

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, November 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

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Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Don Wallace, Vice-Chair
Dwight Ceresola, Director
Dave Goicoechea, Director
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Paul Roen, Director

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli, Roen, Ceresola, Wallace (via Zoom)
Directors absent: Roberti
Also present: Judie Talbot, Jim Swann, Dwight Smith, Tracey Ferguson, Gus Tolley, Kristi Jamason, Katie Tanner, and Tracy Schohr
Zoom: Laura Foglia, Jay Huebert, Debbie Spangler, Jill Slocum, Carl Butz, and Greg Hinds

2) METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM RFP

Opening of received contractor bids for the Meter Replacement Program, and announcement of apparent low responsive bidder. Possible Board action item to initiate entering into contract with the apparent low bid contractor.

One bid was submitted by Your H2OPro from Janesville for \$83,140.00
Staff was directed to secure the contract with direction from County Counsel.

3) 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.

Jim Swann commented that he read much of the draft GSP and found that it gave no overall amount of water that can be pumped. He believes it does give current ranchers a monopoly over water.

4) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert

Huebert took monitoring well readings on October 30. He reported that receiving one foot of rain in Sattley within three days made a nice recovery over the whole valley. Only one well at Roberti Ranch made a shallow recovery. Not including municipality totals, just over 14,000 acre/feet was pumped this year. That is the most Huebert has seen in his ten years as meter technician.

B. DWR Update – Debbie Spangler

Spangler shared DWR is continuing its review of submitted GSPs.

C. GSP Outreach: Technical Advisory Committee Update – Judie Talbot

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, shared that a TAC meeting was held this afternoon to review public comments to the draft GSP. Another TAC meeting has been scheduled for December 6 to continue that review. The final GSP presentation to the Board will be given on December 20 and Tracey Ferguson will present it to the Plumas County Board of Supervisors on December 21.

D. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update – Laura Foglia

Gus Tolley, hydrogeologist with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, reported that the water budget work has been completed and included in the revised version of chapter two. He gave a presentation on added simulated changes in future climates over a 50 year period and stated the main take away is that while more precipitation is predicted, more output is also predicted. In agreement with the findings of Ken Schmidt and Bachand and Associates, it is estimated that 5,500 to 6,000 acre/feet pumped annually is sustainable.

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

There were no new well applications.

B. McGinley & Associates GSP Update – Dwight Smith

- 1. Flow Meter Standardization - Meter Replacement Program RFP**
- 2. Inactive Wells Management Actions**
- 3. Monitoring Networks and Management Action Feasibility Reviews**

Director Roen made a motion to authorize Chairman Grandi to approve the RFP contract with Your H2OPro and to approve the bid package for release for replacement meters, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

C. Public Review Comments on GSP Draft Chapters

Laura Foglia, LWA GSP Project Manager, presented the public comments received on the draft GSP. While the formal comment period is complete, public comments can still be submitted.

6) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

A. Timothy L. Taggart, Attorney at Law, re: Spring Valley Ranch Special Use Permit

7) 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 10/18/21, 10/29/21 and 11/3/21**
- B. Accept finance report/cash balance for November**
- C. Approve payment of bills**

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the exclusion of the November finance report, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk