

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Paul Roen, Director
Tom Rowson, Director
Michael Sanchez, Director
Don Wallace, Director

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Directors present: Grandi, Roberti, Sanchez, Wallace

Directors absent: Roen, Ramelli, Rowson

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Debbie Spangler, Tania Carlone, Christy Goodman, Pat McCarthy, Burkhard Bohm, and Leah Wills.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY – limited to 5 minutes per speaker

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District Board of Directors at this time.

Kristi Jamason commented that the Sierra Valley Art and Ag trail will be held in three weeks. There are 14 sites and 55 artists participating this year and a dinner will be held at the Sierra Valley Grange.

3) REPORTS

A. Technician report - Jay Huebert

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

Huebert was unable to attend the meeting so Director Grandi distributed this month's well readings. September typically has the lowest measurements, but levels are still better than they have been in recent years. Huebert will measure all monitoring wells at the beginning of October.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

A. Plumas/Sierra County Well Permit Application Review (if any)

There were no well permit applications to review.

B. 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization Comments

The District would like to verify the surface water and irrigated acres numbers DWR used for basin prioritization. The water master informed Grandi that weekly readings are taken of all the creeks entering the basin and that a Public Records Act (PRA) request needs to be submitted for the information to be authorized for release. The clerk will submit a PRA request to obtain the data.

Debbie Spangler remarked that the number DWR used for groundwater acres pumped was from the District's technical reports and that the number used for surface water was an estimate of the water master's monthly report totals for that year. She is currently working to get the monthly reports together to verify that number. 2014 was the baseline year chosen for SGMA because DWR had a complete data set for land use that year.

C. Technical Support Services - Monitoring Well Service Request

The District has submitted the first TSS monitoring well service application state wide. Spangler met with Fred Chaffin of Caltrans on August 30 to mark the proposed location for a monitoring well at a gravel turnout along Highway 70. Grandi discussed the location with Zac Harrison of Green Gulch Ranch, and Director Roberti will talk to DS Ranch about the proposed location.

D. DWR SGMA Update – Debbie Spangler

Spangler announced that there will be another solicitation round for the planning grant this winter.

E. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Greg Hinds

Hinds had a busy month completing his field work, but expects to devote the full 24 hours per month allotted within his contract to the GSP during the winter months. He noted the importance of getting GSP groundwork and SGMA communications and community engagement underway so that rapid progress can be made should the District be awarded a planning grant.

F. DWR Facilitation Support Services – Tania Carlone

Carlone reported that the project team has phone call meetings twice a month to discuss the District’s work plan and decide on current priorities for GSP work and funding. The current focus is on the Communications and Engagement Plan, which will begin with the upcoming public workshop on October 25 to discuss SGMA implementation and the GSP planning process.

G. SV Managed Groundwater Recharge Project

Jamason informed the Board that the science team is redirecting their project efforts after examining the results of the pilot projects. The team found that little water is available for recharge on the east side of the basin where it is needed most. They will still write an executive summary of the research they have conducted, but have proposed changing their project to now focus on pumping reduction techniques. This would include working with Tom Getts to create a monitoring plan for low elevation sprinkler systems and to write the DWR planning grant proposal for the District.

H. Technical Report Request for Proposal

There were no new updates.

I. Water Quality Testing

Jamason reported that the recharge project team is still considering hiring Burkhard Bohm to do the water quality testing.

J. Large Capacity Well Management Charge Resolution

Director Wallace made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-05 to set the date for the public hearing for October 8, 2018, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

K. Professional Services Agreements

- 1. Greg Hinds**
- 2. Kristi Jamason**
- 3. Burkhard Bohm**

Final copies of Hinds’ and Jamason’s service agreements were presented to the Board and signed by the Chairman. For Bohm’s work contract, the directors requested a new agreement be written up and agendaized for October’s board meeting to include a task list of deliverables, maximum number of hours, and the stipulation that the total will not exceed \$1,000.00 per month. In the meantime, Bohm can begin working with Hinds.

Director Sanchez made a motion to direct Hinds use Bohm in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for time and material and to move forward with a contract retroactive to September 10, 2018, Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

5) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

Downey Brand email: Third Appellate District Extends Public Trust Doctrine to Groundwater, Finding That Counties Have a Duty to Administer the Trust in Issuing Ministerial Well Permits.

6) CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the Consent Calendar shall be considered routine and will be enacted by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Any item removed from the consent calendar will be considered after the regular business items.

- A. Approval of The Minutes as Read/Distributed For 8/14/18**
- B. Accept finance report/cash balance for August and September**
- C. Approve payment of bills**

Director Sanchez made a motion to accept the consent calendar with the exception of the August minutes and the September finance report, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk