



Notice and Agenda of a Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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Participating agencies:

City of Banning	High Valleys Water District
City of Beaumont	Mission Springs Water District
Banning Heights Mutual Water Company	Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Beaumont Basin Watermaster	Riverside County - EDA / RCFCD
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Cabazon Water District	South Mesa Water Company
City of Calimesa	Yucaipa Valley Water District

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

3. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Alliance Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2024

4. Annual Business Meeting per the SGPRWA Best Practices

A. Selection of Officers for 2024-2025 Term

Officers	Current	Selected 2024-2025
Chairperson	Daniel Slawson	
Vice Chairperson	Stan Houghton	
Secretary		
Treasurer		

B. Review current Memorandum of Understanding

C. Review Best Practices

D. Review Budget

5. Presentations / Discussion Items

A. Beaumont Basin Watermaster report (Art Vela or Dan Jagers)

B. San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency activities update (Lance Eckhart)

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

	Agency	Representative	Representative
A	City of Banning	Rick Minjares	Alberto Sanchez
B	City of Beaumont	Jessica Voigt	
C	Banning Heights Mutual Water Company		
D	Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	Daniel Slawson	Lona Williams
E	Cabazon Water District	Diana Morris	Taffy Brock
F	City of Calimesa	Wynonna Duvall	John Manley
G	High Valleys Water District	Sam Hughes	Stan Houghton
H	Mission Springs Water District	Amber Duff	
I	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	John Covington	
J	Riverside County EDA / Flood Control	Jason Uhley	Julianna Adams
K	South Mesa Water Company		
L	Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joyce McIntire	

7. Suggested Presentations and Topics for Future Meetings
 - a. Briefing on San Geronio Pass Groundwater Sustainability Plan
 - b. Update and Discussion Regarding Funding for the Sites Reservoir Project
 - c. Discussion Regarding Funding for the Delta Conveyance Project
 - d. Discussion Regarding Funding for the Regional Cabazon/Banning Backbone Project
 - e. PFAS
 - f. Lead and Copper Rule
8. Future Meeting Dates

Meeting time is 5 p.m.

 - July 24, 2024
 - September 25, 2024
 - January 22, 2025
9. Adjournment

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance
March 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting Attendees

Agency	Representative	
City of Banning	Art Vela	Present
City of Beaumont		Absent
Banning Heights Mutual Water Company		Absent
Beaumont Basin Watermaster	Art Vela Dan Jagers	Present
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	Daniel Slawson Dan Jagers	Present
Cabazon Water District	Taffy Brock Melissa Carlin	Present
City of Calimesa	John Manley	Present
High Valleys Water District	Stan Houghton	Present
Mission Springs Water District	Amber Duff	Present
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	John Covington	Present
Riverside County EDA / Flood Control	Jason Uhley Julianna Adams	Present
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Kevin Walton Larry Smith Mickey Valdivia	Present
South Mesa Water Company		Absent
Yucaipa Valley Water District		Absent

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Chairman Daniel Slawson called to order the regular meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance at 5:02 p.m. Roll call was conducted of the attendees and is reflected in the list of meeting participants above.

2. Public Comments: Mr. Jagers advised that on April 17 the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) plans to adopt the proposed Chromium 6 maximum contaminant level of 10 ppb.

3. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Alliance Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2024
The Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

MOVED: Slawson	SECONDED: Covington
CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED	VOTE 8-0-2
City of Banning	YES
City of Beaumont	Absent
Banning Heights Mutual Water Company	Absent
Beaumont Basin Watermaster	YES
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	YES
Cabazon Water District	YES
City of Calimesa	YES
High Valleys Water District	Abstain
Mission Springs Water District	YES
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	YES
Riverside County EDA / Flood Control	YES
San Geronio Pass Water Agency	Abstain
South Mesa Water Company	Absent
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Absent

4. Presentations / Discussion Items

- A. Beaumont Basin Watermaster Report

BBWM representative Art Vela reported:

- The last two meetings have focused on discussion of Beaumont Basin strategies including management areas. The Basin is divided into two smaller subbasins separated by physical features and have different characteristics. The intent is to develop different management solutions for each.
- Currently in redetermination of the Safe Yield (SY) (done every 10 years); it appears the SY may increase.
- In response to a question from Mr. Slawson, Mr. Vela detailed the SY modeling process and data involved in determination.
- In response to a question from Mr. Covington, Mr. Vela said he expects a draft of the SY modeling efforts over the summer.
- Mr. Jaggars added that the April 3 meeting has been postponed to April 17.
- Dudek, the BBWM administrative consultant, has been tasked with review of Rules and Regulations to bring them to today's standards and management practices

