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WATER AGENCY  
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**SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY**  
**1210 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223**

**Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting**  
**April 14, 2026, 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 Committee at this time concerning items relating to any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction. There will be an opportunity to comment on specific agenda items as the items are addressed. 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 Committee or Staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed for the purpose of directing statements or questions to Staff for follow-up.
- 4. Approve Minutes of the February 10, 2026, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting, ([pg. 3](#))**
- 5. Status Report on IERCD Programs, ([pg. 6](#))**
- 6. Committee Meeting Reports**
- 7. Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting, June 9, 2026**
- 8. Adjournment**

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

**Official Minutes**  
**Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting**  
**February 10, 2026**

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

**Committee Members Present:**

Sarah Wargo, Chair  
Mickey Valdivia, Director  
James Tickemyer, Director

**Staff Present:**

Lance Eckhart, General Manager  
Maricela Cabral, Exec. Asst./Clerk of the Board

**Others in Attendance:**

Heidi Ortloff, Education Programs Manager, IERCD, via teleconference  
Janet Robledo, SoCal STEAM Challenge Chair  
Jennifer Arizaga, SoCal STEAM Challenge Co-Chair

**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, February 10, 2026. Chair Wargo led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance; and requested 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 December 9, 2025, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting**

On a motion by Director Valdivia, seconded by Director Wargo, the Committee approved the minutes of December 9, 2025, Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**5. 2026 SoCal STEAM Challenge Presentation**

Janet Robledo and Jennifer Arizaga provided a presentation regarding the 2026 SoCal STEAM Challenge. They reported that the event is hosted by a six-agency committee and will be held May 1 through May 3, 2026, at Yucaipa Regional Park. The presenters explained that the program continues to grow, with participation from returning schools and new schools, including San Gorgonio High School, and noted ongoing efforts to encourage broader participation from schools within the region, including Beaumont High School.

The committee was advised that the SoCal STEAM Challenge is a year-long educational program in which students design and build solar-powered boats, prepare technical reports, and create public service announcements focused on water conservation themes. The presenters highlighted the educational value of the event, noting that participation supports student teamwork, problem-solving, public speaking, and college application opportunities. They further explained that this year's public service announcement topic focuses on identifying indoor and outdoor water-saving opportunities in the home and promoting long-term water use efficiency practices.

The presenters thanked the Agency for its continued support and requested sponsorship at the same level as the prior year in the amount of \$5,000. Committee discussion followed regarding the Agency's longstanding support of the program, the educational and regional value of the event, and the availability of budgeted funds for sponsorships.

On a motion by Director Valdivia, seconded by Director Tickmeyer, the Committee recommended approval of a \$5,000 sponsorship for the 2026 SoCal STEAM Challenge.

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Valdivia, Tickemyer, Wargo

Noes: None

Absent: None

**Motion passed 3-0.**

## **6. Status Report on IERCD Programs**

Heidi Ortloff, Education Programs Manager for the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD), provided an update on current water conservation and education activities. She introduced herself and briefly noted her background in education, parks, and watershed outreach.

Ms. Ortloff reviewed IERCD's 2025–2026 commitments, including 60 classroom programs, four community events, and six workshops. She highlighted two upcoming tree giveaway workshops and summarized outreach efforts, including flyers, targeted Nextdoor posts, community calendar listings, and the purchase of low-water-use fruit trees selected with input from a Master Gardener.

Ms. Ortloff also reported that five classroom programs had recently been delivered to 125 third-grade students in Division 5, with continued outreach to Banning and Beaumont school districts. She noted that programming is expected to increase significantly in February, with at least 18 presentations projected to reach approximately 270 students, supported by the return of a full-time educator and the addition of another staff member. Through the end of January, IERCD had completed 17 programs, two community workshops, and one event presentation.

Committee members discussed classroom presentations, the upcoming tree giveaway workshops, ongoing teacher outreach, and program expansion throughout the Agency's service area, including Calimesa. Ms. Ortloff also noted that IERCD has added an online scheduling option to make it easier for teachers to book programs.

