

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue
Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Water Conservation and Education Committee
September 28, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Mike Thompson, Chair
Blair Ball (arrived at 1:32)
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, September 28, 2017.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda.** There were no changes to the agenda proposed.
3. **Public Comment:** There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Committee at this time.
4. **Minutes of the March 31, 2017 Committee Meeting.** A copy of the minutes was included in the agenda package. Director Lehtonen moved, seconded by Director Ball, to approve the minutes of the March 31 workshop. The motion passed 3-0.
5. **Minutes of the July 21, 2017 Committee Meeting.** A copy of the minutes was included in the agenda package. Director Thompson moved, seconded by Director Ball, to approve the minutes of the July 21 workshop. The motion passed 3-0.
6. **Report From Staff on Activities since July 21.** General Manager Davis informed the Committee that he had contacted the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) regarding inviting Board members to conservation workshops in the schools. As a result, both Director Duncan and Director Lehtonen had attended such workshops at Banning High School this month. He told the Committee that staff had been in contact with EnVision, the company that manufactures the groundwater model, and that the company indicated that the models were available at approximately \$1750 each, with a 5% discount for orders of five, or a 10% discount for orders of 10. This prompted a discussion of the models and how to use them. The Committee proposed purchasing two models for the IERCD and asking the IERCD to take these to the three high schools in the region to use them to educate high school science students on groundwater issues. General

Manager Davis replied that he would contact the General Manager of the IERCD to determine if she would be willing to accept a gift of two models on the condition that they would attempt to get them into the three local high schools. Committee members indicated that they would find out who to contact at the high schools.

7. **Discussion of Potential Conservation Programs.** The Committee discussed a possible series of full page ads in the Record Gazette that would inform the public on who the Agency is and on water conservation issues, such as turning sprinklers off during the winter when they are less needed to irrigate lawns. The possibility of tying these ads into a Facebook page was also discussed. The Committee asked General Manager Davis to talk to Art Vela and Dan Jagers regarding what message they would like to see conveyed in such ads or the Facebook page so that the Agency could coordinate the message with retail water agencies. It was decided to discuss this issue in more detail at the next meeting, which was scheduled for November 9.
8. **Adjournment.** Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.



Jeffrey W. Davis, Secretary to the Board