B. San Geronio Pass Water Agency activities update

Mr. Jagers shared points provided by Lance Eckhart, SGPWA general manager:

- The SGPWA water Conditions Report was given on March 18. The import schedule is for taking 2023 water through most of 2024, and carryover 2024 water into 2025. The Ventura water deal is helpful
- Snowpack is helpful for stored water across the Sierras
- The SWP allocation has been raised to 30 percent
- There are some potentially protected fish loitering near the SWP intakes which have created a restriction in pumping capacity, which shows the need for the Delta Conveyance Project, Sites Reservoir, and the voluntary agreements along with investment in generational opportunities. He responded to questions from Chair Slawson about the type of fish (steelhead salmon)
- San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District and SGPWA were the first SWP contractors to support the latest round of DCP funding. Mr. Smith added that Secretary Wade Crowfoot was on the call and was engaged and informed.
- SGPWA has applied for a turf replacement grant for a local HOA
- The South Mesa gap funding project has moved forward and there is a groundbreaking ceremony for new pipeline
- Sites Reservoir is moving forward. Had it been available this year, it would be 80 percent full
- SGPWA is projecting that 3,623 af will be delivered and recharged, with another 19 af for direct delivery
- Mr. Mickey Valdivia pointed out there was a ribbon cutting for the Yucaipa reservoirs, which were ARPA funded
- Mr. Jagers noted that because of these meetings, BGVWD was made aware of and received some funding

C. Revised Draft Regulation – Making Conservation a California Way of Life

Dan Jagers, BGVWD general manager, reminded the group of a previous presentation on this subject and provided an overview of the revisions to the proposed Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation being considered by the State Water Resources Control Board.

The SWRCB intends to adopt the regulation in 2024. Comments on the revision were submitted by BGVWD. Key changes are the outdoor standards timeline extension to 2035, opportunity for 20 percent irrigable / non-irrigated credit, variance, maximum model water efficiency landscape ordinance, credit for recycled water, and alternate pathways to compliance.

Generally, water purveyors see it as better. But some items are still not attainable for many; there are still challenges.

Mr. Covington shared comments from the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) January report on the regulations, which was not supportive. The regulations are

beyond the borders of the legislation. He suggested contacting local legislative representatives. Mr. Vela explained that it had been shared with Sen. Ochoa-Bogh, and these regulations will result in increased water rates.

The SWRCB is not legally required to make changes to the regulations in response to the LAO, Covington noted. This is such an impact to water agencies, if this is not stopped now, the long-term impact will be worse, he said. He suggested sending the LAO report to ACWA.

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

- A. City of Banning – Art Vela
 - No report
- B. Banning Heights Mutual Water Company – Absent
- C. City of Beaumont – Absent
- D. Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District – Daniel Slawson and Dan Jagers highlighted:
 - In process of drilling a couple of needed wells
 - Two APRA projects were put out to bid
 - Legislation will require an increase in staffing levels and a Prop. 218 process to raise rates to accommodate
- E. Cabazon Water District – Taffy Brock reported:
 - No report
- F. City of Calimesa – John Manley
 - Will take a look at the reports from the LAO
- G. High Valleys Water District – Stan Houghton reported:
 - Closer to completing the grant for the 8-inch pipeline improvement, and using the gap funding option
 - Excited about the heli-tanks for firefighting
- H. Mission Springs Water District – Amber Duff reported:
 - New General Manager is Brian Macy
 - Will be promoting Marian Champion to Assistant GM
 - Talking to state legislators about the items mentioned earlier
 - Water reclamation plant is close to completion; a ribbon cutting is being scheduled
 - Thanked all for sharing knowledge

- I. Morongo Band of Mission Indians – John Covington reported:
 - Working on ARPA funded projects
 - Trying to get projects out to bid and contracts awarded before the Dec. 31 deadline
 - Drilling two new wells
 - New reservoir at 60 percent design
- J. Riverside County EDA / Flood Control District – Julianna Adams reported:
 - Rain is expected this weekend
- K. San Geronio Pass Water Agency – Mickey Valdivia and Kevin Walton reported:
 - Gap funding paved the way for projects
 - Cheryle Stiff is retiring, and will be replaced by Maricela Cabral
 - Heli-hydrants for fire suppression helicopters may be in the future
 - Partnerships are being sought
- L. South Mesa Water Company – Absent
- M. Yucaipa Valley Water District – Absent