**7. Committee Meeting Reports**

Committee members reported on recent and upcoming participation in committee-related events and outreach efforts. Chair Wargo noted she had attended a classroom presentation and praised the educator's energy and engagement with students. Committee members also discussed promoting the upcoming tree giveaway workshops and confirmed that classroom schedules are distributed to all Board members.

**8. Announcement: Water Conservation & Education Committee Meeting: April 14, 2026**

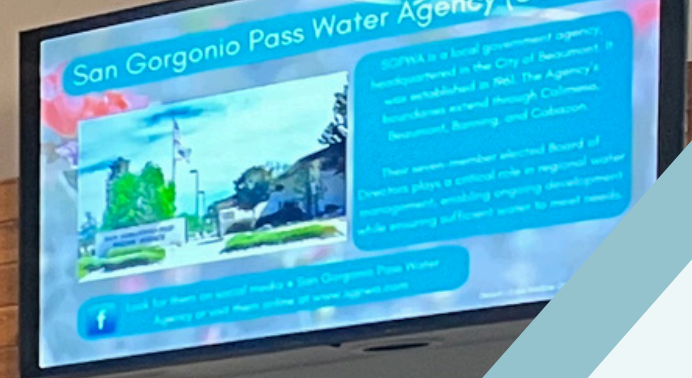
The next Water Conservation and Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026.

**9. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to discuss, Committee Chair Wargo adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

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



SGPWA Water Conservation Committee Update:  
04/14/2026



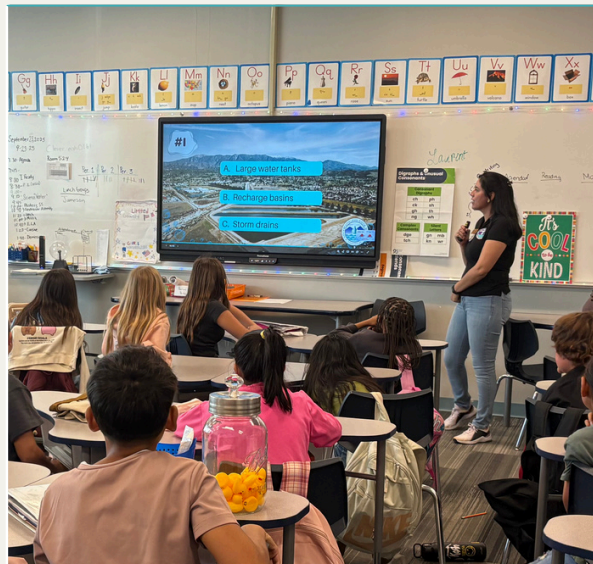


# 2025-26 Projections

## Classroom Presentations

Projected:  
**60**

Expected  
students  
impacted:  
**1,800**



## Community Events

Projected:  
**3**

Expected  
community  
members  
impacted:  
**400**



## Workshops

Projected:  
**7**

Expected  
community  
members  
impacted:  
**350**



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

Date:	Location:	Community Members Reached:	Division
2/12/26	Banning Senior Center, Banning	65	2
2/19/26	Noble Creek Community Center, Beaumont	35	4

