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1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223

**Water Conservation and Education
Committee Meeting**

October 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, 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 (5) 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.

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- 4. Approve Minutes of the June 10, 2025, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting, ([pg. 3](#))**
- 5. Status Report on IERCD Programs, ([pg. 5](#))**
- 6. Committee Member Reports**
- 7. Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.**
- 8. Adjournment**

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Official Minutes
Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting
June 10, 2025

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

Committee Members Present:

Sarah Wargo, Chair
Mickey Valdivia, President
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
Jennifer Ares, Water Resources Manager – Yucaipa Valley Water District, SoCal STEAM Challenge Representative

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 Sarah Wargo at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Chair Wargo led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance; and requested a roll call. A quorum was present.

2. Adjustment and Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as published.

3. Public Comment

Jennifer Ares, Water Resources Manager for Yucaipa Valley Water District and SoCal STEAM Challenge representative, thanked the Agency for its continued support of the 2025 SoCal STEAM Challenge. Ms. Ares presented a Solar Mega Sponsor plaque, recognizing SGPWA for 15 years of commitment to local students learning about sustainable innovation and environmental responsibility.

4. Approve Minutes of the April 8, 2025, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting

On a motion by Director Valdivia, seconded by Director Wargo, the Committee approved the minutes of the April 8, 2025, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

5. Status Report on IERCD Programs

Gabriela Preciado from the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) provided an update on the Agency's education and outreach efforts, reporting that 105 programs were delivered—well above the initial projection of 66—reaching over 2,000 students across all five service divisions. The increase was driven by strong teacher engagement and repeat requests. IERCD also participated in five community events and hosted four conservation workshops. Program improvements included pre-program materials, branded presentations, and post-program surveys, which reflected high satisfaction and interest in continued participation.

Ms. Preciado also discussed upcoming outreach efforts, including a June 17 workshop in Beaumont in partnership with the UC Master Gardeners. Plans are underway to introduce hybrid workshop formats to improve accessibility and participation. Additionally, IERCD is coordinating with school districts to ensure timely submission of insurance documentation for the upcoming academic year.

General Manager Eckhart and committee members expressed support for a multi-year professional services agreement with IERCD. A proposed three-year agreement with two optional extensions would solidify the Agency's long-term investment in water education and community engagement. The Committee affirmed its continued support for IERCD's work and anticipates bringing the contract forward for future Board consideration.

6. Committee Meeting Reports

Director Wargo commended the effectiveness of IERCD's program delivery and expressed gratitude for their outreach and classroom engagement. Director Valdivia echoed the appreciation and underscored the importance of continued investment in education and conservation.

7. Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting scheduled for August 12, 2025

The next Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025.

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Committee Chair Wargo adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Maricela V. Cabral, CMC, CPMC
Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board



