

# San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency names new GM

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency on June 15 approved Lance Eckhart, currently the Director of Basin Management and Resource Planning for the Mojave Water Agency, as its new General Manager.

In his current role at Mojave, Eckhart is responsible for leading teams of professionals to perform scientific studies, develop and lead strategic resource plans, attract grant funding, implement capital projects, and conduct policy work to help manage a 5,000 square mile service area.

Prior to working for Mojave, which he has done for the past 18 years, Eckhart worked in the private sector for several environmental consulting firms.

He is a licensed

Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist in California.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Geology and a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from Cal State Fullerton.

"Lance stood out from the very beginning as one of our top candidates, and continually showed us throughout the lengthy and extensive process that he has what we need," said Ron Duncan of Banning, SGPWA Board President. "He has the technical and managerial skills we are looking for, and he has a history of working collaboratively with others, which is important to us here in the Pass. Plus, he has extensive experience in groundwater, and our Agency was created to preserve the local ground-



Lance Eckhart

water basins, so he is a perfect fit." His contract was approved unanimously by the Board.

"I am very much looking forward to serving the Pass

Water Agency and working together with local stakeholders" said Eckhart. "Ensuring a long-term reliable water supply in California is becoming more difficult and I am excited to be working collaboratively with area resource managers to secure the region's water needs. SGPWA and water users in the area have some big supply challenges ahead. I have no doubt, by working together, we can meet these challenges."

Eckhart, a resident of Rancho Cucamonga, will replace Jeff Davis, who is retiring after 15 years as General Manager.

He will earn an annual salary of \$192,500, plus other benefits.

He will officially take over at the Pass Agency on July 13.

The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency is a State Water Contractor and wholesale water Agency serving over 90,000 residents of the Pass from Calimesa to Cabazon.

It imports water from the State Water Project and other sources and delivers it to retail water agencies in the Pass to replenish local groundwater basins.

It was created by an act of the Legislature in 1961 and is governed by a seven member publicly elected Board of Directors.

For more information, contact Jeff Davis at the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, (951) 845-2577 or jdavis@sgpwa.com.

## Tender Loving Critter's Pet

Greetings, I'm Peter. In the picture, I'm a "baby-baby" but now I'm 3 months old now. The reason we're using a baby picture is to show how Ellen gets us to use the computer at an early age. I came to TLC on March 26. A young lady found me abandoned in her front yard on Sunset Ave. I wasn't abandoned "on purpose" my mom was moving our family and she forgot to come back for me. I was about 5-7 days old when my new adventure started. Since I was still a baby I needed to be bottle-fed. There went Ellen's beauty sleep — I made sure of that. I'll be honest, I wasn't a cooperative bottle baby. Usually, kittens my age get fed every two hours, but I decided to do three hours then two hours then of course there were times I refused to eat. I made life chaotic for Ellen. When I was about 2-3 weeks old, I decided to cooperate. There were many times when I was being difficult, Ellen would call me different names, I don't think we should go there! Ellen had me on Facebook a lot. If you'd like to see my adventures go to Tender Loving Critters Animal Rescue's FB page. Last week, Michele of Michelscats came to get me. It was time for me to get adopted. Michele works with TLC in Palm Springs. I'm staying in Palm Springs waiting for my "forever" home. I wish my forever home was with Ellen but she says I deserve a family of my own. I miss TLC but I know soon I'll have my very own family who will love me forever. BTY, I'm neutered, microchipped, wormed, and current on my shots.



You can reach TLC/Ellen by calling (951) 849-5817 or you can write to P. O. Box 299 Banning, CA 92220. You can also e-mail Ellen at elncarr@hotmail.com.

## Birth announcements

• Leelan King Corona was born May 26 to Carmen Coronado and Juan Corona of Banning.

• Violet June Landero was born May 26 to Alexis Duran and Mark Landero of

Banning.

• Ryder Nettie Noszun Lantry was born May 29 to Dianna Armstrong and Dylan Lantry of Banning.

• Simon Osuna Jr. was born on June 15 to Daisy Juarez

and Simon Osuna of Beaumont.

• Delilah Garcia was born June 18 to Angelina and Antonio Garcia of Banning

## Soroptimist International of Beaumont, Banning awards local scholarships

Five pass area seniors received \$500 scholarships this June from Soroptimist International Beaumont-Banning.

They are Azeria Patrick of Banning High School; Amanda Schemel of Beaumont High School; Jaelyn O'Neal of Beaumont; Grace Gillespie of Glen View High School and Brittney Corral of Glen View High School.

Soroptimist is a service organization with a mission to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The local club provides scholarships to



Courtesy photo

Katherine Talkington, Soroptimist Scholarship Committee (left); Brittney Corral; Dr. Benisha Carr, Principal Glen View High School; Grace Gillespie; and Louise Zaki, Soroptimist Scholarship Committee.

pass area seniors every year as well as supports programs for adult women to continue their education.

## Record Gazette to close office on Friday, July 3

The Record Gazette office will be closed on Friday, July 3 as a holiday in observance of 4th of July, which falls on a Saturday this year. Offices will reopen on

Monday, July 6 at 8 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you after the holiday.

On behalf of our staff we want to wish you a Happy 4th of July! Stay safe!

## STABBING

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their willingness to serve the citizens of Banning during such dangerous circumstances," said Police Chief Matthew Hamner.

Residents of Banning reported a suspicious person that matched the suspect description provided by wit-

nesses in the area.

The suspect was identified as Artem Day.

Officers were able to locate Day and take him into custody without further incident.

The Banning Police Department is anyone who may have additional information regarding this case to contact the Banning Police Detective Bureau at (951) 922-3170.

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