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Returning Board Members Continue to Advance Local Water Reliability

BEAUMONT, CA (December 22, 2022) – Three members of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) Board of Directors will remain in office to represent Pass Area residents, following the 2022 General Election. The Directors were sworn in at a ceremony on December 12, 2022.

Board members play a critical role in guiding the agency on important water issues, such as safeguarding local groundwater, ensuring a dependable delivery system, collaborating with retail providers, and maintaining a long-term, sustainable water supply for the area.

The returning Board members include:

- Kevin Walton, Director, Division 3 (first appointed in February 2022)
- Dr. Blair Ball, Director, Division 4 (first elected in November 2014)
- Robert Ybarra, Director, At Large No. 2 (first appointed in 2021)

"SGPWA is thankful for the ongoing service of our Board members, who are dedicated to serving the public and making sure the community continues to have a dependable supply of water at the ready, even in times of drought" said President Larry Smith.

SGPWA is governed by a seven-member Board, elected by local citizens. Five of the Directors represent divisions within the agency, and two are elected at-large. Directors each serve a four-year term. Elections are held in November of even-numbered years.

The Board meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public, and the community is encouraged to attend.

For more information and meeting participation information, go to www.sgpwa.com.

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About San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

Formed in 1961, SGPWA is a State Water Contractor that serves a 225-square-mile area of western Riverside County. The service area includes the cities of Calimesa, Beaumont, and Banning, and the communities of Cherry Valley, Cabazon, and the Banning Bench. In addition to importing State Water Project (SWP) water from Northern California to augment local groundwater sources, the Agency builds local system infrastructure, participates in water transfers, partners in statewide water projects and collaborates on regional water reliability and conservation efforts.