

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance  
March 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting Attendees

Agency	Representative	
City of Banning	Art Vela	<b>Present</b>
City of Beaumont		Absent
Banning Heights Mutual Water Company		Absent
Beaumont Basin Watermaster	Dan Jagers	<b>Present</b>
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	Daniel Slawson Dan Jagers	<b>Present</b>
Cabazon Water District	Taffy Brock	<b>Present</b>
City of Calimesa		Absent
High Valleys Water District		Absent
Mission Springs Water District	Amber Duff	<b>Present</b>
Morongo Band of Mission Indians		Absent
Riverside County EDA / Flood Control	Julianna Adams Jason Uhley	<b>Present</b>
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Larry Smith	<b>Present</b>
South Mesa Water Company		Absent
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joyce McIntire	<b>Present</b>

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**1. Call to Order - Roll Call**

Chairman Daniel Slawson called to order the regular meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance at 5:01 p.m. Roll call was conducted of the attendees and is reflected in the list of meeting participants above.

**2. Public Comments:** None.

### 3. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Alliance Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2025  
The Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

MOVED: Slawson	SECONDED: Vela
CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVED	VOTE 7-0-1
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	Absent
High Valleys Water District	Absent
Mission Springs Water District	YES
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	Absent
Riverside County EDA / Flood Control	YES
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	YES
South Mesa Water Company	Absent
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Abstain

### 4. Presentation and discussion of City of Banning Chromium VI study Art Vela, Director of Public Works, City of Banning

Mr. Vela shared a presentation given recently to the Banning City Council regarding impacts and challenges of addressing Chromium VI (CrVI).

Mr. Jagers added comments on options for mitigation and explained that the City and District are working together on options that provide maximum flexibility.

The Committee members commented on the regulations coming down from the state and the lack of consideration for the expenses to ratepayers.

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

- A. City of Beaumont – Absent
- B. City of Banning – Art Vela reported:
- A \$6.2 million grant for the wastewater treatment plant expansion is in limbo
- C. Banning Heights – Absent

- D. Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District – Daniel Slawson and Dan Jagers highlighted:
- Rate action Town Hall on April 10 and public hearing on April 24
    - 15 percent per year for five years to cover the projects with inflationary values
    - Significant increases in almost everything, and expected to continue to rise
    - Drilling some wells to mitigate Cr(VI)
    - Update of fire hazard zones
    - Limitations of water systems for fire
- E. Cabazon Water District – Taffy Brock reported:
- Waiting for the first heli-hydrant to be delivered
- F. City of Calimesa – Absent
- G. High Valleys Water District – Absent
- H. Mission Springs Water District – Amber Duff reported:
- The new wastewater treatment plant is operational
  - The South Coast Air Quality Management Board is moving forward on the removal of gas from homes (another regulation) and paying people to replace gas appliances with electric
- I. Morongo Band of Mission Indians – Absent
- J. Riverside County EDA / Flood Control District – Jason Uhley reported:
- Prop. 4 included \$100 million for integrated regional water management for watershed climate resiliency projects. The County requested the funds be distributed through the local IRWM programs and recommended that the coalitions created could manage other money allocated through Prop. 4 as a way to maintain local control
- K. South Mesa Water Company – Absent
- L. Yucaipa Valley Water District – Joyce McIntire reported:
- At the last Board meeting, there was discussion about wildfire coordination, prevention, preparedness and strategy. Looking into a joint powers authority
  - Regulations continue to proliferate
- M. San Geronio Pass Water Agency – Larry Smith reported:
- The agency is currently busy managing the heli hydrants, working on the gap funding program, and monitoring the Sites Reservoir and Delata Conveyance Project

- N.     Beaumont Basin Watermaster – Dan Jagers and Art Vela reported:
- The Watermaster will meet on Wednesday, April 2 at 11 a.m.

**6.     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

**7.     Future Meeting Dates**

*Committee is dark in November*

*Meeting time is 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of odd months at 5 p.m.*

- May 28, 2025
- July 23, 2025
- September 24, 2025

**8.     Adjournment**

Chairman Daniel Slawson adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.