

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue
Beaumont, California 92223
Minutes of the
Water Conservation and Education Committee
October 10, 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
Cheryle Stiff, Executive Assistant
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 Committee Member Valdivia at 1:30 p.m., October 10, 2023. Mr. Valdivia 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 August 15, 2023 Committee Meeting.** Mr. Duncan moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Ybarra, to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
5. **Inland Empire Solar Challenge (IESC) 2024 (Mary Jo Hartley & Madeline Blua):** Ms. Hartley introduced herself and Ms. Blua. Ms. Hartley works for West Valley Water District and is the 2024 Chairperson for the IESC. Ms. Blua works for the Yucaipa Valley Water District and is the Co-Chair of the IESC. Ms. Blua provided a brief overview and vision of the IESC. The IESC is a student-based competition incorporating hands-on activities while providing a positive forum to implement their problem-solving and creativity skills. The students work together to build solar-powered boats and learn about water resource management. The students prepare technical reports and a PSA about water conservation. She informed the Committee that the IESC will be rebranded to the Inland Stem Challenge by the end of the year. This will help broaden the topics, including other careers we must fulfill in the water industry. The Agency provided a \$5k sponsorship last year. Mr. Valdivia moved, seconded by

Mr. Duncan, a recommendation to the Board that the Agency sponsor the 2024 IESC in the amount of \$5k. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Status Report on IERCD Programs:** Gabriela Preciado (IERCD Education Programs Lead) and Shari Tindall (IERCD Conservation Educator) attended the meeting. Ms. Preciado reviewed the September 2023 Monthly Report with the Committee. IERCD has reached 240 students in 4 different grade levels through water conservation programming and twenty-nine percent of campuses within SGPWA's service area. Ms. Preciado stated that a couple of events were attended. These events occurred at the Stagecoach Days in Banning and the Solera Oak Valley Greens Workshop. Ms. Preciado reviewed the work completed in September. A review of the projected work for October was also provided. The IERCD is working to schedule additional resident workshops and presence at community events in the SGPWA's service area. IERCD will send reminder emails each Monday to the committee members of the upcoming workshops.
7. **Report on Stagecoach Days (Shari Tindall)**
Reported on during Agenda item 8.
8. **Report on California-Friendly Landscaping Workshop (Shari Tindall)**
Ms. Tindall reported on the Stagecoach Days and the California-Friendly Landscaping Workshop, noting they were well attended. She informed the Committee that IERCD is in the process of scheduling with Four Seasons for a landscaping workshop.
9. **Committee Member Reports:** None.
10. **Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting: December 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.**
11. **Adjournment.** The Water Conservation and Education Workshop of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency was adjourned by Committee Member Valdivia at 2:06 p.m.

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Robert Ybarra, Secretary to the Committee

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