

San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, July 22, 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 6:03 p.m. on July 22, 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

The minutes from the June 24, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Changes were proposed to reflect John Covington having seconded the motion to approve the minutes in place of Tom Linton. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes with the change.

IV. Presentation

Presentation of a Proposed Structure for Groundwater Management in the San Gorgonio Pass Area by Joe Zoba, General manager, Yucaipa Valley Water District.

Member Agency Profile Update: City of Beaumont presented by Kyle Warsinski.

V. Technical Committee Reports

- a) **Messaging Committee:** Mary Ann Melleby reported they had recently loaded Google Analytics to track traffic on the website. It appears 84% of the hits are new visitors and she credits the news releases and The Record Gazette's mention on their Facebook page for the increase in traffic.
- 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. The meeting between South Mesa Water Company and Yucaipa Valley Water District. YVWD will act as wholesaler to supply South Mesa with recycled water for the parks in the Yucaipa and Calimesa areas. South Mesa will be responsible for constructing the

necessary infrastructure. Also discussed was gray water and if it is practical, the brine line, Beaumont 's intention to upgrade their waste water plant to be able to use Title 22 water and the City of Banning's intent to upgrade their waste water treatment plant as well.

- c) **Conservation Committee:** Debbie Franklin started to report by deferring to Alex Altman of CV Strategies. As he was unable to complete his presentation at the previous meeting due to technical difficulties he was invited back. He along with Jennifer Ares of the Yucaipa Valley Water District presented the iefficent program.

In other discussions, the conservation committee decided the Administration Committee should meet to determine the formal and legal status of the Alliance that would be required to apply for grants. If the Alliance resolves to apply for grants they should be ready to do so. The committee also deems it important that the regular citizenry have an understanding of water measurement. They should have a way to equate the technical measure of water to their daily use. This should be something all the agencies help to publicize. The committee discussed the need to incentivize water reduction instead to penalizing.

VI. Future Topics:

- a) Presentation by Dan Demoss, Executive Director of the California Rural Water Association.
- b) Chromium VI presentation
- c) Discussion of iefficent
- d) Member Agency Profile Update: Banning Heights Mutual Water Company

VII. Comments by Alliance Members

Rosilicie Bogh, a representative of Paul Cook, and Bruce Granlund of the Yucaipa Valley Water District were thanked for their presence.

It was mentioned the annual fee of \$500.00 approved in the M.O.U. needs to be invoiced. Mary Ann Melleby volunteered to create the invoices.

It was hypothesized the investment requested to participate in the iefficent program would come to approximately \$2468.00 per agency.

The question was asked how an El Nino winter would affect conservation efforts. It was also suggested that the Alliance and its member agencies focus on long term solutions. The drought should not be treated as an event but part of a cycle that will be experienced again and again. We should be prepared.

The Flume project was discussed briefly. The City of Banning is still in discussions with FERC and the Dispute Resolution Division. Studies are being made to comply with the US Forest Service's concerns regarding plants and animals indigenous to the area. The good news being the Flume started flowing over the weekend.

VIII. Adjournment

Debbie Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City of Banning

The next meeting of the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance will be August 26, 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.