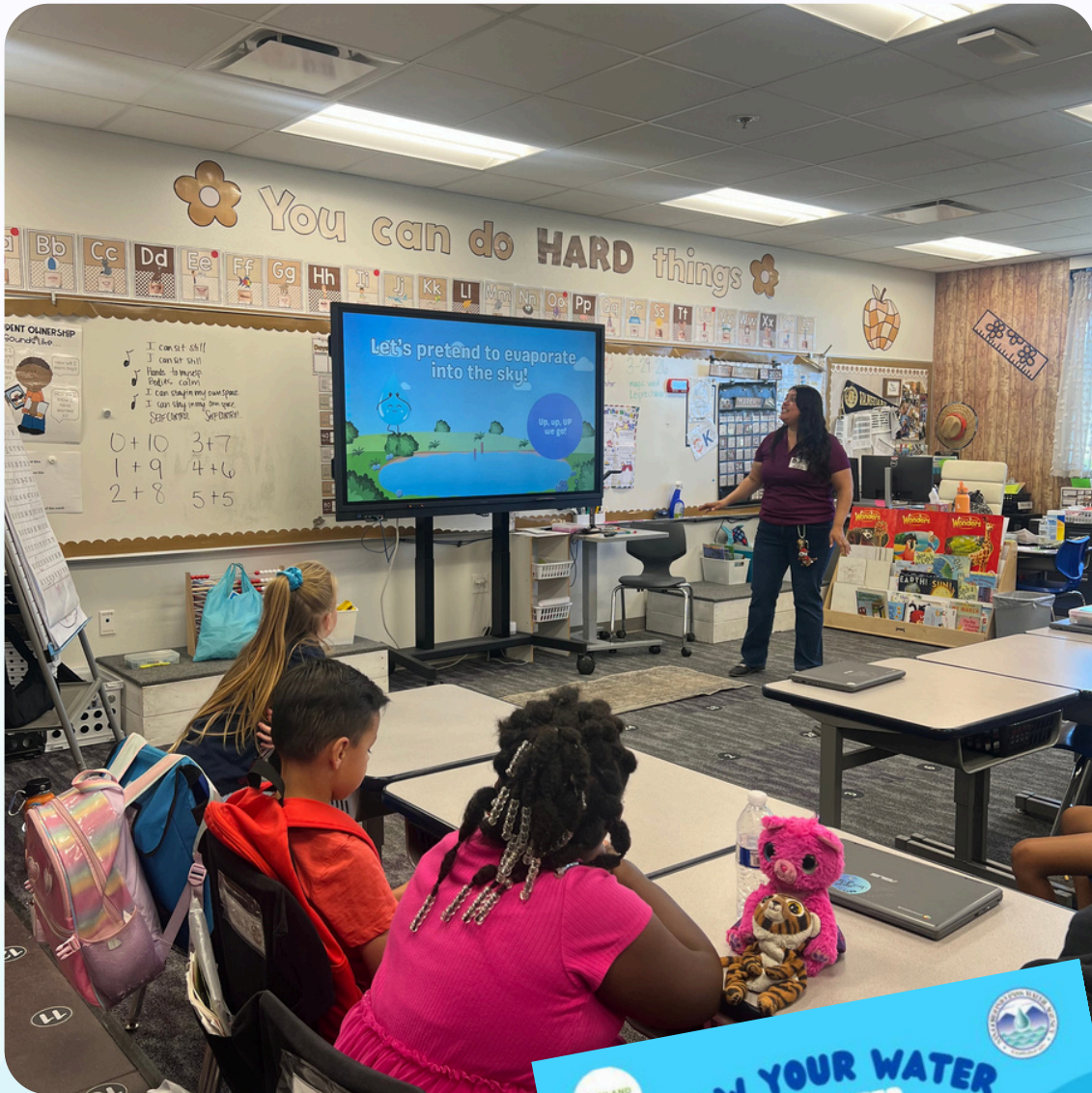


Additional workshop added for June



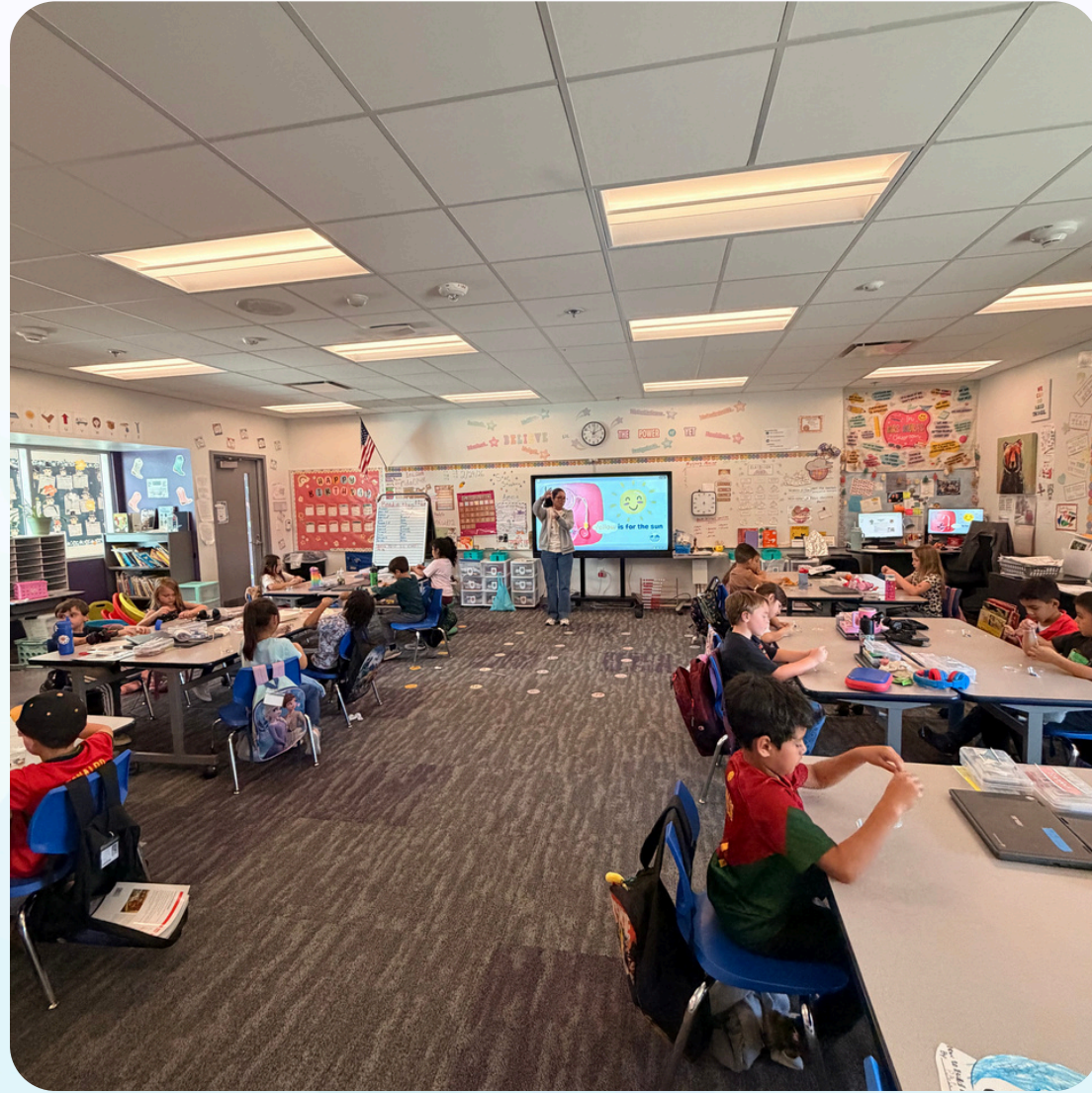
# Education Programs Summary

2-1-26 through 3-31-26



School	# of programs	Grade	Students impacted	Division
Summerwind Trails School, Calimesa	4	1st	80	5
Anna Hause Elementary School, Beaumont	2	3rd	50	3
Cabazon Elementary School, Cabazon	1	4th	25	1
Central Elementary School, Beanning	6	3rd	150	2
Palm Innovation Academy, Beaumont	12	K- 3rd	260	2
Sundance Elementary School, Beaumont	2	2nd	40	3

# Projected Programs and event for April



Quantity	Estimated Students to be Reached	Division
7	175	1,3,& 4

\*April 9<sup>th</sup> program will be taking place at San Geronio Middle School for a Special Day Class

\*April 15<sup>th</sup> programs will be taking place at Beaumont High School

Community Representation	4/11	Bogart Trout Fishing Derby 9600 International Park Rd Cherry Valley CA 92223	7 am- 12 pm	Elisama Ortega and Gaby Preciado
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# Work completed through 3-31-26

Category	Quantity	Students/ Community Members impacted	Division
Classroom Presentations	45	715	2, 4, & 5
Community Workshops	4	183	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