

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

Official Minutes
Water Conservation and Education Committee
August 13, 2024

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

Committee Members Present:

Ron Duncan, Chair
Larry Smith, Member
Mickey Valdivia, Member

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Maricela Cabral, Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board

Others in Attendance:

Gabriela Preciado, Education Programs Lead, IERCD (via teleconference)
Shari Tindall, Conservation Educator, IERCD (via teleconference)
Mandy Parkes, District Manager, IERCD (via teleconference)
Sarah Wargo, President, Cabazon Water District (via teleconference)

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Water Conservation and Education Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Duncan at 1:30 p.m., August 13, 2024. Member Valdivia led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance; Chairman Duncan requested roll call. A quorum was present.

2. Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as published.

3. Public Comment

Sarah Wargo, President of Cabazon Water District introduced herself as a candidate for Division 1 of the San Gorgonio Pass Water District.

4. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2024 Committee Meeting

On a motion by Member Smith, seconded by Member Valdivia, the Committee approved the minutes of the June 17, 2024, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Status Report on IERCD Programs

Gabriela Preciado (IERCD Education Programs Lead) provided a presentation on the 2023-24 Water Conservation Programming

Partnership which included information on the target projections and what has occurred to date. Ms. Preciado spoke on the upcoming scheduled workshops, community events and updated the Committee on the school outreach programs.

6. Contract for Professional Services with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District for FY 2024-25

General Manager Lance Eckhart presented the Committee with an overview of the Contract for Professional Services with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District for FY 2024-25. Mandy Parks, District Manager for IERCD, provided additional context regarding the new contract. Committee members Valdivia and Smith voiced their support for the proposed contract. Member Valdivia suggested incorporating Homeowner Association Communities into the educational program, along with turf conversion initiatives.

On a motion by Member Valdivia, seconded by Chairman Duncan, the Committee approved the Contract for Professional Services with Inland Empire Resource Conservation District for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Duncan, Smith, Valdivia

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 3-0.

7. Announcement: Next Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting: October 8, 2024

- 8. Adjournment.** The meeting of the Water Conservation and Education Committee of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency was adjourned by Committee Chair Duncan at 2:08 p.m.

Maricela V. Cabral, CMC, CPMC
Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board