



# **San Geronio Pass Water Agency**

**Strategic Plan  
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## **Mission Statement**

The San Geronio Pass Water Agency's mission is to import supplemental water and to protect and enhance local water supplies for use by present and future water users and to sell imported water to local water districts within the service areas of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency.

The San Geronio Pass Water Agency promotes water conservation, education and efficient use of our water resources.

The Agency's goal is to maximize the quality, quantity and reliability of available water in the most financially responsible and environmentally sensitive manner.



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## Critical Factors for Success

As we meet our customers' current and ongoing needs, we recognize that our true success as a water supplier must be measured over the long term as our region grows.

In order to be successful, we must:

- Define
  - Define our role as a public agency in the region and educate the public regarding that role.
- Plan
  - Develop plans to identify and procure additional supplemental water for our region.
  - Develop plans in concert with other local water agencies for a storage and distribution system to meet the needs of the region.
  - Develop a plan to finance current and future facilities.
- Partner
  - Create formal and informal partnerships with water agencies, cities, state agencies, and other stakeholders to find solutions for local and regional water problems.
- Manage
  - Work to manage regional water resources for their best use while preserving local groundwater basins.
  - Manage water resources data to enable us to make the best possible decisions regarding those resources.



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## **Vision Statement**

The San Geronimo Pass Water Agency will partner with other local stakeholders to assure that growing regional water needs are met, optimizing the use of existing resources, without adverse impacts on local groundwater basins.



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## Priorities

### **Priority One: Additional Water**

#### Objective 1:

Identify by January 2007 additional supplemental water available for the Pass, including State Project Water (SPW) and other alternatives.

*Reason: The Agency's current Table A allotment of 17,300 acre-feet is not enough to meet the needs of the region in the long term.*

#### Objective 2:

Take steps to secure additional rights as needed and complete deals to get the rights as available by June 2008.



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### **Priority Two: Additional Facilities**

#### Objective 1:

Work with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to complete the EIR and design for East Branch Extension 2 (EBX 2) and advertise for pipeline construction bids by December 2007.

*Reason: EBX 2 is a long-planned facility that is required in order to receive our current Table A allotment of 17,300 acre-feet.*

#### Objective 2:

Construct or work with others to construct additional permanent recharge facilities in local groundwater basins to augment the Little San Gorgonio Creek facility by 2007.

*Reason: The Little San Gorgonio Creek facility and Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District's recharge facility will not provide enough regional recharge capacity over the next 5-10 years.*

#### Objective 3:

Extend East Branch Extension (EBX) of the State Water Project to the Cabazon area within 10 years.

*Reason: To meet the needs of the Eastern part of our service area and to utilize the Cabazon Basin conjunctively.*

#### Objective 4:

Work with local water retailers on an ongoing basis to ensure that any new facilities we construct will work with their facilities to provide the best management of resources.

*Reason: To be as cost-efficient as possible in meeting the water and infrastructure needs for the region.*



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### **Priority Three: Water Management**

#### Objective 1:

Work with Banning Heights Mutual Water Company and the City of Banning to plan, finance, and construct Whitewater Flume repairs and upgrades, and maintain operation of flume. Plan with timelines to be completed by December 2006.

*Reason: To ensure that the high quality water the flume conveys to our service area is not lost, thereby having to be replaced with higher priced State Project Water (SPW).*

#### Objective 2:

Sign a contract with Yucaipa Valley Water District to ensure a long-term supply of SPW for its pending filtration plant by December 2006.

*Reason: To recharge local groundwater basins via direct delivery of SPW.*

#### Objective 3:

Complete steps to utilize the Cabazon Basin as a storage reservoir by December 2007. Have a program in place to establish storage contracts with other agencies for this basin by December 2008.

*Reason: The Cabazon Basin will provide a large storage reservoir, opportunities to use water conjunctively, and a location strategically located to store Colorado River Water and/or State Project Water.*

#### Objective 4:

Continue to work with the Beaumont Basin Watermaster to provide the best possible management of the Beaumont Basin.

*Reason: The Beaumont Basin is the largest source of local water and therefore deserves the attention of local water agencies in managing it for current and future generations.*

#### Objective 5

Have a program in place by June 2007 to search for and identify other water storage opportunities.

*Reason: Water storage represents one of the best water management tools for any area that has a potential water shortage.*



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### **Priority Four: Regional Planning**

#### Objective 1:

Work with water agencies outside our region to develop plans by late 2008 for additional facilities to bring water to and distribute within the Pass.

*Reason: The Pass needs additional capacity to bring water to the region within 30 years.*

#### Objective 2:

Complete an integrated regional water management plan by 2007, with the Pass as the defined region, in concert with other stakeholders and use it to apply for Prop 50 implementation funds.

*Reason: Integrated regional water management plans represent excellent regional management tools and also qualify the region for outside funding for certain types of facilities.*



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### **Priority 5: Financial Issues**

#### Objective:

Develop a comprehensive financial plan by June 2007 to provide funding for needed new water and infrastructure. Take steps to implement the plan as needed to fund projects. Update plan annually.

*Reason: With limited financial resources, we need a plan that will allow the Agency to proceed with necessary projects by ensuring that funds are available when needed.*