

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance
March 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting Attendees

Agency	Representative	
City of Banning		Absent
Banning Heights Mutual Water Company		Absent
Beaumont Basin Watermaster	Dan Jaggers	Present
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	Daniel Slawson Dan Jaggers Robert Rasha	Present
Cabazon Water District	Diana Morris Alan Davis	Present
City of Calimesa	Wynona Duvall	Present
High Valleys Water District	Stan Houghton Sam Hughes	Present
Mission Springs Water District	Russ Martin	Present
Morongo Band of Mission Indians		Absent
Riverside County EDA / Flood Control	Juliana Adams	Present
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	Ron Duncan	Present
South Mesa Water Company		Absent
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joyce McIntire Nyles O'Harra	Present

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Daniel Slawson called to order the regular meeting of the San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance at 5:02 p.m. on January 26, 2022. 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 January 26, 2022 – A motion was made by Joyce McIntire and seconded by Wynona Duvall to approve the meeting minutes.

APPROVED	VOTE
City of Banning	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	YES
Mission Springs Water District	abstain
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	YES

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

- A. City of Banning – Absent.
- B. Banning Heights Mutual Water Company – Absent.
- C. Beaumont Basin Watermaster – Dan Jagers advised that a workshop activity has begun to review mission statement and future plans. Concerns to be addressed include Basin management and water loss. The next meeting will be held April 13 at 11 a.m.
- D. Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District - Daniel Slawson reported that staff earned an achievement award for excellence in accounting. Work is continuing on Master Drainage Line 16 to capture stormwater for recharge. The City of Beaumont is moving forward on recycled water.

Mr. Jagers added that capital improvement projects are moving forward but materials are difficult to procure which is causing delays. Any agency dealing with emergencies may have need to borrow from neighbors, and BCVWD is open to participating. Well drilling and other contracts are more costly and fewer bids are being submitted.

The Chromium 6 draft standards have just been released, Jagers continued. Science appears to be sound in this reset, but the standards seem to be set at the same level. BCVWD and other agencies will be affected, and treatment is costly, he explained. He offered to post the information on the BCVWD website,

and responded to a question from Mr. Slawson regarding impact to Sustainable Groundwater Plans. Mr. Ron Duncan suggested requesting Lance Eckhart be contacted to respond. Mr. Jagers also recommended speaking to Steve Bigley of the Coachella Valley Water District.

Ms. Duvall asked what the solution would be if BCVWD did not have meters to provide to new development. Jagers said that BCVWD has some in stock, but they are becoming more scarce. Other agencies may not have that buying power, he noted. Mr. O'Harra echoed the procurement issues. Jagers pointed out that impacts to construction schedule affects project grant funding. Ms. Morris noted that grant agreements may be negotiated in those cases.

Jagers also noted recent difficulty in purchasing a specialty vehicle. Ms. Duvall suggested retaining this on the agenda for update at the next meeting.

- E. Cabazon Water District – Diana Morris reported that Alan Davis has been reappointed to the Board. There are 792 residential lots that were subdivided in 1925 and are now ready to start developing, she advised.
- F. City of Calimesa – Wynona Duvall said she would be meeting with the planning manager next week and will report next meeting.
- G. High Valleys Water District – Stan Houghton advised that they are also experiencing procurement difficulties and commented on the fragility of the systems. All Board seats have been filled. Sam Hughes read the names of the new Board members: Jessie Williams, and John Kalani. Some projects are underway, and grants are being sought, he noted.
- H. Mission Springs Water District – Russ Martin advised that construction on the new regional wastewater treatment facility will soon begin. Growth in the City of Desert Hot Springs, both residential and a new Amazon warehouse, are creating a need for expanded services. Martin invited all to the groundbreaking ceremony on June 1.
- I. Morongo Band of Mission Indians – Absent.
- J. Riverside County EDA / Flood Control District – Juliana Adams advised that she will be heading a newly created Emergency Management and Government Affairs Division. The group will be prepared for the next winter season. She explained some reorganization of staff within the division.

Mr. Jagers indicated he appreciated Flood Control's response and commitment of the staff to assure that educated decisions are made.

- K. San Geronio Pass Water Agency – Ron Duncan commented on the efforts of BCVWD on flood control. Water allocation went from 15 percent back down to 5 percent, and there is a possibility it may go to zero, he cautioned. SGPWA meetings are the second and fourth Mondays and include a comprehensive water management report, he noted. Mr. Jagers added that Mr. Eckhart provides a PowerPoint that can be obtained.

Work is ongoing on a Calimesa land deal for the backbone pipeline from Highland Springs to Cabazon, and SGPWA is working with Cabazon on the grant process to get some repairs made.

Duncan indicated that a representative from SGPWA would continue to attend, and commented on the regional collaboration.

L. South Mesa Water Company – Absent.

M. Yucaipa Valley Water District – Joyce McIntire reported that the 2022 Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring for the YVWD Maximum Benefit Monitoring Program in the San Timoteo and Yucaipa Management Zone was approved by the Board, and she provided some detail on the program functions.

Info Report in San Bernardino County Interstate 10 / Dunlap crossing project is complete. The pipeline takes sewer flows from the northwest under the 10 connecting to existing infrastructure. It was done by the bore and jack process and the HDPE pipeline was installed without closing the freeway.

7. Suggested Presentations and Topics for Future Meetings

Alliance members expressed interest in the following meeting topics:

- Supply issues and how agencies are affected
- Chromium 6
- Drought response actions and presentation from Lance Eckhart, SGPWA
- 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

8. Future Meeting Dates

- May 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- July 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- September 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- January 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Daniel Slawson adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.