

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting will also be available via Zoom Teleconferencing:
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Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Paul Roen, Vice-Chairman
Dwight Ceresola, Director
Dave Goicoechea, Director
Matt Kilmurray, Director
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Director Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Roen, Goicoechea, Ramelli
Directors absent: Roberti, Ceresola, Kilmurray
Also present: Judie Talbot, Steve Reich, Ryan Smith
Via Zoom: Betsy Elzufon, Tracey Ferguson, Gus Tolley, Laura Foglia, and Jay Huebert

2) PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of an Ordinance Enacting a Management Charge for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

The Board of Directors will hear comments from the public regarding SVGMD's proposed ordinance to fix the management charge for the fiscal year 2026-2027 on all land within the District at \$.15 per acre, per year, with a total minimum charge of \$6.00 per year for all parcels or lots forty (40) acres or less, for the purposes of paying the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing any of the powers, projects, and purposes for which the District is organized.

Grandi opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.
There were no public comments.
Grandi closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

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.

There were no public comments.

4) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert

Huebert took well readings on June 2. He said it is typical for monitoring well levels to drop this time of year, noting that nothing has dropped dramatically, especially considering the last two dry winters we have had. He got the new magmeter on at Potter's and will be changing out a meter at Goodwin's soon.

Let the minutes note Director Kilmurray joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

B. Outreach and Engagement Update – Judie Talbot

Talbot reported on remaining funds for the CDFW and Plumas Watershed grants. Due to a delay on Facilitation Support Services (FSS) from DWR, she does not have fair booth documents finished yet, but will have them available for Board review and input at the July meeting.

Let the minutes note Director Ceresola joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

C. LWA Team Project Update – Laura Foglia

Betsy Elzufon, LWA Associate, shared that CDFW has informed her that there is currently no available funding for the second part of the grant for recharge construction. LWA will be submitting WaterSMART grant applications in July for recharge projects and GSP updates (periodic evaluation, modeling, data gaps, etc.). She asked if Plumas County and Sierra County could provide letters of support, and might reach out to UCCE and the Feather River Land Trust as well. The SWEEP grant concept proposal was submitted last month, so LWA is awaiting their decision on whether they want a full proposal submitted. The LWA team is also compiling recharge project ideas for the Plumas Watershed grant and will have more information at the August Board meeting.

Laura Foglia, GSP Project Manager, said that the periodic evaluation (5-year update) for SGMA compliance is due January 31, 2027. She will have materials ready for the Board to review in September. Chairman Grandi asked if there is anything in the periodic evaluation that the District hasn't addressed yet. Foglia responded no, we have more data that DWR asked for, many projects were recently implemented, groundwater quality tests were taken, and there have been no problems with sustainable yield or minimum thresholds. She said it should be straightforward to describe the projects, provide the data that was collected, and explain how the GSA is working to fix DWR's recommended corrective actions.

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

One domestic well in Sierraville was approved on June 12.

B. Budget Amendment to Stetson's Professional Services Agreement for Plumas Watershed Grant Work

The Board clerk shared that the District had originally reserved \$40,000 under Task 3 (Farm Assessments) of the Plumas Watershed grant for the UCCE, but then Stetson was contracted for that work and the budget hasn't been amended yet. Stetson has also requested \$20,000 of the funds remaining in Task 7 (Irrigation Efficiency) for project completion.

Director Goicoechea made a motion to approve the budget amendment to Stetson's professional services agreement for the Plumas Watershed grant as presented, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, roll call vote: Directors Ceresola, Roen, Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli, and Kilmurray voted yes.

C. Audit with Blomberg and Griffin for FY23-24 and FY24-25

Director Roen made a motion to approve the audit report for FY23-24 and FY24-25 as presented, Director Ceresola 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

D. Resolution 26-02– Adoption of 2026-2027 Budget

Director Roen made a motion to approve Resolution 26-02 to adopt the 2026-2027 budget, Director Ceresola 2nd, motion passed, roll call vote: Directors Ceresola, Roen, Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli, and Kilmurray voted yes.

E. Change the Date of the Regular July Board Meeting

Director Roen made a motion to move the regular Board meeting date to July 13, 2026, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

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 5/18/26

B. Approve payment of bills and finance reports

Director Roen made a motion to approve the consent calendar, Director Ceresola 2nd, motion passed, motion passed, all in favor.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Director Grandi adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk