

San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Banning City Hall Council Chambers
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning California, 92220

I. Call to order

Debbie Franklin called to order the regular meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance at 6:00 p.m. on June 24, 2015 at Banning City Hall.

II. Public Comments

Debbie Franklin opened public comments. Seeing none, the public comments section was closed.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ernest Wright of High Valleys Water District to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Shalhoub of Yucaipa Valley Water District. The motion carried with two abstentions: Kyle Warsinski of the City of Beaumont and Russ Martin of Mission Springs Water District.

Minutes from the May 27, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mary Ann Melleby of the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Covington of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Motion carried.

IV. Presentation

Presentation by: Alex Altman of CV Strategies on the topic of iefficent.

Member Agency Profile Update: City of Banning presented by Art Vela, Acting Director of Public Works.

V. Technical Committee Reports

- a) **Messaging Committee:** Mary Ann Melleby reported the press release went out and it has been captured by several media outlets. This should drive traffic to the website. She will check with the webmaster to determine the number of hits (views) the website has generated. The committee is now working on the Facebook page.

- b) **Recycled Water Committee:** Tom Shalhoub reported the committee has discussed the ongoing agreement negotiations between the Yucaipa Valley Water District and the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District regarding the purchase of recycled water. They also discussed Prop 1 funding. Approximately 700 million dollars is available for recycled water purposes.
- c) **Conservation Committee:** Debbie Franklin reported the committee has also been discussing Prop 1 funding and the groundwater sustainability program. The discussion included who can apply and what criteria will be used to determine eligibility. If the group is eligible to apply what will it cost to write a grant on behalf of the group. The committee also discussed the Turf Terminators. A company that replaces grass with drought tolerant plants (of a limited variety) for the cost of the home owner's rebate. This program is only available where rebate programs are offered. The maximum rebate offered per square foot is \$3.75. The cost of replacing turf is approximately \$8.00 per square foot. An Integrated Water Management Plan was discussed, it was decided it should be a group discussion along with determining the source of fund

VI. Review of Documents

The revised Memorandum of Understanding and the revised Best Practices were distributed to the membership for review. As no changes were required it was decided the M.O.U. would be emailed to each member for presentation to their respective boards for approval along with remittance information for the payment of the \$500.00 operating fees. Motion to approve the M.O.U. and the Best Practices was made by Mary Ann Melleby and seconded by Ernest Wright. Motion carried.

VII. Comments by Alliance Members

Mary Ann Melleby commented on the passing of long time SGPWA board member Ray Morris. There is now a vacancy for an at large position. The application period ends on July 17th at 5:00 p.m. Services for Ray Morris will be held Saturday June 27th 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ located at 960 Oak Valley Parkway

Ms. Melleby also reminded everyone on Friday June 26th, the San Geronio Pass Water Agency is hosting an event at the Beaumont Holiday Inn on Oak Valley Parkway at 7:00 a.m. The subject is "The State of the Region's Water Supply" Breakfast will be served.

Tom Shalhoub thanked Jan Leja, a representative for Paul Cook and Rosilicie Bogh, a representative for Chad Mayes, for attending the meeting.

VIII. Future Topics:

- a) Chromium VI presentation by Art Vela of the City of Banning
- b) Presentation from the Executive Director of the California Rural Water Assoc.

IX. Adjournment

Debbie Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City of Banning

The next meeting of the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance will be July 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

THE ACTION MINUTES SUMMARIZE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ALLIANCE. A COPY OF THE MEETING IN ITS ENTIRETY IS AVAILABLE IN DVD FORMAT AND CAN BE REQUESTED IN WRITING TO THE CITY OF BANNING CLERK'S OFFICE.