

TFG's Grant and Advocacy Report to the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

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Who We Are

Meet Our Team



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The Water Agency's TFG Team



- TFG represents approximately 200 public and private entities in 34 states plus two national organizations
- TFG has a strong history supporting the water resource needs of our clients
- TFG has a 40-year history working with water and irrigation districts in California including the Sites Project Authority, Western Municipal Water District, and the West County Wastewater District

SGPWA Priority Projects

- County Line Road Recharge Project
- Brookside West Recharge Project
- Backbone Pipeline Project
- City Creek Tunnel Project
- EV charging for District Fleet
- Precipitation Stations

2026 Priority Projects for Grants and Earmarks

- Backbone Pipeline Project –

Phase 2: Cherry Valley

Pump Station Bypass

Pipeline

- City Creek Tunnel Project

Ongoing Advocacy Activities



- Submitted a policy proposal for USACE consideration as part of their annual Sec. 7001 Report on Water Resources Development.
- Submitted policy proposal to SGPWA's congressional delegation for environmental infrastructure assistance in the development of the Backbone Pipeline and other priority water projects.
- Met with Congressional offices - including Senators Padilla and Schiff as well as Representatives Calvert, Ruiz, and Aguilar - to advocate on behalf of policy and funding requests.
- In the process of drafting funding requests for the City Creek Pipeline project, which we expect to submit later this spring.
- Planning to schedule meetings with congressional delegation for SGPWA in person meetings.

2026 Grant Efforts



TARGETED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	ESTIMATED RELEASE DATE	AWARD RANGE
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act	October 2026	Up to \$20 million
WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Program	February 2026	Up to \$5 million
WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects	February 2026	Up to \$5 million
Infrastructure State Revolving Fund	August 2026	Up to \$25 million
Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Programs	Spring 2026 (Feasibility studies being reviewed now)	Up to \$20 million



Thank you!

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