

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
BECKWORTH TAVERN, BECKWORTH, CA  
Monday, February 29, 2016 8:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

**Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.**

**Directors present: Genasci, Wallace, Roen, Swofford, Ramelli (arrival 8:50 AM),**

**Roberti. Also present: Dr. Kenneth Schmidt, Steve Baker, Tim Beals, Brandon Pangman, Carol Dobbas, Leah Wills, Bill Powers, Jay Hubert, Rick Maddalena, Kristi Jamason.**

**A. Introduction of Dr. Kenneth D. Schmidt, PhD.,  
Hydrogeologist for the Sierra Valley Groundwater  
Management District (SVGMD)**

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

**3) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

**A. Presentation and discussion led by Dr. Kenneth Schmidt on the CASGEM (California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring) Groundwater Basin Prioritization process. Further discussion on how the SVGMD may or may not qualify as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for this basin.**

**B. Presentation and discussion led by Dr. Schmidt on the determination of "safe yield" amount of 6,000 acre feet mentioned in the 2012-2014 Technical Report and explanation of methods used in creating the SVGMD Technical Reports.**

**Dr. Schmidt's discussion centered on the topic of "safe yield".**

**According to Dr. Schmidt, safe yield is a legal term, not a technical term. The definition is intended to mean how much water is pumped out of an area that would not cause overdraft. Not all agree on it's meaning, as it is considered an opinion. Overdraft also refers to a change in water storage in a basin; the Sierra Valley is full of water. It is Dr. Schmidt's opinion that the latest legislation "Sustainable**

**Groundwater Management Act 2014 (SGMA) was not driven by Hydrogeologists. The purpose of this legislation is to cure overdraft in**

