland Stewart, Legal Counsel

A quorum was present.

2. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published.

3. Public Comment

No public comment received.

4. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of the October 7, 2024, Regular Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors.

On a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Director Duncan, the board approved the Consent Calendar as corrected.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Valdivia

Motion passed 6-0.

5. Reports

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager, Lance Eckhart reported on the following:

1. ARPA funding for County Line Road is slated for approval at the October 29, 2024, Riverside County Board of Supervisors Meeting.
2. Westsides Water District tour of October 10, 2024.

B. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel, Holland Stewart had no report.

6. Informational Presentations and Updates:

A. Water Conditions Report

Lance Eckhart, General Manager, presented the current water conditions report, highlighting a dry start to the season alongside average reservoir levels. Notably, the San Luis Reservoir is slightly above average, with ongoing efforts aimed at increasing its capacity for potential reclassification. After additional discussion, it was agreed that staff will review historical snowfall data and present their findings to the board at an upcoming meeting.

7. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-14, Confirming and Implementing the Establishment of a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan with the Public Agency Retirement Services Trust System

Thomas Todd, Chief Financial Officer provided background on proposed Resolution No. 2024-14, Confirming and Implementing the Establishment of a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan with the Public Agency Retirement Services Trust System. The Board discussed the proposed resolution.

On a motion by Director Duncan, seconded by Treasurer Ybarra, the board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-14, Confirming and Implementing the Establishment of a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan with the Public Agency Retirement Services Trust System.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Valdivia

Motion passed 6-0.

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-15, Authorizing Execution of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Between the San Geronio Pass Water Agency and the County of Riverside for the County Line Road Recharge Basin and Turnout Project

Emmett Campbell, Senior Water Resources Planner provided background on proposed Resolution No. 2024-15, authorizing execution of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement between the San Geronio Pass Water Agency and the County of Riverside for the County Line Road Recharge Basin and Turnout Project.

On a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Treasurer Ybarra, the board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-15, authorizing execution of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement between the San Geronio Pass Water Agency and the County of Riverside for the County Line Road Recharge Basin and Turnout Project

Approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Valdivia

Motion passed 6-0.

8. Reports - Directors and Committee Report

Board members reported attending the following meetings:

- i. September 18, 2024, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District Board Meeting (Director Ball)
- ii. September 19, 2024, City of Beaumont State of the City (Director Ball)
- iii. September 25, 2024, Southern California Water Dialogue Webinar (Director Ball)
- iv. September 30, 2024, Board of Directors Workshop – Backbone Pipeline (Director Ball)
- v. October 1, 2024, Delta Conveyance Project Roundtable Discussion (Director Ball)
- vi. October 8, 2024, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting (Director Duncan)
- vii. October 8, 2024, City of Banning, City Council Meeting (Director Duncan)
- viii. October 9, 2024, City of Banning State of the City (Director Duncan)
- ix. October 9, 2024, South Mesa Water Company Board Meeting (Director Duncan)
- x. October 9, 2024, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Board Meeting (Director Ball)
- xi. October 10, 2024, ACWA Webinar-Funding opportunities for Energy Projects at CA Wastewater Treatment Plants (Director Duncan)
- xii. October 11, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors - Westside District Tour (Directors Smith, Walton, Ybarra and Letulle)
- xiii. October 14, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – Flume Tour (Directors Duncan, Ybarra and Ball)
- xiv. October 14, 2024, Banning Heights Board Meeting (Directors Duncan and Ball)
- xv. October 15, 2024, Cabazon Water District Board Meeting (Director Duncan)
- xvi. October 16, 2024, Sunrise Banning Breakfast (Directors Duncan and Ybarra)

9. Topics for Future Agendas

No topics were discussed.

10. Announcements

Vice President Letulle reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Finance & Budget Committee Meeting, October 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Regular Board Meeting, November 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Office closed November 11, 2024, in observance of Veterans Day
- D. Regular Board Meeting, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Vice President Letulle adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, November 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Kevin Walton, Secretary of the Board

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