**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**

**1210 Beaumont Avenue**

**Beaumont, California 92223**

**Minutes of the**

**Water Conservation and Education Committee**

**October 12, 2021**

IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS), AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

**Committee Members Present:**

Ron Duncan, Chair (arrived at 1:45 p.m.)

Mickey Valdivia Member

Robert Ybarra, Member

**Staff Present:**

Lance Eckhart, General Manager

Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to Order and Flag Salute:** The scheduled meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Water Conservation and Education Committee was called to order by Director Ybarra by conferencing/video, at 1:30 pm, October 12, 2021. Director Ybarra led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda.** The Agenda was adopted as published.

1. **Public Comment:** There were no other members of the public who wished to address the committee at this time.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Committee Meeting.** Director Valdivia moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 committee meeting. Director Ybarra seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0, with Director Duncan absent.
3. **2022 Inland Solar Challenge Sponsorship (ISC):** General Manager Eckhart informed the Committee that the Agency has been a sponsor for the Inland Solar Challenge for a number of years. Devin Arciniega is the ISC Committee Chair. She thanked the Agency for its past sponsorship. She noted the challenges faced during COVID-19. The event will be held in 2022. The ISC brings together Inland Empire high school students to build and race solar powered boats, as well as resource management and conservation. There is also a water conservation public service announcement that the students complete, as well as technical reports. The committee plan and coordinate the ISC. Also attending from the committee is Jennifer Shimmin (CVWD) and Jennifer Ares (YVWD). The event will take place May 20, 2022 through May 22, 2022, at the Yucaipa Regional Park. She provided detailed information on what is expected from the students. She noted that the students not only are educated on resource management and conservation, also introduces local high school students to careers related in water. The committee is requesting a $5k sponsorship, which is the sponsorship that the Agency provided at the last event. At this time Ms. Arciniega answered questions from the Board. The committee felt that this sponsorship was well worth the investment. Director Valdivia made a motion to recommend to the Board a sponsorship in the amount of $5k. Director Ybarra seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0, with Director Duncan absent.
4. **Status Report on IERCD Programs:** Attending today’s meeting is Mandy Parks (District Manger – IERCD), Crystal Cortex (Education Programs Manager) and Shari Tindall (Lead Contract Educator). Crystal Cortez provided her educational background. Shari Tindall noted that she educator for SGPWA. She has been with IERCD since 2009. She has presented in 14 of the 19 schools located between Beaumont and Banning. Ms. Cortez reviewed “who” the IERCD is and its function. Ms. Cortez provided a brief reviewed of the contract. She announced that new this year is a detailed outreach mapping, enabling assessment of success/adaptive management of strategy where beneficial. Ms. Cortez provided the social media and analytics reports. She noted that the KMZ map, which is part of Goggle Earth, stating that this tool will help with outreach approach. Ms. Tindall did a review on the SGPWA 2021-22 contract summary. Ms. Tindall reviewed the progress report and the anticipated work for the second quarter. Ms. Tindell noted that the outreach slides are interactive, which will give the students meaningful knowledge. Ms. Parks stated the outreach slide is being used as a tool to communicate on a staff level with the general manager. IERCD staff answered questions from the Board. The committee requested that all agendas be posted to social media.
5. **Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting: December 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**
6. **Adjournment.** The Water Conservation and Education Workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency was adjourned by Director Ybarra at 2:11 p.m.

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**Lance Eckhart, Secretary to the Board**

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