Notice and Agenda of a Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

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Participating agencies:

City of Banning

Banning Heights Mutual Water Company

Beaumont Basin Watermaster

Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District

Cabazon Water District

City of Calimesa

High Valley Water District

Mission Springs Water District

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Riverside County - EDA / RCFCD

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

South Mesa Water Company

Yucaipa Valley Water District

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1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Public Comments

3. Consent Calendar

   A. Approval of Alliance Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2021

4. Discussion Items

   A. Discussion Regarding the Selection of Officers for 2022

5. Comments and Updates by the Elected Official or Agency Representative

   A. City of Banning - Colleen Wallace (Kyle Pingree)
   B. Banning Heights Mutual Water Company - _____
   C. Beaumont Basin Watermaster - Art Vela
   D. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District - Daniel Slawson
   E. Cabazon Water District – Diana Morris
   F. City of Calimesa - Wynona Duvall
   G. High Valleys Water District - Sam Hughes (Stan Houghton)
   H. Mission Springs Water District - Russ Martin
   I. Morongo Band of Mission Indians - John Covington
   J. Riverside County EDA / Flood Control District - Jason Uhley
   K. San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency - Steve Lehtonen
   L. South Mesa Water Company - George Jorritsma
   M. Yucaipa Valley Water District - Joyce McIntire

6. Suggested Presentations and Topics for Future Meetings

7. Future Meeting Dates

   A. March 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm
   B. May 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm
   C. July 27, 2022 at 5:00 pm
   D. September 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm
   E. January 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm

8. Adjournment

San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance
November 3, 2021 at 5:00pm

Meeting Attendees

Beaumont Basin Watermaster - Joseph Zoba
City of Banning - Colleen Wallace
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District - Daniel Slawson
Cabazon Water District - Diana Morris
City of Calimesa - Wynona Duvall
High Valley Water District - Stan Houghton
High Valley Water District - Sam Hughes
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency - Lance Eckhart
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency - Stephen Lehtonen
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency - Robert Ybarra
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Jennifer Ares
Yucaipa Valley Water District, Joyce McIntire
Yucaipa Valley Water District - Joseph Zoba

Agencies Not Present

Banning Heights Mutual Water Company
Mission Springs Water District - Russ Martin
Morongo Band of Mission Indians - John Covington
Riverside County - EDA / RCFCD - Julianna Adams
South Mesa Water Company

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1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Daniel Slawson called to order the regular meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance at 5:00 pm on November 3, 2021. Roll call was conducted of the attendees and is reflected in the list of meeting participants above.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were provided.

3. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Alliance Meeting Minutes from July 28, 2021 – A motion was made by Wynona Duvall and seconded by Robert Ybarra to approve the meeting minutes.

City of Banning	Yes
Banning Heights Mutual Water Company	Absent

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Beaumont Basin Watermaster	Yes
Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District	Yes
Cabazon Water District	Yes
City of Calimesa	Yes
High Valley Water District	Yes
Mission Springs Water District	Absent
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	Absent
Riverside County EDA / Flood Control District	Absent
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Yes
South Mesa Water Company	Absent
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Yes

4. Presentation

A. Overview of the California Drought and the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom on October 19, 2021 – Joseph Zoba, General Manager, Yucaipa Valley Water District

Joe Zoba provided a presentation about the current drought conditions in California and the predicted precipitation and temperature outlook for the period of January 2022 to June 2022. The future weather forecast provides a hint about what to expect during the winter and spring months.

The Proclamation of a State of Emergency was attached to the meeting agenda and discussed during this presentation.

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Regarding the Anticipated State Water Project Allocation for 2022.

Joe Zoba provided information about the annual initial allocation and final allocation from the Department of Water Resources since the start of the State Water Project in 1968. Based on current reservoir levels in the State Water Project and expected weather conditions, there is a good chance that the initial allocation by the Department of Water Resources on December 1, 2021 will be a zero percent allocation for the next water year.

B. Discussion Regarding the Preparation and Distribution of Meeting Agendas and Minutes

Joe Zoba mentioned that he will be focusing his attention on several capital improvement projects for the Yucaipa Valley Water District that will cause time constraints for the preparation and distribution of agendas, meeting materials, presentations, and email notifications for the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance. Daniel Slawson mentioned that he is coordinating with Dan Jaggers to have the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District staff take over the administrative responsibilities for the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance.

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C. Discussion Regarding the Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2022

Daniel Slawson asked if any member has a concern about the proposed meeting schedule provided on the agenda which included the following dates:

- January 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm
- March 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm
- May 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm
- July 27, 2022 at 5:00 pm
- September 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm

There were no conflicts or issues mentioned by the attendees.

6. Comments and Updates by the Elected Official or Agency Representative

A. City of Banning - Colleen Wallace provided an overview of the projects and status with the City of Banning.

B. Banning Heights Mutual Water Company – Absent.

C. Beaumont Basin Watermaster - Joe Zoba stated there were no new reports from the Beaumont Basin Watermaster.

D. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District - Daniel Slawson provided an update on the construction of a stormwater diversion pipeline with Riverside County Flood Control and that the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District would be taking on the meeting preparation items for the Alliance.

E. Cabazon Water District - No report.

F. City of Calimesa - Wynona Duvall provided an update on development projects and proposed park improvements by the City of Calimesa.

G. High Valley Water District – Stan Houghton and Sam Hughes provided an update on development projects and capital improvement projects by the High Valley Water District.

H. Mission Springs Water District - Absent.

I. Morongo Band of Mission Indians - Absent.

J. Riverside County EDA / Flood Control District - Absent.

K. San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency - Robert Ybarra provided an update on the proposed backbone water pipeline project by the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and other long term water deals to benefit the region. Lance Eckhart mentioned the availability of Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the San Gorgonio Pass area and Yucaipa area.

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L. South Mesa Water Company – Absent.

M. Yucaipa Valley Water District - Joyce McIntire provided an update on development projects and capital improvement projects by the Yucaipa Valley Water District.

7. Suggested Presentations and Topics for Future Meetings

There were no suggested or requested presentation topics for the next meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance. At prior meetings, the Alliance members expressed interest in the following meeting topics:

- Discussion Regarding Funding for the Sites Reservoir Project
- Discussion Regarding Funding for the Delta Conveyance Project
- Discussion Regarding Funding for the Regional Cabazon/Banning Backbone Project

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9. Adjournment

Daniel Slawson adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm.

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