SGPWA/ IERCD 2025- 26

Water Conservation

Programming

Partnership



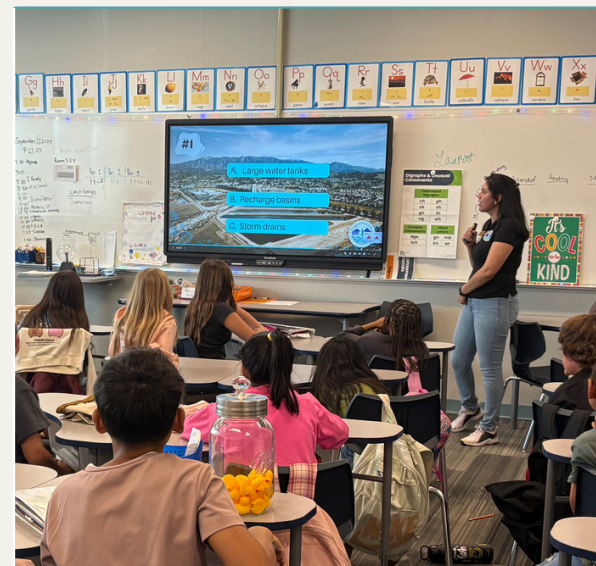


2025-26 Projections

Classroom Presentations

Projected
60

Anticipated
students
impacted
1,800



Community Events

Projected
4

Anticipated
community
members
impacted
400



Workshops

Projected
6

Anticipated
community
members
impacted
300

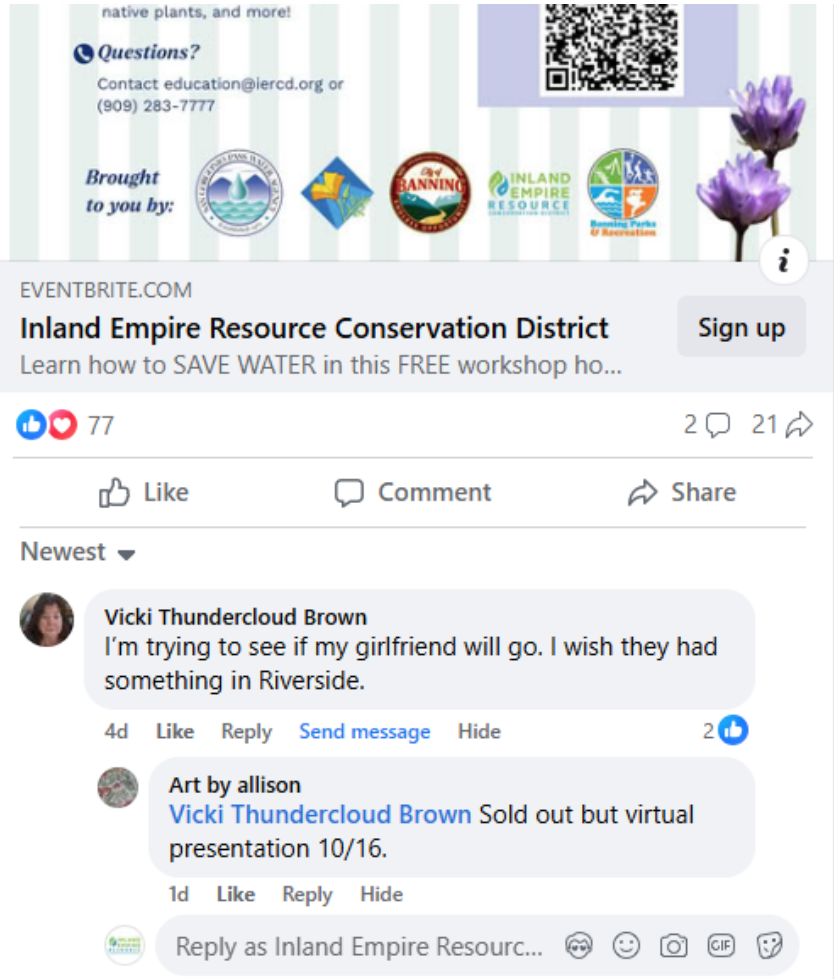


2025-26 Workshop Planning

Maximizing Impact in 2025-26: Workshop Prep, Design, Facilitation, Follow-Up



- Strategic Outreach:
 - >300 flyers distributed in community
 - Flyer shared with >3,000 families via District-wide PeachJar Program
 - Social media boosting with results
- Workshop facilitation: popular, accessible topic; well-known locations; vetted day/time; added virtual attendance option
- Post-workshop follow-up with attendees: surveys, adaptive design of workshops; posting of content and follow up with attendees



