



SAN GORGONIO PASS  
WATER AGENCY  
*A California State Water Project Contractor*

**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**Water Conservation and Education**  
**Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**October 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.**

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD IN PERSON.

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1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Roll Call**
2. **Adjustment and Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Board at this time concerning items relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. To comment on specific agenda items, please complete a speaker's request form and hand it to the board secretary. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than five minutes. Under the Brown Act, no action or discussion shall take place on any item not appearing on the agenda, except that the Board or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed for the purpose of directing statements or questions to staff for follow up.
4. **Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2023 Committee Meeting** ([pg. 2](#))
5. **Inland Empire Solar Challenge 2024 (Mary Jo Hartley & Madeline Blua)**  
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6. **Status Report on IERCD Programs (Gabriela Preciado & Shari Tindall)**  
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7. **Report on Stagecoach Days (Shari Tindall)**
8. **Report on California-Friendly Landscaping Workshop (Shari Tindall)**
9. **Committee Member Reports**
10. **Announcements:**  
**Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, December 12, 2023**
11. **Adjournment**

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**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue**  
**Beaumont, California 92223**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Water Conservation and Education Committee**  
**August 15, 2023**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

**Committee Members Present:**

Robert Ybarra, Chair  
Ron Duncan, Member  
Mickey Valdivia Member

**Staff Present:**

Lance Eckhart, General Manager  
Matt Howard, Operations Manager

1. **Call to Order and Flag Salute:** The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Water Conservation and Education Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Ybarra at 1:30 p.m., August 15, 2023. Mr. Ybarra led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.
2. **Adoption and Adjustment of the Agenda.** The Agenda was adopted as published.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2023 Committee Meeting.**  
Mr. Duncan moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Valdivia, to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
5. **Status Report on IERCD Programs:** IERCD District Manager Mandy Parkes gave an overview of IERCD's mission and programs. She informed the committee of all the various educational programs IERCD provides to the community. Ms. Parkes spoke on IERCD's commitment to the partnership, noting that IERCD has fulfilled its contracts with the Agency and has also provided in-kind commitments. She spoke on their involvement with CV Strategies. She also spoke on IERCD's master gardener/conservations program. She reviewed the 2023-24 targeted projections for classroom presentations, workshops, and community events with the committee and the numbers to date. She noted that IERCD has been partnering with the Agency for ten years. Mr. Duncan requested a history of the numbers for the previous three years. Mr. Valdivia requested the actual date that IERCD became involved with the Agency. Ms. Parks explained the additional steps they are taking, such as increased strategic outreach and continued presentations on behalf of the Agency. She informed the committee that most of their staff is bilingual, which is important when partaking in programs and community

events. She invited the committee to the upcoming Solara workshop. IERCD will represent the Agency at the Stagecoach Days on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, she shared an update on outgoing employee Crystal Cortez; today is her first day at the California Academy of Science.

6. **Review of IERCD Contract for FY 2023-24:** Mr. Eckhart spoke to the committee on the last couple of years the Agency has been expanding to reach out to all the schools within our service area. The IERCD started out with water-related topics for elementary, middle, and senior high schools. In addition to working with schools, we are also now involved with community events. The FY 2023-24 contract amount is not to exceed \$45,000 for the School Education Programs. Mr. Ybarra noted that IERCD has been doing a great job and has needed value. He inquired about doing due diligence and if there is a need for another proposal. Mr. Eckhart explained to the committee that IERCD is a special district that is uniquely qualified and that he knows of no other entity that does what IERCD does. Mr. Valdivia made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to take this item to the board for consideration and to include an increased analysis, as well as why we are sole sourcing. Mr. Eckhart explained that there is a timeline issue. If the committee is agreeable, we can bring this item to the board without the increase analysis. In the meantime, he will provide the increase analysis to the committee. The committee was in agreement with Mr. Ekchart's suggestion.
7. **Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting: October 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.**
8. **Adjournment.** The Water Conservation and Education Workshop of the San Geronio Pass Water Agency was adjourned by Committee Chair Ybarra at 1:30 p.m.

**Draft - Subject to Committee Approval**  
**Robert Ybarra, Secretary to the Committee**

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# INLAND SOLAR CHALLENGE

2024



# Our Mission

To expand the horizon of education through hands-on activities, allowing students to create innovative ideas, while providing a positive forum to implement their problem-solving and creativity skills.



