

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

Official Minutes
Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting
October 16, 2025

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

Committee Members Present:

Sarah Wargo, Chair
Mickey Valdivia, President

Committee Members Absent:

Robert Ybarra

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

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 Thursday, October 16, 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

No public comment received.

4. Approve Minutes of the June 10, 2025, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting

On a motion by Director Valdivia, seconded by Director Wargo, the Committee approved the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

5. Status Report on IERCD Programs

Gabriela Preciado of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) provided a comprehensive update on the Water Conservation and Education Program for the current fiscal year. She reported that the program remains on track to deliver 16 "Know Your Water" classroom presentations throughout the Pass region, reaching an anticipated 1,800 students. Additionally, four community events are scheduled, including one taking place this Saturday at Sylvan Park in Banning, and six water conservation workshops are planned, with two already completed. Ms. Preciado highlighted the success of the recent workshop at the Banning Senior Center, which attracted 32

attendees, an increase she attributed to targeted outreach, including distribution of more than 300 flyers, broad community engagement, and successful coordination with the Banning Unified School District's PeachJar platform, allowing information to reach over 3,000 families.

She also described the implementation of Airtable, a new scheduling and communication tool designed to streamline teacher requests, automate confirmations, integrate with Google Calendar, provide available time slots, and supply frequently asked questions and vocabulary resources to help prepare students for the presentations. Updates to teacher surveys were outlined as well, shifting from open-ended questions to structured rating scales to improve the quality and clarity of feedback. Ms. Preciado further noted the continued expansion of bilingual program delivery, which has been especially well-received in dual-immersion classrooms. Committee members expressed strong appreciation for the program's enhanced outreach efforts, data-driven improvements, and the enthusiastic and engaging presentation style demonstrated by IERCD educators.

Chair Wargo and Director Valdivia commended the continued improvements to program materials, communication tools, and classroom engagement efforts. They discussed the need for additional educator recruitment, preferably candidates with environmental science backgrounds and strong presentation skills as well as potential curriculum enhancements, such as incorporating heli-hydrant educational content and videos to help students understand local firefighting infrastructure. The Committee also explored incentive opportunities, including a potential field trip or learning experience that could be funded through the SGPWA Foundation and offered as a raffle for schools hosting multiple presentations. Ms. Preciado expressed enthusiasm for these ideas, noting their potential to boost teacher engagement and student interest. Committee members concluded by thanking Ms. Preciado and the IERCD team for their professionalism, responsiveness, and ongoing commitment to program improvement.

6. Committee Meeting Reports

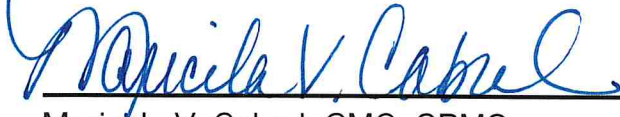
Chair Wargo reported on recent outreach activities and upcoming events. No additional committee reports were provided.

7. Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2025

The next Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business to discuss, Committee Chair Wargo adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.



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