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Water Transfer Agreement Brings Up to \$4 Million to San Gorgonio Pass

Agency Strengthens Partnerships in Central California

BEAUMONT, CA (August 26, 2024) – San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) will transfer up to 8,000 acre-feet of its 2024 State Water Project (SWP) supply to Westside Districts, thanks to a robust water portfolio that enables the Agency to sell water to support districts with additional water needs. The deal will provide the Agency with \$4 million to advance water resiliency projects in the Pass area.

According to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), water transfers can stretch California’s water supplies during dry spells and move water to places of critical demand. Water transfers enhance flexibility in SWP water allocations, especially during drought periods. Hundreds of water transfers occur across the state annually.

SGPWA currently has around 25,500 acre-feet of water in its 2024 water portfolio. Due to recharge constraints, the Agency anticipates delivering around 18,000 acre-feet locally this year. This is enough water to meet the annual regional demands and fulfill most of the banked water orders for 2024, leaving SGPWA with roughly 7,500 acre-feet of excess supplies for the year.

As of June 2024, California reservoirs are full and the DWR plans to fill the San Luis Reservoir by the end of the year. In addition, there is a projected combined 950,000 acre-feet of carryover going into 2025. With this water transfer agreement, SGPWA worked to mitigate the risk of spill, or reclassification of carryover water, in early 2025.

“We know how important it is to maximize our water portfolio in wet years to have the most impact during dry spells,” SGPWA Board President Mickey Valdivia said. “This water transfer leverages our full portfolio, benefiting fellow State Water Contractors and bringing funds to the Pass area that support essential projects.”

SGPWA will transfer 6,000 acre-feet of water to the Westside Districts and make available up to 2,000 acre-feet of additional SWP water. Westside Districts will pay \$500 per acre-foot, totaling up to \$4 million.

These funds bolster SGPWA’s long-term planning on projects that support regional sustainability and resiliency, such as an innovative gap funding program that has delivered \$15 million in small systems support, an educational partnership with the Inland Empire Resource

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Conservation District (IERCD), and generational investments such as the Delta Conveyance Project and Sites Reservoir.

Westside Districts is comprised of State Water Contractor Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD), Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Belridge Water Storage District, and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water District. The transfer agreement is between the DWR and the State Water Contractor. SGPWA's water transfer agreement with Westside Districts will support 413 square miles of water providers spanning Kern County and Kings County.

Learn more at 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.