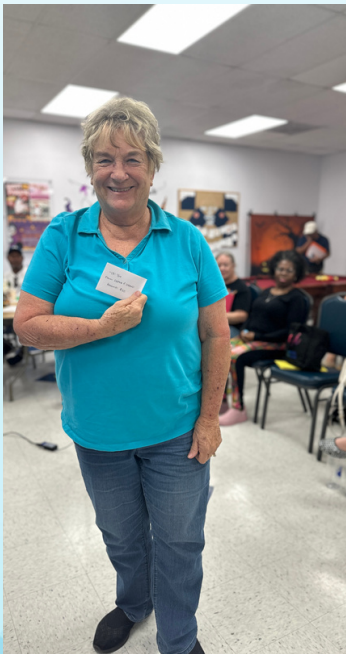
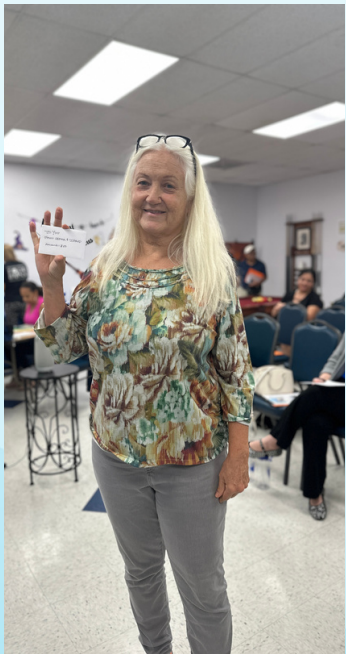
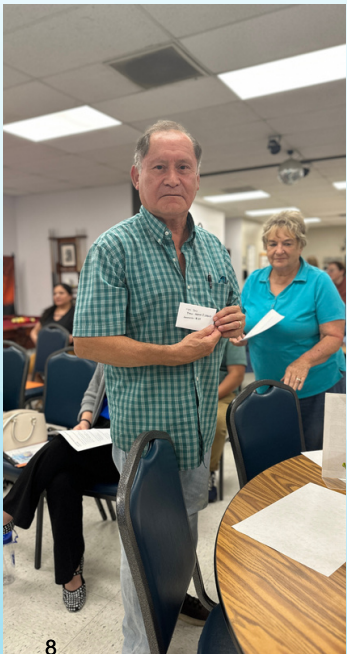
Workshop	Actual/Projected	Attending virtually
Banning Community Center	32	9
Noble Creek Community Center	41	4



Gardening with Native Plants- Banning Senior Center

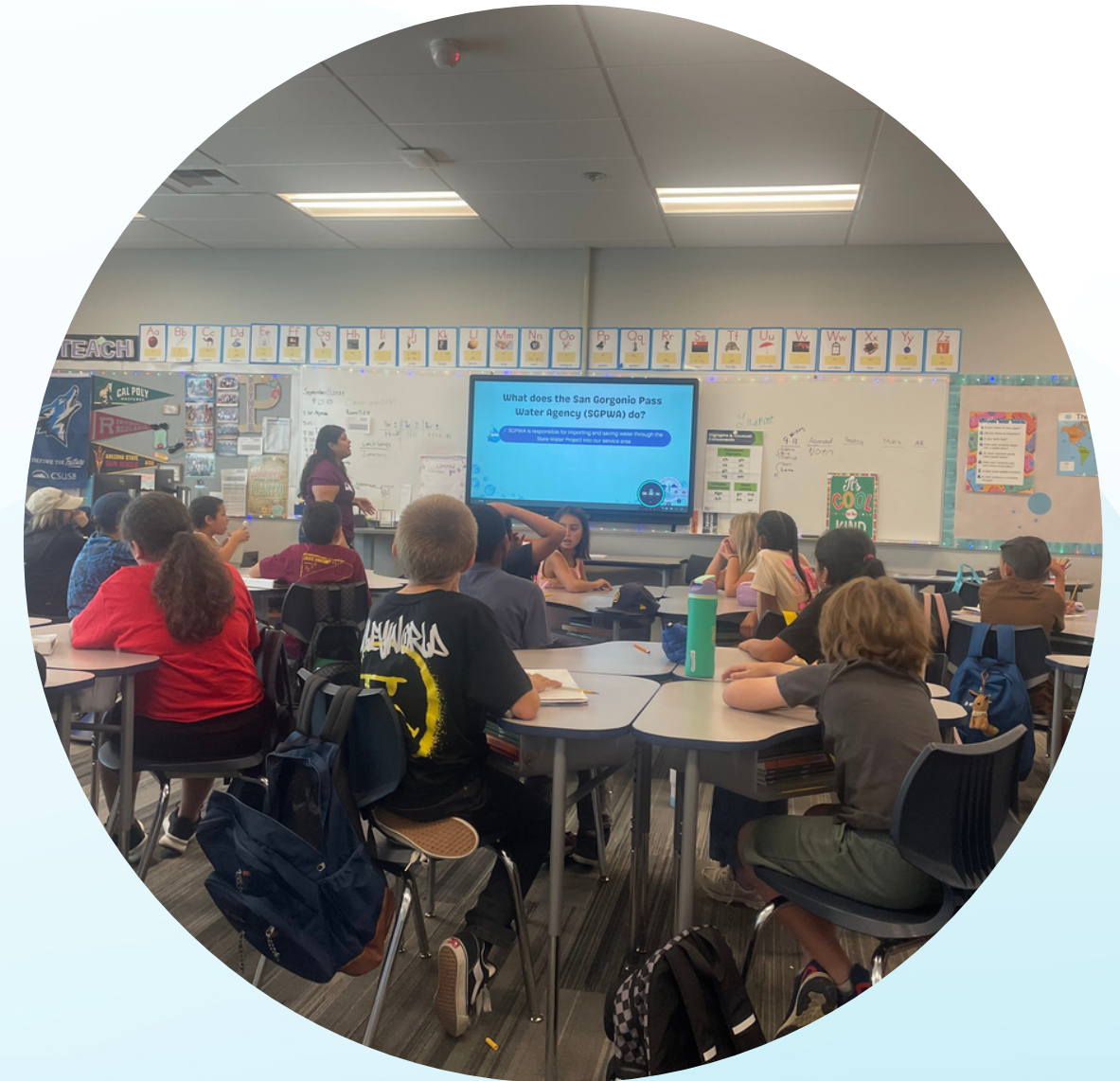
- Attendees joined primarily from SGPWA’s service area - Banning, Beaumont, unincorporated Riverside County
- >40 in-person and online attendees heard an SGPWA functions/value overview prior to 1-hr UCCE Master Gardener talk on planning/implementation of water conservation landscaping actions
- Three lucky winners won a \$50 gift card to Cherry Valley Nursery in Beaumont to take post-workshop action in yard transition

