

# **San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance**

*Draft Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.*

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

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## **I. Call to order**

Debbie Franklin called to order the regular meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance at 6:01 p.m. on August 26, 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 revised minutes from the June 24, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by John Covington. Motion seconded and carried.

The minutes from the July 22, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by John Covington. Motion seconded and carried.

## **IV. Presentation**

Presentation: Dan Demoss, Executive Director of the California Rural Water Association.

Presentation: Chromium-6, by Arturo Vela, Acting Director of Public Works City of Banning

Member Agency Profile Update: Banning Heights Mutual Water Company presented by Alan Hamdorf.

## **V. Technical Committee Reports**

- a) **Administrative Committee:** Debbie Franklin reported the subjects of their meeting were organizational structure, possible non-profit status. Fundraising, capture of storm water, and integrated regional water management plan, discussion of the retention ponds, powers, education and community advocacy.
- b) **Technical Committee:** Kerri Mariner reported the committee had discussed storm water run-off as well. They also did some website housekeeping.

- c) **Recycling Committee:** John Covington reported the committee had been discussing storm water recapture projects.
- d) **Conservation Committee:** Debbie Franklin discussed the committee's concern over the non-compliance letters and pushed for consistency among the Alliance member's agencies in their responses. The committee also suggested the members should share more data.  
John Covington presented a short overview of the Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Report. He focused on the new groundwater regulations and the new basin boundary revisions. He will offer a more extensive presentation at a later date.

## **VI. Iefficient**

There was some discussion regarding the iefficient program. Some members are against participating in the program and some find value. Because of the late hour, the topic has been delayed to another time.

## **VII. Future Topics**

- a. Iefficient
- b. Alliance Attorney- Structural Organization
- c. Member Agency Profile Update: Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District.

## **VIII. Comments by Alliance Members**

**Mary Ann Melleby-** SGPWA board approved a capacity fee on new development to fund new water sources. The board also took no action on the 18.5\$ per \$100 ad valorem. David Fenn has been seated as the new board member to replace Ray Morris.

**Kerri Mariner** – Cabazon Water District passed the MOU.

**Ernest Wright** - Think about the iefficient program.

**John Covington** – If all 12 agencies participate in iefficient the cost would be approximately \$2,468.00 per agency. At this cost the program may have value. The MOU is on the agenda for the September 1 meeting. The Morongo Band of Mission Indians had an election. The new Member is James Siva and he will be attending next month's meeting of the Alliance.

**Russ Martin** – The MOU was approved by the board of the Mission Springs Water District.

**George Jorristma** – The MOU was approved by the board of South Mesa Water Company.

**Jeff Hewitt** – This has been a good meeting, very active and involved.

**Debbie Franklin** – The City of Banning council passed the MOU. Reminder, the Western Municipal Water District Bi-Monthly Water Task Force meeting will be Friday, the topic is agriculture.

**IX. Adjournment**

Debbie Franklin adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City of Banning

The next meeting of the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance will be September 23, 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.**