



SAN GORGONIO PASS
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Board of Directors Renews Dedication to Securing Reliable Water Future

Position Rotations Promote Continued Innovation, Collaboration and Accountability

BEAUMONT, CA (January 16, 2024) – The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) Board of Directors approved a reorganization of member appointments at its meeting January 8, 2024, further advancing water security for the Pass Area.

“Our mission is to support the region’s quality of life through sustainable water management,” said SGPWA General Manager Lance Eckhart. “From times of drought to periods of abundant supplies, SGPWA’s Board of Directors plays a vital role in ensuring an adequate supply for both today’s water users and the future.”

SGPWA is governed by a seven-member Board comprised of publicly elected members. Five of the members represent divisions within the Agency’s service boundaries and two are elected at-large. Each director serves a four-year term. The Board rotates its positions annually. Appointments for the 2024 calendar year are:

- President Mickey Valdivia, At Large No. 1
- Vice President Chander Letulle, Division 2
- Treasurer Robert Ybarra, At Large No. 2
- Secretary Kevin Walton, Division 3
- Director Dr. Blair M Ball, Division 4
- Director Ron Duncan, Division 1
- Director Larry Smith, Division 5

“I am honored that the Board is entrusting me to serve as President, and I remain dedicated to ensuring SGPWA continues to act in the best interest of Pass Area communities,” said newly appointed President Mickey Valdivia. “As always, our Agency’s values will guide our actions as we keep working to safeguard water sustainability for the years ahead.”

SGPWA encourages community and partner participation in Board meetings. The Board meets the first Monday at 1:30 p.m. and the third Monday at 6 p.m. each month, unless otherwise noted. Meetings take place at the SGPWA office, located at 1210 Beaumont Avenue in Beaumont. Public participation via Zoom is also available.

For more information, including meeting details and agendas, visit www.sgpwa.com.

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About San Geronio 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.