

Memorandum of Understanding  
San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance  
A Coordination of Regional Water Providers and Local Government

**1. Background**

The San Gorgonio Pass Area local governments and water districts understand that regular coordination, collaboration, and communication will result in improved management of water resources at local and regional levels. On May 2013, County Supervisor Marion Ashley appointed, with the approval of the entire County Board of Supervisors, a Pass Water Policy Panel. The Panel is comprised of representatives in the San Gorgonio Pass Area. The Panel, known as the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance (SGPRWA) is to identify challenges in water supply and water quality for the region, to develop mutually beneficial solutions that include coordination plans and infrastructure development that ultimately delivers clean, reliable, and affordable water supplies for the citizens of the San Gorgonio Pass area for the foreseeable future.

**2. Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish the mutual understandings of San Gorgonio Regional Water Alliance (SGRWA) with respect to certain voluntary joint efforts toward regional coordination, collaboration, and communication of water resource projects and programs.

**3. Goals**

The Goals of the SGRWA are:

**3.1** To improve coordination, collaboration, and communication among local government water purveyors in the San Gorgonio regional area, to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in delivering water supplies. Services are local control.

**3.2** To develop and promote common water strategies that will, when implemented, fulfil the water demands of the regional area for the foreseeable future.

**4. Definitions**

**4.1 San Gorgonio Regional Water Alliance.** Participating county, local governments, and water purveyors in the San Gorgonio Regional area.

**4.2 Signatories.** The parties signing this MOU (Signatories) constitute the current participants.

**5. Mutual Understandings**

**5.1 Participation.** Participation is strictly voluntary and may be terminated at any time without recourse. San Gorgonio local governments and water purveyors will be invited to be Signatories.

**5.2 Activities.** Efforts pursued under this agreement will remain consistent with and will not exceed the current authority for any individual participating local government and water purveyor. Efforts will include information dissemination and sharing between local governments, water purveyors, public outreach, and education and other activities as mutually agreed upon from time to time among the Signatories.

**5.2.1** It is anticipated that the Signatories will meet at least monthly with subcommittee meetings happening in between full Alliance meetings.

**5.3 Funding.** Individual Signatories are not required to commit funding to any other Signatory of the Alliance. Recognizing this is a voluntary, non-binding agreement, Signatories agree to commit such resources as are required to implement actions agreed upon per Section 5.4 herein within their individual service areas, subject to approval and direction of the governing bodies of each Signatory.

**5.4 Decision Making.** Consensus will be sought when the need for decisions arises. Decisions lacking consensus may be implemented by such individual Signatories that choose to do so, but said decisions may not be considered activities of the Alliance.

**5.5 Non-Binding Nature.** This document and participation under this MOU are non-binding, and in no way suggest that a local municipal government or water purveyor may not continue its own activities as each government and purveyor is expected to continue its own policies and procedures, and undertake efforts to secure project funding from any source. A local government or purveyor may withdraw from participation at any time.

**5.6 Termination.** Signatories may terminate their involvement at any time with no recourse.

## **6. Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding**

We, the undersigned representatives of our respective governing bodies, acknowledge the above as our understanding of how the San Gorgonio Regional Water Alliance Coordination, Collaboration, and Communication MOU will be implemented.

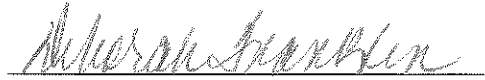
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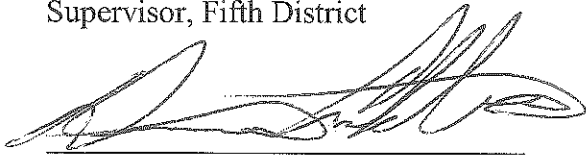
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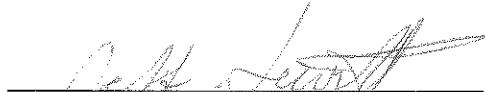
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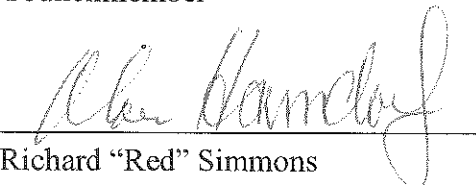
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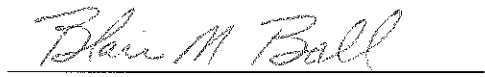
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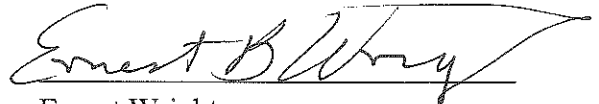
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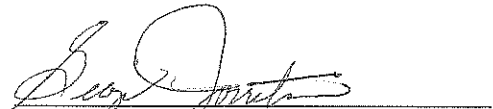
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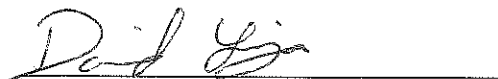
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