Workshop	Attending in person	Attending virtually
Banning Community Center	32	9



Education Program Summary

School	# of programs	Grade	Students impacted	Division
Banning Library District, Banning	1	5 th - Adult	30	2
Starlight Elementary School, Beaumont	3	5th	80	4



Strategic Outreach

- Focus on Banning and Beaumont USD - emails/flyer drop-off
- Use of existing connected teachers to further impact of messaging
- Workshop outreach/community event outreach



Admin Updates

AirTable: Platform allowing for automation of tasks related to program scheduling and tracking; advantages over current system:

- Manages multiple calendars/sends auto-responses
- Quicker response and booking times
- Inclusion of FAQs document to increase teacher understanding of classroom needs/increase impact of program content
- Teacher surveys ([here](#))- questions have been updated to better capture feedback and allow for follow up

The presentation: Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the program you received.

	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
The environmental concepts were presented in a way that was clear for my students to understand.	☐	☐	☐
The media elements (photos/videos/animations) helped my students stay focused and engaged with the topic being discussed.	☐	☐	☐
The hands-on activity met learning objectives and boosted student engagement.	☐	☐	☐
This program was a valuable use of classroom time.	☐	☐	☐
I would have IERCD staff visit my classroom again	☐	☐	☐

The Presenter: please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the program you received.

	Disagree	Neutral	Agree
The Educator arrived on time and was prepared.	☐	☐	☐
The Educator demonstrated strong knowledge on the subject presented.	☐	☐	☐
The Educator facilitated the program at an appropriate pace.	☐	☐	☐
The Educator maintained the interest of my class throughout the duration of the presentation.	☐	☐	☐
The Educator refrained from reading text on the presentation.	☐	☐	☐



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Key Staff for SGPWA Contract:
Education Programs Lead, Gabriela Preciado
Ed Programs Coordinator Heidi Ortloff (11/3/25 Start Date)