



SGPWA Water  
Conservation  
Committee Update:  
02/03/2026





# New IERCD Education Programs Manager - Heidi Ortloff

Previously worked for State Parks, Riverside  
County Parks, Ventura County RCD

Managed Gilman Historic Ranch in Banning  
- familiar with schools in the area

Outreach coordinator for the DWR  
Watershed Resiliency Pilot Project - Ventura  
River

Excited to join IERCD and begin working  
with SGPWA communities on Agency  
mission and value!







# 2025-26 Projections

## Classroom Presentations

Projected:  
**60**

Expected  
students  
impacted:  
**1,800**



## Community Events

Projected:  
**4**

Expected  
community  
members  
impacted:  
**400**



## Workshops

Projected:  
**6**

Expected  
community  
members  
impacted:  
**300**





# Tree Giveaway Workshops- February 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>



- Over 700 flyers to various businesses, government agencies, and organizations throughout the cities
- Nextdoor- posts will potentially reach more than 30,000 members (Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, and Cherry Valley)
- Beaumont has added flyer in community calendar ([link](#))
- 30 free fruit trees available on a first-come, first-served basis to community members who attend the entire session.
- Available varieties include pomegranate, persimmon, and fig.
- Yard sign explaining how climate-ready trees support local water resources.
- Attendees are encouraged to display these signs to help communicate the impact of this community investment.

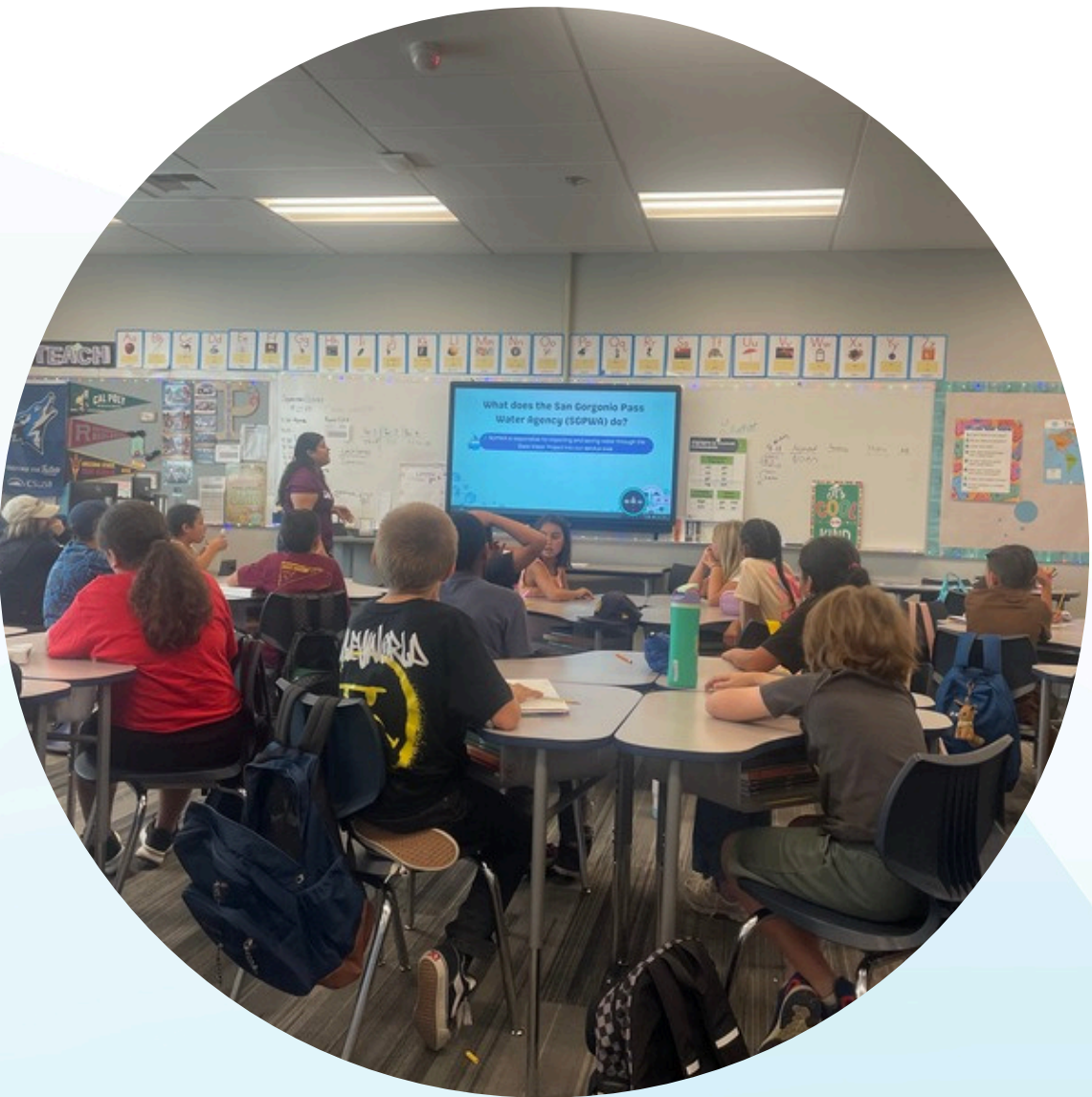




# Education Programs Summary

01-1-26 through 01-31-26

| School                             | # of programs | Grade | Students impacted | Division |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|----------|
| Summerwind Trails School, Calimesa | 5             | 3rd   | 125               | 5        |



**Strategic Outreach:**

- Continue to focus on Banning and Beaumont USD - emails/flyer drop-off
- Use of existing teacher connections to further impact of messaging
- Workshop outreach/community event outreach



# Projected Programs for February

| Category                | Quantity | Students impacted | Division |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Classroom Presentations | 18       | 270               | 2 & 5    |



## Work completed through 01-31-26

| Category                | Quantity | Students/ Community Members impacted | Division   |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Classroom Presentations | 17       | 270                                  | 2 , 4, & 5 |
| Community Workshops     | 2        | 83                                   | 2 & 4      |
| Event Representation    | 1        | 116                                  | 2          |





# Thank you for your support!



## **Key Staff for SGPWA Contract:**

Education Programs Manager Heidi Ortloff

Education Programs Lead Gabriela Preciado