

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA
Board of Directors
Water Conservation & Education Workshop Agenda
February 13, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Board of Directors at this time relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. To comment on specific agenda items, please complete a speaker's request form and hand it to the Board Secretary.

3. Discussion of Capabilities of Inland Empire Resource Conservation District* (Page 2)

4. Discussion of Matching Program for Water Retailers

5. Discussion of Banning Centennial Event Booth

6. Discussion of Water Education Issues and Implementation

7. Announcements

- A. Office closed **Monday**, February 18, 2013 in observance of Presidents' Day
- B. Regular Board Meeting, **Tuesday**, February 19, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- C. Finance and Budget Workshop, February 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
- D. Regular Board Meeting, March 4, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

***Information included in Agenda Packet**

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IERCD AVAILABLE SERVICES: WATER CONSERVATION

FREE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

K-12 Classroom Programs

The IERCD partners with multiple water providers and wholesalers in the region to perform Water Use Efficiency (WUE) classroom programming on behalf of individual agencies. The District's existing program package and strong presence in local school districts and with community groups allows for cost-effective creation of WUE programming specific to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency. The program involves the following elements:

- Performance of a contracted number of 45 min – 1 hour in length classroom programs to residents in your service area, of which the total number, cost, and term of performance would be specific to the needs of your agency. All of these terms would be memorialized in a proposal or contract similar to the one I provided to you yesterday.
- Documentation, designed/formatted according to grade/age group, consisting of the following:
 - Pre/Post-Program content documentation, distributed to participating classrooms to increase student comprehension through pre-program vocabulary introduction and post-program reinforcement activities and resources.
 - Lesson plans demonstrating content and correlation to Science Standards for California Public Schools to ensure interest in program among teachers
 - Post-program content quizzes to test student comprehension and to be used as a tool for reformatting presentations in the event that students are not retaining core messages
 - Visual aides to be used throughout the program, emblazoned with your specific logo alongside the IERCD logo.
- Use of interactive materials during programs, consisting primarily of a 3D model of a watershed to underscore concepts discussed during informational part of program to ensure student interest
- Outreach for program to area schools and community groups, at no extra charge to the requesting water agency

Contracting agencies include:

- The San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- The Yucaipa Valley Water District
- The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
- City of San Bernardino

Adult Programs

So far, these are only being conceptualized and executed on behalf of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. They involve the delivery of elevated water conservation message principles, including elements designed to be of interest to adult residents, including:

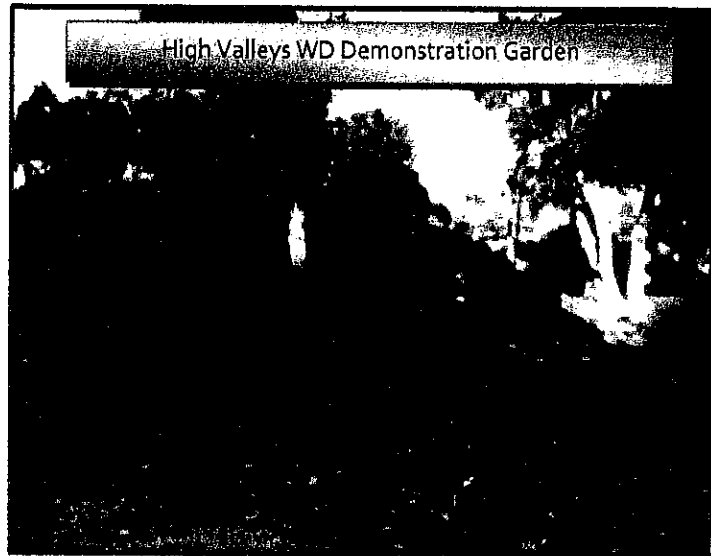
- Presentation of local water provider/role in provision of water to region
- Information on native/drought-tolerant plants to be used in residential and commercial landscaping, including sources for such plants and installation and care/maintenance tips
- Information on area rebates for incorporation of water-efficient practices in residences, including geographic area and method of incorporation for such rebates

- Give-aways including native plants and presentation handouts to ensure comprehension and further advertisement of your agency's logo

If the SGPWA is interested, we could work together on development of single-occasion seminars/workshops prior to entering into a contract for performance of regular adult education programming to ensure your board was satisfied with our work before committing long-term funding to supporting it.

INSTALLATION OF NATIVE GARDENS

The IERCD worked with partners including the High Valleys Water District and Wild California (www.wildcalifornia.co) to install a native plant demonstration garden on the water district's property off of Twin Pines Rd in Banning. The IERCD provided \$3,300 worth of native plants while the water district provided all irrigation and mulch, and Wild California provided all design, labor, and periodic maintenance.



In addition to the High Valleys Water District, the IERCD has also installed gardens at Mesa Grande Academy and Competitive Edge Academy in Yucaipa, at Valley Prep in Redlands, and has supported the installation of the large-scale San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District demonstration garden on the campus of California State University, San Bernardino.

SUPPORT OF IN-PROGRESS OR DEVELOPING WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Water conservation programming/projects we have provided outreach support to includes:

- Inland Empire Garden Friendly Promotions
- City of San Bernardino's water conservation calendar contest
- Series of 3 basins projects in the City of Yucaipa – invasives removal, provision of signs and native plants to encourage resident's passive use

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT

Other areas we can provide support include: mitigation project facilitation, invasive vegetation removal, sensitive species monitoring, and participation/facilitation of SGPWA events.