

# **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

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 Geronio 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 Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance. Daniel Slawson mentioned that he is coordinating with Dan Jagers to have the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District staff take over the administrative responsibilities for the San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance.

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.

- 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 Geronio 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.