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

Official Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors &
Pass Water Agency Foundation Board
June 15, 2026

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

1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance
The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Robert Ybarra at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2026, at the office of the Agency. Secretary Wargo provided the invocation, and Vice President Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call
President Ybarra requested a roll call.

Board Present:	Robert Ybarra, President Larry Smith, Vice-President James Tickemyer, Treasurer Sarah Wargo, Secretary Blair M Ball, Director Chander Letulle, Director Mickey Valdivia, Director
Staff Present:	Lance Eckhart, General Manager Jennifer Ustation, Chief Financial Officer Maricela Cabral, Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board Emmett Campbell, Director of Water Resources Matt Howard, Operations Manager
Consultant Present:	Holland Stewart, Legal Counsel

A quorum was present.

3. Adoption and Adjustment of Agenda
The agenda was adopted as published.

4. Public Comment
Dr. Della Condon addressed the Board regarding regional growth, water supply planning, and the importance of proactive communication on potential water impacts associated with development.

5. Pass Water Agency Foundation Board

A. Reorganization of the Pass Water Agency Foundation Board

Counsel Stewart presented the item to align the Pass Water Agency Foundation Board officers with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board officers and update Foundation records accordingly.

Board discussion included the relationship between Foundation Board officers and the existing Foundation Committee.

On a motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by Director Valdivia, the Foundation Board approved the reorganization of the Pass Water Agency Foundation Board officers to align with the Agency Board officers.
Approved by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Tickemyer, Ybarra
Noes: Letulle, Ball
Absent: None
Motion passed 5-2.

B. Report on Foundation Activities

Chief Financial Officer Ustation reported the Foundation bank account balance was $58,815.45 as of March 16, 2026. She reported withdrawals for the WELL Conference, California Secretary of State filing fee, and Rotary Club Honored Circle Sponsorship, leaving a balance of $52,571.72.

Board discussion included potential future Foundation activities, sponsorships, use of Foundation funds, and requests for additional transparency and formality in future Foundation reporting.

President Ybarra adjourned the Pass Water Agency Foundation Board and continued the meeting as the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors.

6. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of the June 1, 2026, Regular Meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Board of Directors

On a motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by President Ybarra, the board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.
Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Tickemyer, Letulle, Ball, Ybarra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Motion passed 7-0.

7. Reports

A. General Manager's Report

General Manager, Lance Eckhart reported on the following:

1. Banning Heights Mutual Water Company Ribbon Cutting Event

2. Recycled water coordination with the City of Beaumont and Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
3. Regional hub-and-spoke/hexavalent chromium mitigation discussions with Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and the City of Banning to address future treatment costs through coordinated groundwater management and infrastructure planning.
4. Calimesa heli-hydrant parts have been ordered and noted that Metropolitan Water District highlighted the Agency's gap funding program as a model for supporting smaller systems.

B. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel Stewart stated that an SB 707 Brown Act update would be provided at the next meeting and briefly noted that the requirements have minimal impact on the Agency, but broader impacts on certain cities and counties.

8. Informational Presentations and Updates:

A. Water Conditions Report

Operations Manager Howard provided the water conditions report. He reported Northern Sierra precipitation at approximately 97 percent of average, Lake Oroville at approximately 95 percent of capacity, and San Luis Reservoir at approximately 70 percent of capacity and above average.

Mr. Howard reported that the State Water Project allocation remains at 45 percent, resulting in a total Agency supply portfolio of just over 17,000 acre-feet. He reported May deliveries of 1,625 acre-feet and approximately 9,300 acre-feet delivered year-to-date.

Mr. Howard reviewed water orders from the City of Banning, Yucaipa Valley Water District, and Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, and stated staff expects to meet the current year delivery targets.

9. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing to consider adoption of the 2025 San Gorgonio Pass Regional Urban Water Management Plan, and Resolution No. 2026-03

President Ybarra opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

General Manager Eckhart introduced the 2025 San Gorgonio Pass Regional Urban Water Management Plan and stated that the plan evaluates long-term water supply and demand, includes coordination with Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, and supports regional water planning.

Zanjero representatives Galen Davis and Gwen Moore Tully presented the Regional Urban Water Management Plan, including statutory requirements, plan structure, participating agencies, population projections, the Agency's supply portfolio, stored water in the Beaumont Basin, regional water use, drought risk assessment, long-term reliability findings, and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Public comments were received regarding seismic considerations, potential ratepayer impacts, conjunctive use, supply reliability, and the role of water supply assessments for large developments.
President Ybarra closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

On a motion by Director Valdivia, seconded by Treasurer Tickemyer, the board adopted Resolution No. 2026-03, approving and adopting Chapters 1 through 6 of the 2025 San Gorgonio Pass Regional Urban Water Management Plan, including the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.
Approved by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Tickemyer, Letulle, Ball, Ybarra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Motion passed 7-0.

