



SAN GORGONIO PASS
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Agency Recognizes Director Ron Duncan for 12 Years of Service to Board of Directors

BEAUMONT, CA (December 12, 2024) – After 12 years of dedicated service, Division One Director Ron Duncan is retiring from the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) Board of Directors. Duncan leaves a legacy of making water more accessible to the Pass area and the broader community, ensuring the Agency’s message of sustainability was heard far and wide. Duncan was appointed in 2012 and re-elected in 2012, 2016 and 2020.

When Duncan first took office, he was driven to help the Agency connect with residents and surrounding communities. He wanted residents to know why decisions were being made, and how they would benefit. Duncan also wanted to work more closely with surrounding communities to ensure information was being shared freely and regional collaboration opportunities were explored.

“During my first days as a Director, I took a perspective-shifting trip to Northern California for a conference,” Duncan said. “I had never thought much about water before taking office, but the conference opened my eyes to how critical water is to the local community. I have been motivated to serve our region ever since.”

As he gets ready to leave office, Duncan is proud of his time with the agency. He said, “When I think back to that first conference and realizing how central water is to a community, I’m happy with the work we did to further that — protecting water supplies, securing funding for big projects, and working together with the community and surrounding areas.” Duncan says.

Duncan is a past President of the Banning Chamber of Commerce, and for many years owned Lithopass Printing. He is now semi-retired and dedicated to beekeeping full-time, but he continues to play an active role in the Banning community. His local involvement includes serving as Vice President of Softball at Banning Pass Little League and as a Board Member of the Playhouse Bowl Association. Together with his wife Suzanna, a retired elementary teacher, they have seven grown children and are proud grandparents to 23 grandchildren.

Duncan will be recognized with a special Board of Directors ceremony on December 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Agency’s Administration Building, located at 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont.

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About San Geronio Pass Water Agency

Formed in 1961, SGPWA is a State Water Contractor that serves a 225-square-mile area of western Riverside County. The service area includes the cities of Calimesa, Beaumont, and Banning, and the communities of Cherry Valley, Cabazon, and the Banning Bench. In addition to importing State Water Project (SWP) water from Northern California to augment local groundwater sources, the Agency builds local system infrastructure, participates in water transfers, partners in statewide water projects and collaborates on regional water reliability and conservation efforts.