6. Suggested Presentations and Topics for Future Meetings

- PFAS (window for joining class action lawsuits closes in April)
- Lead and Copper rule (obligated to perform under EPA guidelines before October 2024, grant money available)
- Briefing on San Geronio Pass Groundwater Sustainability Plan
- Update and 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
- City of Banning Chromium 6 compliance study

8. Future Meeting Dates

- May 22, 2024
- July 24, 2024
- September 25, 2024

9. Adjournment

Chairman Daniel Slawson adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Memorandum of Understanding
San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance
A Coordination of Regional Water Providers

1. Background

The San Gorgonio Pass Area local governments and water districts understand that regular coordination, collaboration, and communication can result in improved management of water resources at local and regional levels. Water is a limited resource, and in May 2013, County Supervisor Marion Ashley appointed, with the approval of the entire County Board of Supervisors, a Pass Water Policy Panel. The Panel is made up of representatives in the San Gorgonio Pass Area. The Panel, known as the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance ("SGPRWA") is to identify challenges in water supply and water quality for the region, to develop mutually beneficial solutions that include coordinating plans and infrastructure development that ultimately delivers clean, reliable, and affordable water supplies for the citizens of the San Gorgonio Pass area for the foreseeable future.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish the mutual understandings of SGPRWA with respect to certain voluntary joint efforts towards regional coordination, collaboration, and communication of water resource programs.

3. Goals

The goals of the SGPRWA are:

- 3.1 To improve coordination, collaboration, and communication among local government water agencies in the San Gorgonio regional area, to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in delivering water supplies. Services are local control.
- 3.2 To develop and promote common water strategies that will, when implemented, fulfill the water demands of the regional area for the foreseeable future.

4. Definitions

- 4.1 San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance. Participating county, local governments, and water agencies in the San Gorgonio Regional area.
- 4.2 Signatories. The parties signing this MOU (Signatories) constitute the current participants.

5. Mutual Understandings

5.1 Alliance Agreements. Principal idea of non-binding collaborative is so that we do not overstate supplies in area. The collaborative is to share resources and opportunities that can benefit our area that we might not qualify for individually. Agreements of the Alliance members:

- 1) Water supply is a regional need

- 2) Affordable quality water is a regional need
- 3) We, the Alliance, are interested in obtaining affordable quality water supply for our individual districts
- 4) Regional collaboration allows for an opportunity for us to obtain #3 above

As we agree on these four points, we also agree to explore opportunity of an integrated water management plan for the area.

5.2 Participation. Participation is strictly voluntary and may be terminated at any time without recourse. San Geronio local governments and water agencies will be invited to become Signatories.

5.2.1 All members have one vote; no one member has more authorization than anyone else.

5.2.2 Officers are elected at the annual meeting. The elected positions include: chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, and treasurer. The duties include: chairperson presides at meetings, sets the agenda, and communicates with outside parties as needed. The vice-chairperson fills in upon the absence of the chairperson. The secretary confirms the audio tape is working. The treasurer maintains communications with the county regarding the status of the Alliance's account. All officers are subject to performing other duties as voted upon by the majority of the Alliance members.

5.3 Activities. Efforts pursued under this agreement will remain consistent with and will not exceed the current authority for any individual participating local government and water agency. Efforts will include information dissemination and sharing between local governments, water agencies, public outreach, and education and other activities as mutually agreed upon from time to time among the Signatories.

5.3.1 It is anticipated that the Signatories will meet at least monthly with subcommittee meeting happening in between full Alliance meetings.

5.4 Funding. Individual Signatories are not required to commit funding to any other Signatory of the Alliance. Recognizing this is a voluntary, non-binding agreement, Signatories agree to commit such resources as are required to implement actions agreed upon per Section 5.4 herein within their individual service areas, subject to approval and direction of the governing bodies of each Signatory.

5.5 Decision Making. Consensus will be sought when the need for decisions arises. Decisions lacking consensus may be implemented by such individual Signatories that choose to do so, but said decisions may not be considered activities of the Alliance.

5.6 Non-binding Nature. This document and participation under this MOU are non-binding, and in no way suggest that a local municipal government or water agency may not continue its own activities as each government and water agency is expected to continue its own policies and procedures , and undertake efforts to secure project funding from any source . A local government or water agency may withdraw from participation at any time.