## Includes 3 races

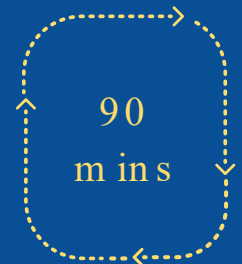
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# THE CHALLENGE

Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, teams work together to build solar powered boats and learn about water resource management. Teams prepare technical reports and a PSA about water conservation

## PARTICIPATING TEAMS



Banning



Cajon



Cienega



Cater



Chadler



Desert Hills



Desert Mirage



Redlands East Valley



Rialto



San Andreas



Yucaipa





## The Challenge

Learning is centered around water resource management and water conservation.

Students prepare 1-3 minute  
Public Service  
Announcements on water  
resource topics.

## 2024 Topic

Where Does Your  
Water Come From ?

Investigating Water  
Resource Portfolios





# The Inland Solar Challenge is an established 501(c)(3)

The cost of the event is paid through local sponsorships. These sponsorships help to cover costs associated with the ISC event, including but not limited to:

- Park Rental
- Food
- Supplies
- Lifeguard/security
- Equipment Rental
- Consulting







# LOOKING AHEAD

Inland  
Solar Challenge



Inland  
STEM Challenge



# THANK YOU!



# QUESTIONS?



## MONTHLY REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2023

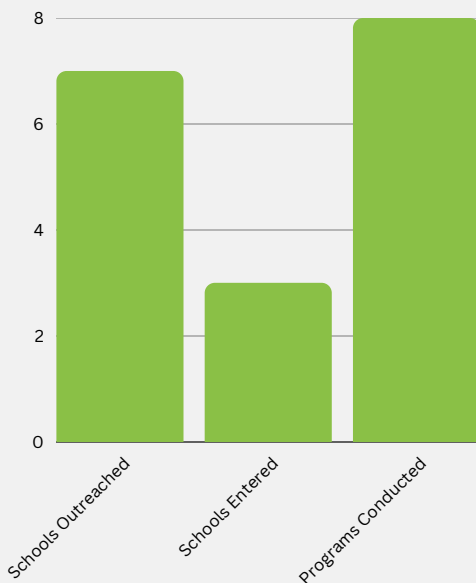
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### AT A GLANCE



We reached **240** students in **4** different grade levels this month through water conservation programming. We have reached **29%** of campuses within SGPWA's service area.

### EVENTS:

- **Stagecoach Days - Banning**
  - September 8th & 9th; 150 community members tracked as meaningful outreach connections (longer conversations focused on SGPWA messaging).
- **Solera Oak Valley Greens - Workshop**
  - September 29th; 87 residents attended the California-Friendly Landscape Workshop featuring Master Gardener presentation, give-aways and connection to resources



### WORK COMPLETED FOR SEPTEMBER

Date	School/Venue	Outreach Impact	Grade/ Age Range
9/8, 9/9	In-Person Community Event Representation - Stagecoach Days, Banning	150+ event attendees	All
9/29	HOA Workshop - Solera Oak Valley Greens, Beaumont	87 Attendees	Adults

Date	School	# of Programs	Grade
9/12	Banning HS	3	9-11
9/19	Beaumont HS	2	9-11
9/29	New Horizons/Coombs HS	1	9-10
9/27	Hoffer Elenmentary	1	3rd
9/27	New Horizons/Coombs HS	1	9-11

## PROJECTED WORK FOR OCTOBER

Date	Schools	# of Programs	Teacher	Grade
10/6	Cabazon Elementary	2	Cash-Crew, Valencia	3rd
10/11	Beaumont HS	2	K. Curtis	9th-11th
10/13	Hoffer Elementary	2	A. Hupe' M. Sanchez	1st
10/17	Summerwind Trails	2	K. Schaub	1st

## SCHOOLS OUTREACHED TO:

Schools highlighted in green scheduled a 2023-24 program!

School:	City:
Cabazon Elementary	Cabazon
Central Elementary	Banning
Hemmerling Elementary	Banning
Starlight Elementary	Beaumont
Summerwind Trails	Calimesa
New Horizon/ Coombs HS	Banning
Beaumont HS	Beaumont
Banning HS	Banning

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## PLANNED AREAS OF FOCUS, OCT - DEC

The IERCD is working to schedule additional resident workshops and presence at community events in SGPWA's service area in the current programming year. Both categories of work are funded under this contract but include in-kind IERCD contributions given the shared SGPWA/IERCD priorities including community education/outreach, water use reduction, and understanding of value of regional agencies in effective natural resources management.