

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Loyalton Social Hall – Loyalton, CA
Monday, November 9, 2015 5PM**

MINUTES

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1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Genasci called the meeting to order at 6PM. Directors present:

Grandi, Ramelli, Roberti, Roen, Swofford, Wallace

Also present: Carol Dobbas, Kristi Jamason, Katie Tanner, Jay Hubert

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Jamason told the Directors about the upcoming IRWM Ag Workgroup meeting and that the “greenhouse gas worksheets” are due by 11/13/15. The Workgroup will be going over resource strategy inputs and is looking for feedback on how to implement projects.

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 10/12/2015

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

-Meter updates – Jay reported that all of the meters have been pulled and inspected, except for Green Gulch that will be done at the end of the month. DMW#1 Dyson Lane meter was down and has been fixed. Bradley/Stanford MW wells are showing a decline, which is typical with the wells on the southeast of the valley, with an expected recovery after January 1st. The report shows the highlighted wells are the ones that have dropped the most over the summer. All of the Directors agreed that Jay should continue to monitor the MW wells throughout the winter season. Currently there are 11 MW wells in the district. Jay will keep monthly monitoring data logs throughout the year on these wells.

-Change in SVGMD meeting location to the Golden West – Director Roberti made a motion to change the monthly meeting location from the Loyalton Social Hall to the Golden West. Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Burkhard Bohm updates – Mr. Bohm told the Directors that he has been looking at aerial photos of the valley for the last 8 weeks. All of this data along with other research is being assembled in a report as the study progresses.

-Director Roen said that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors will be voting on the possibility of the Sierra Valley RCD and the SVGMD sharing offices at the Sierraville School at the next board meeting.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

Memo from Scott Shapiro, Attorney, Downey/Brand re: Considerations for Raising Additional Funds”

Director Roen presented to the Directors a letter from Sierra County Counsel, Jim Curtis commenting on Mr. Shapiro’s memo. Mr. Curtis suggested that the District charge a fee that can be defended by how much water an irrigator pumps
Director Roen said that there needs to be further clarification of a Prop 218 for the SVGMD. The overall consensus is that the District needs to keep being financially solvent in order to preclude the State from taking over the District. Jay was asked to find out what the cost of a complete rebuild of a meter would be by the size of the meter. Updates will be presented at next month’s meeting.

