

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6 p.m.**

Board of Directors

Einen Grandi, Chairman
Don Wallace, Director
Terry Swofford, Director
Paul Roen, Director
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Tom Rowson, Director

SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Directors present: Roberti, Wallace, Rowson, Swofford, Roen, Ramelli

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Dave Goicoechea, Michael Sanchez, Zac Harrison, Byrd Harrison, Elizabeth Morgan, Randy Wilson, Tim Beals and Brandon Pangman.

2) PUBLIC HEARING –

Consideration of whether the District must now fix a large capacity well management charge for the fiscal year, 2016-2017, on all wells that are capable of pumping 100 gpm within the District, with a total charge of \$200.00 per well per year, for the purposes of paying the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing any of the powers, projects, and purposes for which the District is organized.

Zac Harrison asked the following questions. Director Grandi's answers are within the parenthesis.

- **Will irrigators be charged for the 2016 year now that pumping has finished? (Yes.)**
- **Will inactive wells be charged? (No, only wells that were active and metered.)**
- **Is the fee the same across the board, or does it vary depending on how much is pumped or how much the well is capable of pumping? (The fee is a flat \$200/year per acre.)**
- **Are old meters going to be replaced with new meters? (As meters break or go out of calibration, a new meter will be put in. The new meters are also capable of telemetric readings, which could make well data collection easier in the future. The new meters will also help get away from the costly repairs of the old meters, which runs about \$800. Replacing costs about \$1,500)**
- **Do well owners need to pay for these new meters? (No, this \$200 fee will cover replacements. It gives SVGMD the funds to pay for repairs/new meters, etc.)**

Byrd Harrison asked the following questions. The Directors' answers are within the parenthesis.

- **What is the purpose of this fee? Is it just to fund SVGMD operations? (The Board has cut all costs possible. They have considered raising the fee per acre, but that was challenged by those that don't pump at all. This fee is for those that are pumping and using the water on a large scale.)**
- **How was the fee amount chosen? Why not \$100? (Repairs for fixing and replacing meters in 2015 cost \$9,000, so the SVGMD finance committee recommended this fee amount to cover the costs. There are 50 ag wells that will be charged, which will provide the \$10,000 necessary for the meter maintenance budget.)**
- **Have all of the local irrigators been notified and said they're on board? (Yes, the majority is on board with paying. This will affect 16 irrigators within Sierra Valley.)**

3) CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2016/2017 Large Capacity Well Management Charge Ordinance

Director Roberti made a motion to approve the large capacity well management charge ordinance, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM.

Jenny Gant, Secretary