

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue
Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Water Conservation and Education Committee
July 21, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Mike Thompson, Chair
Blair Ball
Steve Lehtonen

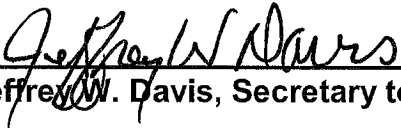
Staff Present:

Jeff Davis, General Manager

1. **Call to Order:** The scheduled meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Water Conservation and Education Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Thompson in the Agency Conference Room, 1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California, at 1:30 pm, July 21, 2017.
2. **Public Comment:** There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Committee at this time.
3. **Discussion of Current Conservation and Education Programs.** General Manager Davis reviewed the year's past accomplishments of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD), as well as its proposal for student water conservation programs for the upcoming year. He informed the Committee that he would bring the proposal to the Board for approval at the August 7 Board meeting. The Committee directed the General Manager to be more proactive with the IERCD regarding the effectiveness of teacher workshops. The Committee also directed the General Manager to look into the availability of additional tabletop groundwater models that could be purchased and donated to local schools. The Committee then discussed the Inland Solar Challenge and its impact on high school students' attitudes on water conservation. The Committee was unsure of the effectiveness of this event in promoting water conservation and education. The Committee agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting so that a recommendation could be made to the Board on a possible sponsorship level for the 2018 event.
4. **Discussion of Possible Future Conservation and Education Programs.** The Committee discussed a number of possible programs, including targeting high water users and incentivizing individuals or water retailers to use less Table A water in order to provide more water for projected development. The Committee recognized that the

Agency would likely need to partner with retail water agencies in order to implement any useful and meaningful programs. They discussed the possibility of making funds available to retail water agencies who could write proposals to obtain portions of these funds for their own conservation programs. No decisions were made, but the Committee decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting, which was set for September 28 at 1:30 pm.

5. **Adjournment.** Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board