5.7 Termination. Signatories may terminate their involvement at any time with no recourse.

6. Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding

We, the undersigned representatives of our respective governing bodies, acknowledge the above as our understanding of how the SGPRWA Coordination, Collaboration, and Communication MOU will be implemented.

This MOU will be revisited annually.

Signatures on the following page

Marion Ashley
County of Riverside
Supervisor, Fifth District

Deborah Franklin
City of Banning
Mayor

Lloyd White
City of Beaumont
Councilmember

Jeff Hewitt
City of Calimesa
Mayor Pro Tem

Alan Hamdorf
Banning Heights Mutual Water Co.
President

Ken Ross
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water Dist.
Director, Division 5

Kerri Mariner
Cabazon Water District
Director

Ernest Wright
High Valleys Water district
President

Russ Martin
Mission Springs Water District
Chairman

Robert Martin
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Tribal Council Member

Mary Ann Melleby
San Geronio Pass Water Agency
Director

George Jorritsma
South Mesa Mutual Water Company
President

Tom Shalhoub
Yucaipa Valley Water District
Director

Best Practices for the San Geronio Regional Pass Water Alliance

Meeting Ground Rules:

Meetings – Meetings will be held monthly at the Banning City Hall unless the Alliance majority agrees to any changes. Meeting times are 5pm to 6:30pm. Meeting agendas will be posted 72 hours before meetings. All materials distributed to the Task Force members will be posted on the website. Action minutes will be recorded. All meetings will be audibly recorded. The May meeting will be considered the annual business meeting. During this meeting the Alliance will conduct elections and review the memorandum of understanding, budget, and best practices. Any additions, changes, or corrections will be presented during this meeting. Ratification of changes will take place during the June meeting and will be subject to the approval of the governing boards of the signatory entities. Only substantial changes will require the signatures of the participating members.

Transparency – Meeting notices, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the Alliance website - www.passwateralliance.com. All Task Force meetings are open to the public. All regular meetings of the Alliance in public agency facilities and at times that are generally deemed convenient for maximum public attendance and participation.

Quorum – A majority of the Alliance member agencies shall constitute a quorum with a minimum of 7 members present to vote on any Alliance action item.

Voting – One vote per participating member that is a signatory to the MOU.

Alliance members conduct - Alliance members will conduct themselves with courtesy toward each other, avoiding interruptions and showing respect by listening. Alliance members will not participate in side bar conversations while someone else has the floor. Humor is welcome, but should not be at someone's expense.

All ideas and points have value - Alliance members may hear something with which you do not agree. Please remember that the purpose of the Alliance is to share ideas. All ideas have value in this setting. You are not required to defend or promote your perspective, but you are asked to share it. If you believe another approach is better, offer it as a constructive alternative. Be cautious of ascribing motives to others.

Be comfortable – Alliance members are welcome to refreshments and/or personal breaks. If other needs arise, please complete them without interrupting the meeting if possible.

Electronic courtesy – Most Alliance members have demanding responsibilities outside of this meeting. We ask for everyone's full attention during the meeting. Please turn cell phones, and/or any other communication device to silent or vibrate.

Honor Time – In order to meet ambitious Alliance goals, please follow the time guidelines agreed upon by the Alliance. Comments should be limited to agendaized topics. The exception will be if the consensus of the Alliance is to have an item added to the agenda. Alliance members' comments

should be focused, stating the point succinctly within 3 minutes; do not hog the floor. This time does not apply to agendaized formal presentations or reports.

Amendments – Any substantive changes to the Alliance MOU are to be ratified by the governing Boards of the respective member agencies of the San Geronimo Pass Regional Water Alliance.

Public participation – Public comments are permitted at the beginning of each meeting. They are also permitted during the course of the meeting after the members have been heard and as time permits. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. The public is held to the same afore noted standards as the members of the Alliance.

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05SGWTF - San Gorgonio Water Task Force
Account Balance as of May 14, 2024

GL Code	GL Title	Description	Debit	Credit
101100	101100	Opening Balance	14,416.02	
	Cash	Website July-Sept BO 3.66 11/6/12 INV SGPRWA 9/21/18		270.00
	Cash	Web Hosting Oct, Nov, Dec INV SGPRWA 01/28/19		270.00
	Cash	BO 3.66 11/6/12 Inv# SGPRWA 03/21/2019		270.00
	Cash	Inv#SGPRWA 6/24/19 3 months hosting&Webmaster April, May, June		270.00
		Transaction Total	0.00	1,080.00
Balance	Cash		13,336.02	