



SAN GORGONIO PASS
WATER AGENCY
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SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
Water Conservation and Education
Committee Meeting Agenda
December 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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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 October 10, 2023 Committee Meeting ([pg. 2](#))**
- 5. Status Report on IERCD Programs ([pg. 4](#))**
- 6. Committee Member Reports**
- 7. Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, February 13, 2024.**
- 8. Adjournment**

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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.

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

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SGPWA/IERCD 2023-24 Water Conservation Programming Partnership

12/12/2023



2023-2024 Target Projections



Classroom Programs	51
Estimated Number of Students to be Reached	1,200
Schools	20
Workshops	3
Community Events	3
Estimated Number of Comm Members Reached	1000



2023-2024 SO FAR....



Classroom Programs

38 Completed

Number of Students Reached

1,053

Schools Presented to

10

Workshops

Solera Oak Valley Greens, HOA 9/29/23

Community Events

Winter Wonderland 12/16/23 The City of Banning,

Estimated Number of Residents to be Reached

350





Workshops



Scheduled Workshop:

- Four Seasons HOA, Beaumont
 - First Installment, Residential Irrigation, 2/22/24
 - Second Installment, Drought Tolerant Landscaping, 3/28/24

Photo above: Solera Oak Valley Greens. September 29th, 2023: Shows residents listening to the Master Gardeners presentation. There were 87 residents in attendance.



Community Events



- **Winter Wonderland-Banning**
 - Date: December 16th, 2023
 - Location: Banning Community Center 789 N. San Geronimo Ave. Banning
- **Fishing Derby**
 - Date: April, TBD, Family Day, 2024
 - Location: TBD
- **Cherry Festival**
 - Dates: May 31st, June 1st, 2024
 - Location: TBD Beaumont



Schools Contacted and Schools Presented to



Schools Presented to:

- Hoffer Elementary, Banning
- Banning HS, Banning
- Nicolet MS, Banning
- New Horizons/Coombs HS, Banning
- Beaumont HS, Beaumont
- Summer programs presented, Banning
- Cabazon Elementary, Cabazon
- Summerwind Trails, Calimesa
- Brookside Elementary, Beaumont
- Anna Hause Elementary, Beaumont

38 Total programs presented for Q1 through Q2

Scheduled for Q4:

- Palm Innovations, Beaumont
- Sundance Elementary, Beaumont
- Highland Academy Charter, Beaumont
- San Geronio MS, Beaumont

Program Schedule updates are provided [weekly](#).



Schools Contacted



Schools to Outreach to: 21

21st Century Learners, Beaumont
Beaumont

Brookside Elementary, Beaumont
Beaumont

Starlight Elementary, Beaumont
Beaumont

Mountain View MS, Beaumont
Beaumont

Beaumont

Mesa View MS., Calimesa

Grande Academy 7th Day, Calimesa

Cabazon Elementary, Cabazon
Banning

Hoffer Elementary, Banning
Banning

Nicolet MS, Banning

Banning HS, Banning

Coombs/New Horizon HS, Banning

Beaumont HS, Beaumont

Highland Academy Charter, Beaumont Three Rings Ranch Elem.,

Summerwind Trails K-8th, Calimesa

Anna Hause Elementary,

Palm Innovations,

Sundance Elementary,

San Geronimo MS,

Mesa

Central Elementary,

Hemmerling Elementary,



Thank you for your support!



Key Staff for 2023-24:

Incoming Ed Programs Manager

Ed Programs Lead Gabriela Preciado

Conservation Educator Shari Tindall

Your IERCD Team



Gabriela Preciado
Education Programs Lead
Manages SGPWA contract by sending monthly reports, ensuring all information is up to date, and will attend Education Committee Meetings.



Shari Tindall
Contract Lead
Water Conservation Program instructor and outreach professional

