

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Golden West Restaurant, Loyalton, CA
Monday, January 11, 2016 6PM**

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Genasci called the meeting to order at 6:03PM. Directors present: Swofford, Roen, Roberti, Grandi. Directors absent: Wallace, Ramelli

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Announcement from candidate running for Supervisor District 1. Rick Madellena, representing a member of the Board of Directors for the Sierraville Public Utility District (SPUD) asking for any SVGMD assistance in the SPUD's pursuit in establishing a new domestic supply well for the town of Sierraville.

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 12/14/2015

Director Roen made a motion to approve, Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

Steve Baker, Hydrologist, giving a presentation on groundwater issues.

Let the minutes show Director Roen excused himself from this part of the meeting.

Mr. Baker has been working on groundwater issues in the Northern Basin Region for over 29 years. The highlights of his presentation focused mainly on how the SVGMD needs to continue and improve the collection of data necessary to implement a Management Plan, as mandated by the SGMA 2014. The SVGMD's assignment as a "medium priority" basin was questioned by the Directors and the secretary was asked to contact DWR to ascertain how the priority ranking was determined. The population growth ranking especially needs to be addressed.

All of this information plus more may be viewed at Mr. Baker's website www.operationunite.co.
(copy of presentation on request)

-Election of Officers, Elected Directors, Appointed Directors, Terms of Office

The following are the results of the elected officers for calendar year 2016

Einen Grandi – Chairman, Director at Large (Term Expires 2019)
Carl Genasci – Vice Chairman, Sierra County Appointee (Term Expires 2018)

Board of Directors

Terrell Swofford – Plumas County Supervisor (Term Expires 2017)
Paul Roen – Sierra County Supervisor (Term Expires 2017)
Don Wallace – Sierra County Appointee Term (Expires 2017)
Greg Ramelli – Plumas County Appointee (Term Expires 2017)
Jim Roberti – Plumas County Appointee (Term Expires 2018)

-Direct Charges Plumas County

The secretary will give updates at the next month's meeting.

-2 Year Projected Budget Expenses

The secretary gave out the 2 Year Projected Budget Expenses worksheet, discussion to follow at next month's meeting.

-Senninger meters

Director Roberti will find out how much it will cost to replace the meters that need to be repaired with Senninger meters vs. the meter repair cost from Technoflo.

-possible Resolution mandating Board approval on all Public Record Requests for SVGMD data.

Director Roen suggested that this be vetted by the Sierra County Counsel.

-employee evaluations (closed session)

The secretary gave out a portfolio requesting a change in employee classification from secretary to executive secretary and a wage increase.

Carried over to next meeting.

-Cut back on meter readings, determining what pertinent data needs to be collected on an annual basis (meter updates)

The Directors requested that Jay Hubert put together a seasonal monitoring data well log data sheet. It was validated that the flow meter readings should continue throughout the year. Overall the data shows the wells are trending down. (copy on file)

-Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation

Director Roen made a motion to send a letter to the DWR to find out how we can become a GSA for our basin and go forward with the process. Chairman Grandi 2nd, motion passed all in favor.

Director Roen made a motion to contact DWR regarding how the SVGMD was assigned a "medium" priority basin, and ask for an explanation and why we were given a "5" (highest ranking) in "population growth". Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

The Directors would also like validation on the statement in Ken Schmidt's 2012-2014 Technical Report that reads, "Metered pumpage records indicate that the safe yield is about 6,000 acre-feet per year in the part of the valley now tapped by large-capacity supply wells." Update at next month's meeting.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

Already presented, via email.

6) CASH BALANCE, FINANCIAL SUMMARY, BILLS TO BE PAID

The Cash Balance is \$2,697.14

Last month's cash	\$ 525.00
Revenue (Direct Charges Sierra County)	\$9,043.85
Total Revenue	<u>\$9,568.85</u>
Less Expenditures	
AT&T (sept/oct/nov/dec)	\$180.39
AFCO (General Liability Dec/Jan)	\$724.56
The Office Boss	\$311.85
Downey Brand Attorneys	\$220.00
City of Loyalton	\$ 65.00
Wages	
Secretary	\$1,823.10

FICA/Medicare/OASDI	\$173.91
Storage/Insurance/Internet	\$1,350.00
Mileage	\$90.40
Meter Technician	
Wages	\$1,500.00
Mileage	\$412.50
Total Expenditures	<u>\$6,871.71</u>

A Finance Committee has been formed with Chairman Grandi and Director Roberti as members.

7) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON 2/8/2016

- Determination of the "medium priority" ranking for the GSA
- Report from Finance Committee (Grandi, Roberti) on
Revenue vs. Expenses , raising revenue lowering expenses, moving storage/office to Sierraville School or keeping storage at secretary's home office without charge. Model for revenue increase.
Senninger meters vs. Technoflo repair costs. Cutting back on meter technician's schedule.
- Resolution for Board approval on all Public Record Request for SVGMD data.
 - Employee evaluations
- GSA (Groundwater Sustainability Agency) formation
Safe yield of 6,000 acre feet determination
 - Green Gulch meter reimbursement
 - newsletter

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Juliana Walsh, Secretary