

# **San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance**

*Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 27, 2016 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 6:02 p.m. on January 27, 2016 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 September 23, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to Approve was made by Mary Ann Melleby of The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency. Motion seconded by John Covington of Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Motion carried.

The minutes from the October 28, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to Approve was made by John Covington and seconded by Ernest Wright of High Valleys Water District. Motion carried.

## **IV. Financial Report**

The Financial Report was reviewed with a recap of expenses presented by Mary Ann Melleby and a reminder to agencies that have yet to submit their dues.

## **V. Presentation**

Presentation: Haig Kartounian of California Consulting provided information on grant writing and current funding opportunities.

## **VI. Member Agency Profile**

City of Calimesa Update presented by Jeff Hewitt

## **VII. Technical Committee Reports**

A presentation was provided to the technical committees by Jeff Davis of The San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency regarding conservation and the new state regulations.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

- a. With a vacancy of the Vice Chair, Mary Ann Melleby was nominated, seconded and elected.
- b. A formal (friendly) letter to the City of Beaumont will be sent to determine the status of their continuing membership.
- c. The Alliance expressed an interest in inviting Idyllwild Water District to attend future meetings.
- d. It was decided the Technical Committee meetings should begin at 5:00 pm.
- e. Several members felt it would be advantageous to get feedback from their General Managers for future topics and relevant information on existing topics.

## **IX. Future Topics**

- a. Tunnels
- b. Salton Sea
- c. EBX2
- d. State Water Project Update
- e. Cadiz Aquifer
- f. November Ballot Issues
- g. Recurring: John Covington on Sustainable Groundwater Management
- h. Ideas from the General Managers of the Alliance agencies.

## **X. Comments by Alliance Members**

A suggestion was made to have an “M.O.U. Check-Up”.

Welcome to Maxine Israel of Cabazon Water District.

Congratulations to Jeff Hewitt on being named Calimesa’s Citizen of the Year.

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency’s Board Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays and the Workshops are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays.

The State Water Project allocation has gone from 10% to 15%.

## **XI. Adjournment**

Debbie Franklin adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City of Banning

The next meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance will be February 24, 2016 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.**