

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

**Official Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**June 2 2025**

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

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

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Valdivia at 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2025, at the office of the Agency. Director Ball gave the invocation, and Director Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

President Valdivia requested a roll call.

**Board Present:**

Mickey Valdivia, President  
Chander Letulle, Vice-President  
Robert Ybarra, Treasurer  
Kevin Walton, Secretary  
Blair M Ball, Director  
Sarah Wargo, Director  
Larry Smith, Director

**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  
Matt Howard, Operations Manager

**Consultant Present:**

Jeff Ferre, Legal Counsel

A quorum was present.

**3. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as published.

**4. Public Comment**

No public comment received.

**5. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve Minutes of the May 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors
- B. Approve Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Report, for April 2025

On a motion by President Valdivia, seconded by Secretary Walton, the board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

Approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Smith, Walton, Wargo, Ybarra, Letulle, Ball, Valdivia

Noes: None

Absent: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**6. Reports**

**A. General Manager's Report**

General Manager, Lance Eckhart reported on the following:

- Shared Associated Press featured video on the Cabazon Heli-hydrant and its role in firefighting

**B. Legal Counsel's Report**

Counsel Ferre had no report.

**7. Informational Presentations and Updates:**

**A. Legislative Update**

Glenn Farrel, Legislative Advocate provided an update on state legislature deadlines associated with assembly bills and budget.

**8. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action:**

**A. Adopt the San Geronio Pass Water Agency Five-Year Strategic Plan Update**

Tara Bravo Mulally, Chief Strategy Officer, CV Strategies, presented the updated Five-Year Strategic Plan, highlighting the significance of aligning and prioritizing objectives. While the mission, vision, and core values remain unchanged, the sequencing of strategic objectives has been revised to better reflect current organizational priorities. Key focus areas include active participation in local and state initiatives, expansion of collaborative partnerships, and continued support for regional water systems. The plan also outlines strategic priorities related to infrastructure investment, financial and administrative operations, governance, personnel development, and public engagement. The Board engaged in discussion emphasizing the importance of objective prioritization and underscored the need for regular reviews and updates to ensure the plan remains responsive and effective.

On a motion by Director Smith, seconded by Secretary Walton, the board approved the adoption of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency Five-Year Strategic Plan Update.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Smith, Walton, Wargo, Ybarra, Letulle, Ball, Valdivia

Noes: None

Absent: None

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**B. Consideration and Possible Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget**

Chief Financial Officer Thomas Todd Jr., provided an overview of the budget, including income distribution, proposed expenditure categories, and historical perspectives. The Board discussed the budget, the importance of reserves, and the potential need for mid-year revisions.

On a motion by Treasurer Ybarra, seconded by Vice President Letulle, the board approved the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Smith, Walton, Wargo, Ybarra, Letulle, Ball, Valdivia

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 7-0.

**9. Reports - Directors and Committee Report**

The following meeting was reported on:

- May 21, 2025, High Valleys Water District Board Meeting (Walton)

Directors Smith, Wargo, Ybarra, Letulle, Ball and Valdivia had no report.

**10. Topics for Future Agendas**

No topics were discussed.

**11. Closed Session Agenda**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 1216 Beaumont Ave, Beaumont, CA 92223; APN: 415-130-021

Agency negotiator: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

Negotiating parties: Sara Santos-Sanchez, The Harris Group

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) and initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

One potential case

**12. Reconvene**

**A. Report out of Closed Session Action**

President Valdivia reconvened the meeting into open session. Counsel Ferre announced there was no reportable action on items 11.A and 11.B.

**13. Announcements**

President Valdivia reviewed the following announcements:

- A. Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, June 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
- B. Cabazon Heli-Hydrant Ribbon Cutting, June 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- C. Regular Board Meeting, June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
- D. Finance & Budget Committee Meeting, June 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

**14. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, President Valdivia adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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Maricela V. Cabral, CMC, CPMC  
Deputy Secretary of the Board