

SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY
1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, California 92223

Official Minutes
Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting
February 11, 2025

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

Committee Members Present:

Sarah Wargo, Chair
Mickey Valdivia, President

Committee Members Absent:

Robert Ybarra, Treasurer

Staff Present:

Lance Eckhart, General Manager
Maricela Cabral, Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board

Others in Attendance:

Gabriela Preciado, Education Programs Lead, IERCD, via teleconference
Shari Tindall, Conservation Educator, IERCD, via teleconference

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call**
The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Water Conservation and Education Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Wargo at 1:30 p.m., February 11, 2025. President Valdivia led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance; Committee Chair Wargo requested a roll call. A quorum was present.
- 2. Adjustment and Adoption of the Agenda**
The agenda was adopted as published.
- 3. Public Comment**
No public comment received.
- 4. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2024, Committee Meeting**
On a motion by President Valdivia, seconded by Chair Wargo, the Committee approved the minutes of the November 19, 2024, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting. Motion passed 2-0.
- 5. Status Report on IERCD Programs**
Gabriela Preciado (IERCD Education Programs Lead) provided a presentation on the 2024-25 Water Conservation Programming Partnership which included information on the target projections and what has occurred to date. Ms. Preciado said 30 out of 66 water programs have been completed and participation in three community events, including plans for the Fishing Derby and Cherry Festival have been

scheduled. Two workshops are scheduled at Noble Creek Community Center; March 19, 2025, workshop with Master Gardener Rebecca Levers will promote California native plants and local businesses and June 17, 2025, will focus on water-wise landscaping. Both will feature support from local nurseries and promotional efforts through flyers, social media, and community partnerships.

Educational outreach has expanded to include Spanish-language programs, special education classes, and high school presentations with a focus on water careers. Full access has been secured to Beaumont Unified School District, streamlining scheduling and allowing for 16 upcoming programs. The team continues to prioritize engaging, bilingual content and community presence through both in-school and public event participation. Ms. Preciado expressed appreciation to Chair Wargo for attendance and support at Margot Elementary and invited all San Geronio Pass Water Agency Board Members to attend future programs.

6. Committee Member Reports

President Valdivia expressed appreciation for the opportunity to return to the committee, noting a strong background in education and deep personal and professional ties to both the Banning and Beaumont communities. He emphasized the importance of equitable outreach across the region and specifically advocated for expanding programming into Calimesa, highlighting Summerwind Trails Elementary as a priority for future engagement.

Chair Wargo commended the team for the significant growth of the program and its increasing visibility within the community. She encouraged continued efforts to expand outreach, particularly by establishing connections with continuation schools and engaging a broader range of student demographics to ensure inclusive educational impact across the region.

7. Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting: April 8, 2025

Chair Wargo announced the next meeting of the Water Conservation & Education Committee is scheduled for April 8, 2025.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Committee Chair Wargo adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.