10. New Business – Discussion and Possible Action:

A. Approve Resolution Nos. 2026-04 and 2026-05, calling for election for up to three (3) seats of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) Board of Directors, requesting consolidation with the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, and notifying the County Clerk that candidates will be responsible to pay costs associated with Publication of the Statement of Qualifications

Clerk of the Board Cabral presented Resolution Nos. 2026-04 and 2026-05 calling for the November 3, 2026, election for up to three Board seats, requesting consolidation with Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and providing that candidates are responsible for publication costs associated with candidate statements. Ms. Cabral reviewed key election dates and noted that the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget includes $150,000 for election costs.

On a motion by Treasurer Tickemyer, seconded by President Ybarra, the board adopted Resolution Nos. 2026-04 and 2026-05, calling for election for up to three (3) seats of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) Board of Directors, requesting consolidation with the counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, and notifying the County Clerk that candidates will be responsible to pay costs associated with Publication of the Statement of Qualifications.
Approved by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Tickemyer, Letulle, Ball, Ybarra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Motion passed 7-0.

B. Authorize the General Manager to Execute One-Year Extensions of the Existing On-Call Engineering Agreements with Albert A. Webb Associates and Provost & Pritchard, and to Execute an Extension of the Existing Agreement with CV Strategies for continued Public Information and Communications Support Services

Director of Water Resources Campbell presented the annual one-year extensions for the existing on-call engineering agreements with Albert A. Webb Associates and Provost & Pritchard. He reviewed work performed during the fiscal year and the proposed budgeted amounts for the upcoming fiscal year.

Staff clarified that the CV Strategies contract referenced in the staff report did not require Board action at this meeting.

On a motion by Director Letulle, seconded by Secretary Wargo, the board approved and authorized the General Manager to execute one-year extensions of the existing on-call engineering agreements with Albert A. Webb Associates and Provost & Pritchard.
Approved by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Tickemyer, Letulle, Ball, Ybarra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Motion passed 7-0.

C. Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Contract with the California Rural Water Association (CRWA), for technical, managerial and financial assistance to small water systems in the agency's service area, in an amount not-to-exceed $133,000
Operations Manager Howard presented the proposed contract with the California Rural Water Association for technical, managerial, and financial assistance to small water systems in the Agency's service area, in an amount not to exceed $133,000.

Mr. Howard reviewed the program scope, including water distribution and treatment workshops, grant application support, a rate study for Banning Heights Mutual Water Company, and a capital improvement plan for High Valleys Water District. High Valleys Water District General Manager Stan Houghton provided comments regarding the benefits of the program.

On a motion by Vice President Smith, seconded by Secretary Wargo, the board approved and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract with the California Rural Water Association for technical, managerial and financial assistance to small water systems in the agency's service area, in an amount not-to-exceed $133,000.
Approved by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Valdivia, Wargo, Smith, Tickemyer, Letulle, Ball, Ybarra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Motion passed 7-0.

11. Reports - Directors and Committees
The following meetings were reported by the Board members identified beside each item:

- June 3, 2026, Beaumont Basin Watermaster Meeting (Wargo)
- June 4, 2026, GM Evaluation Committee Meeting (Valdivia, Ybarra)

- June 8, 2026, Banning Heights Mutual Water Company Board Meeting (Wargo, Ybarra)
- June 9, 2026, Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting (Wargo, Valdivia)
- June 9, 2026, Banning City Council Meeting (Ybarra)
- June 10, 2026, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting (Wargo)
- June 11, 2026, Banning Heights Mutual Water Company Ribbon Cutting Event (Wargo, Ybarra)
- June 11, 2026, West Desert MAC Meeting (Wargo)
- June 14, 2026, Fire Resiliency Workshop presented by IERCD (Wargo)

Directors Ball, Letulle, Tickemyer and Smith had no report.

12. Topics for Future Agendas

Director Valdivia requested a presentation in the future about Data Centers and the water impacts.

Vice President Smith requested a presentation from Riverside County Flood Control regarding El Niño and its potential flood impacts.

Director Ball requested a future report regarding committee processes, transparency, and Foundation expenditures, including whether additional safeguards or procedures are needed.

13. Closed Session Agenda

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Gov. Code § 54957.8)
Property: Approximately 800 AF of Water
Agency negotiator: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Negotiating parties: Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Gov. Code § 54956.9)
Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Potential Case

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Government Code Section 54957
Title: General Manager

D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code 54957.6
Agency designated representative: Board President Robert Ybarra
Unrepresented employee: General Manager

14. Reconvene

A. Report out of Closed Session Action

President Ybarra reconvened the meeting into open session. Counsel Stewart reported the Board met in closed session and there was no reportable action.

15. Announcements

President Ybarra reviewed the following announcements:

A. Finance & Budget Committee Meeting, June 16, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
B. Office closed July 3, 2026, in observance of Independence Day.
C. Regular Board Meeting, July 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
D. Regular Board Meeting, July 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
E. Finance & Budget Committee Meeting, July 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, President Ybarra adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, July 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Maricela V. Cabral

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