



SAN GORGONIO PASS
WATER AGENCY
A California State Water Project Contractor

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Agency Details 50-Year Plan for Dependable Water

BEAUMONT, CA (June 27, 2025) – San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) and its regional partners joined forces to secure the Pass area’s water resilience through 2075. The resulting Water Portfolio Strategic Program (WPSP) Report explores how to expand SGPWA’s current water assets and supplement local water supply for a sustainable water future.

“Regional collaboration underpins everything we do,” SGPWA Board President Mickey Valdivia said. “This one-of-a-kind report relies on the input of SGPWA’s member agencies and stakeholders, helping us make critical decisions that serve our community.”

The WPSP focuses on four key areas: asset reliability and supply diversification; local water supply and water south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; ample water storage and recovery assets; and regional collaboration.

Specific goals include:

- Effectively manage State Water Project (SWP) contract carryover supplies
- Maximize Article 21 water when available
- Continue to pursue short-term transfer opportunities
- Coordinate with retail agencies to augment native groundwater supplies
- Expand local storage and recharge capabilities
- Explore water banking activities outside of the service area, including Sites Reservoir
- Support retail agency recycled water expansion projects
- Pursue long-term supply asset augmentation alternatives
- Mitigate lost supply to SWP, including the Delta Conveyance Project

This plan was informed by a workshop that gathered more than 25 representatives from SGPWA’s member agencies and stakeholders, including Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District, Yucaipa Valley Water District, South Mesa Water Company, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

The Pass area’s water needs are projected to grow from 32,506 acre-feet per year (AFY) in 2025 to 57,718 AFY by 2075. That is a jump from 10.6 billion gallons to 18.8 billion gallons per year. To meet this growth, SGPWA will diversify its portfolio and expand storage capabilities.

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The WPSP is a living program. For the next 50 years, it will continue to connect the long-term sustainability efforts of SGPWA and other regional water purveyors despite evolving regulations and climate uncertainty.

Read the entire WPSP Report at www.sgpwa.com/public-documents/2025-water-portfolio-strategic-program.

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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.