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Hometown Finance Leader Steps into Regional Water Role

BEAUMONT, CA (February 23, 2026) – San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) welcomes Jennifer Ustation as Chief Financial Officer. A respected local finance leader, Ustation joins SGPWA from the City of Beaumont, where she served as Finance Director and built a career rooted in service to the Pass area community.

“Jennifer understands this region because it is her home,” said SGPWA Board President Robert Ybarra. “She has built her career serving the Pass area with integrity and care, and bringing that experience to SGPWA is meaningful for the people we serve. We are confident in her leadership and grateful to welcome someone who is deeply invested in the future of this region.”

Ustation brings more than a decade of municipal finance experience, with expertise spanning budgeting, audits, compliance, capital planning, accounting, and investment management. Known for her thoughtful and results-driven approach, she has helped ensure sound financial practices while supporting responsible infrastructure investment. She is actively engaged with the Government Finance Officers Association and holds the Certified Public Finance Officer designation.

At SGPWA, the Chief Financial Officer plays a vital role in supporting long-range planning, financial stewardship, and transparency. As a fiscally responsible agency, SGPWA leads with integrity and accountability to ensure reliable water service today and for generations to come. Ustation’s appointment reflects the Agency’s ongoing commitment to caring for the public resources entrusted to it.

During her tenure with the City of Beaumont, Ustation led citywide financial operations and played a key role in strengthening the city’s fiscal health. In this next chapter of her public service career, she will bring that same steady leadership and practical experience to SGPWA, supporting its work to deliver sustainable water resources that enhance the quality of life across the region.

“Serving the Pass area has been the heart of my career, and stepping into this role with SGPWA is both an honor and an exciting opportunity,” said Ustation. “Water is foundational to our quality of life and economic vitality, and I am proud to support an organization that approaches this responsibility with care, transparency, and long-term vision. I look forward to working with the team to serve our communities and help ensure a strong future for the region.”

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About San Geronio Pass Water Agency

Formed in 1961, SGPWA is a State Water Contractor that serves a 225-square-mile area of western Riverside County. The service area includes the cities of Calimesa, Beaumont, and Banning, and the communities of Cherry Valley, Cabazon, and the Banning Bench. In addition to importing State Water Project (SWP) water from Northern California to augment local groundwater sources, the Agency builds local system infrastructure, participates in water transfers, partners in statewide water projects and collaborates on regional water reliability and conservation efforts.