

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

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Einen Grandi, Chairman
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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 6:07 PM

Directors present: Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli, Wallace, Roen, Roberti, Ceresola
Directors absent: None

Also present: Rick Roberti, Kristi Jamason, Jay Huebert, and Judie Talbot

Zoom: Laura Foglia, Earl Withycombe, Debbie Spangler, Greg Hinds, Tim Beals, Tracy Schohr, Gus Tolley, Shey Rajagopal, Tracey Ferguson, Betsy Elzufon, and Bill Copren

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.

There was no public comment.

3) REPORTS

A. SVGMD Formation History – Earl Withycombe

Earl Withycombe was a former Sierra County Supervisory (District 2) and involved in the formation of the SVGMD. 2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the District's founding when the California legislature signed SB1391, making the SVGMD the most senior groundwater district in the state.

B. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert

Huebert took monitoring well readings January 23; all of the wells' levels are above the 2015 SGMA baseline.

C. Debbie Spangler

1. Statewide Update

DWR is reviewing the GSPs submitted by critically over drafted high- and medium-priority basins in January 2020.

2. GSP Planning Grant

Two grant invoices have been submitted so far and the checks have been received by the District. The next invoice for GSP work is due at the end of February.

3. Technical Support Services

Installation of the new monitoring well is scheduled for this summer.

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

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, reported that the fourth TAC meeting was held on February 8. Immediately prior to the TAC meeting, Gus Tolley, hydrogeologist with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, provided an orientation to the data portal. LWA is requesting data corrections and additions to the data portal by March 12. Tolley's tutorial recording is available on the SVGMD website. The TAC meeting discussed project updates, the proposed approach for addressing groundwater quality, and groundwater dependent ecosystems. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for March 8 and will focus on the proposed approach for addressing subsidence.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

There was one new well application for a small-capacity stock/domestic well for Bar 1 Cattle Company; the approval will be sent to Plumas County this week.

B. Pumping Data Maps for 2017 – 2020

In response to the Board's direction at the last meeting, Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Planning Director, prepared a proposal for the Plumas County GIS coordinator to categorize individual pumping data from 2017 to 2020 into sections for LWA's use. The work will cost \$3,000.00 and will be reimbursable by the GSP grant.

Director Roen made a motion to authorize the proposed budget, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

C. Ordinance 18-01 Zone Map Amendment Proposal for the Chilcoot Subbasin

After talking with David Prentice, Sierra County Counsel, and Ken Schmidt, geo-hydrologist, Chairman Grandi is recommending extending the zone map to the District's north and north-east boundary lines. Schmidt has agreed to those boundaries and is willing to stamp the new map.

Director Goicoechea made a motion to accept the new draft map and begin the ordinance amendment process, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

D. SGMA Implementation for the Sierra Valley Subbasin (5-012.01) DWR Grant

Agreement Category (d): Monitoring/Assessment RFP for Professional Services

Ferguson reported that the GSP Category (d) RFP was released and two proposals were received by the February 1 deadline. Originally the RFP included all four tasks of Category (d), but it became clear that Task 2 (Agricultural Pump Flow Metering Program) was not ready to be included and it was removed. The contracts are still being negotiated, but they will be brought before the Board for review when they are finalized.

E. Flow Meter Standardization and Calibration

Prior to Task 2 being removed from the Category (d) RFP, Huebert assessed wells at Bar 1 and D&S with two contractors. It took several hours and many sites were not visited, so Huebert will plan on holding a two-day tour when the Task 2 RFP is released.

1. Formation of Subcommittee

Chairman Grandi selected Jay Huebert, Director Roberti and Director Roen to form the Task 2 subcommittee (alternate: Director Ramelli).

F. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update

1. Schedule Outlook

2. Groundwater Quality

Laura Foglia, LWA GSP Project Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with GSP updates. The three month schedule outlook focused on basin setting, subsidence, groundwater-surface water interactions, groundwater quality, and subsidence. The discussion around groundwater quality consisted of reviewing basin conditions, the monitoring well network within the District, identifying potential constituents of concern, and water quality standards, thresholds and measurable objectives.

5) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

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 1/18/21

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for January and February

C. Approve payment of bills

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

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk