

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA  
Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

Vice-chairman Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.  
Directors present: Grandi, Roberti, Sanchez, Wallace, and Goicoechea  
Directors absent: Ramelli, Roen  
Also present: Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Tania Carlone, Burkhard Bohm, Dan Martynn, Katie Tanner, and Jim Rienstra.

**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. Technician report - Jay Huebert**

**1. Meter Repairs/Purchases**

Due to the recent snowstorms, Huebert was unable to get any well readings for a new monthly report.

**B. FRLT Groundwater Grant Update**

Kristi Jamason shared that the report by Bachand and Associates should be available to the board by mid-March. The report combines the work of Ken Schmidt, Burkhard Bohm, UC Davis, and Bachand's own research. The team is currently collecting data regarding irrigation efficiency, researching flow meters, and putting together a monitoring network approach of how the yield will be measured. Once DWR has released the PSP draft proposal the team will begin drafting the planning grant. In the meantime, they are updating the disadvantaged community data and examining the basins that were awarded funding during the last round.

Let the minutes note Director Greg Ramelli entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**C. Joint Powers Agreement**

Sierra County Counsel and Plumas County Counsel are coordinating to finalize the JPA revisions.

**4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

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

There were no well permit applications to review.

**B. Vacant Director Seat – Resignation Letter from Tom Rowson**

**1. Newly Appointed Director Dave Goicoechea**

The board clerk read Tom Rowson's letter of resignation. Dave Goicoechea was announced as the appointee by the Sierra County Supervisors to be the new SVGMD director.

**C. Appointed Directors and Terms of Office**

**1. New term for Einen Grandi**

**2. New term for Greg Ramelli**

Director Sanchez made a motion to approve Einen Grandi and Greg Ramelli for continuation on this board at their request, Director Roberti 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, Directors Roberti, Sanchez, Wallace, Goicoechea in favor.

**D. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman for 2019**

Director Roberti moved to keep Grandi as District chairman and Wallace as vice-chairman, Director Goicoechea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all approved.

**E. Roberti Ranch Variance Request**

Roberti Ranch has drilled a new well to replace an abandoned well. Instead of destroying the abandoned well, they would like to convert it into a 6" stock well. A variance has been submitted to the Board requesting permission to not destroy the abandoned well.

Director Goicoechea moved to approve the variance requested by Roberti Ranch, Director Ramelli 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, Directors Grandi, Sanchez, Wallace, Goicoechea, Ramelli in favor. Director Roberti abstained.

**F. Setting a Date, Time and Place for Board Meetings**

David Prentice, Sierra County Counsel, has been providing attorney services to the SVGMD Board, but he is no longer able to attend meetings held on the second Monday of each month. If the Board would like to retain his services, he has requested moving the SVGMD regular meetings to the third Monday of each month. The meetings would still be held at six p.m. at the Golden West Restaurant.

The meeting for next month has been moved to March 18, 2019 and there will be a public hearing to discuss adopting an ordinance regarding the date change.

**G. Approve an MOU with Plumas County for Cooperative Implementation of SGMA**

The SVGMD and Plumas County have both formed a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in compliance with SGMA. The land within Plumas County's GSA is part of the Sierra Valley Basin but outside the District's boundaries. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will allow the County and District to coordinate and form one Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) instead of two.

Director Goicoechea moved to approve the MOU with Plumas County, Director Roberti 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**H. Ordinance 18-01 – Defining High-Capacity Wells**

**1. Ordinances 82-03 and 83-03 – Requiring Metering of Certain Extraction Facilities**

Let the minutes note Director Paul Roen entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding existing wells and their classification as active or inactive. Ordinance 18-01 relates to new wells, so no action will be taken at this time and the ordinance wording will remain the same.

**I. Proposed Development at Sierra Hot Springs**

Jill Slocum had previously requested a discussion on this proposed development, but was unable to attend the meeting. The proposal suggests only small-capacity wells will be needed to augment their existing wells.

**J. Technical Support Services – Debbie Spangler**

Debbie Spangler was not present but had emailed an update to the clerk, which was read aloud. DWR has invited the District to participate as a panelist in an upcoming GSA forum on March 21 in West Sacramento. Kristi Jamason has offered to attend and participate on behalf of the District. She hopes to learn from the discussion with other GSAs and communicate to DWR the unique situation of this basin in regards to SGMA.

**K. DWR SGMA Update – Debbie Spangler**

Per the email mentioned above (Item J), Spangler shared that Plumas County's basin boundary modification request has been slated to be approved. The GSP Prop 28 Grant draft Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) is expected to be released for comment in early March and it is anticipated grant applications will be accepted between May and June after the final PSP has been released.

Spangler is currently working with Cal Trans on the encroachment permit process and an environmental review to continue moving forward with drilling a new monitoring well for the District along Highway 70. She is

also working with Greg Hinds and Phil Bachand to develop a subsidence monitoring network plan and installation cost estimate.

**L. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Greg Hinds**

Hinds reported that he is still going through the GSP work plan and has begun work on estimating a cost for completing the plan. Cost estimates need to be included in the PSP grant application that will be due sometime this spring or summer. Chapter one (Basic Agency Information) of the plan has been submitted to the GSP team for review. After the team edits are complete an updated draft will be presented to the Board for review.

**M. DWR Facilitation Support Services – Tania Carlone**

Carlone’s original Facilitation Support Services contract expired in December 2018, but the State Water Resources Control Board has agreed to fund an updated contract that provides her services to the District through December 2019. This new contract provides for her participation in the monthly District meetings and once a month phone calls with the GSP project team.

**N. NRCS Technical Assistance**

Dan Martynn and Jim Rienstra, of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), have offered assistance with the District’s GSP in areas such as irrigation efficiency and quality improvement, funding irrigation system improvements, and locating groundwater recharge areas within the basin.

**O. Updated Professional Services Agreement for Greg Hinds**

Director Roen made a motion to approve the updated professional service agreement with Greg Hinds retroactive to January 1, Director Goicochea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**P. Updated Independent Contractor Agreement for the Board Clerk**

Director Roen made a motion to approve the updated independent contractor agreement for the board clerk, Director Ramelli 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, Directors Grandi, Sanchez, Wallace, Goicochea, Ramelli and Roen in favor. Director Roberti abstained.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

The California DWR has invited a representative from the SVGMD GSA, for the Sierra Valley Groundwater Subbasin, to present as a panelist at the GSA Forum on March 21, 2019 in West Sacramento, California.

**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 12/10/18**

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

**C. Approve payment of bills**

1. Clerk - \$850 (February)
2. Office Supplies - \$37.39 (Director binders + folders)
3. Website - \$50 (monthly site fee)
4. Greg Hinds - \$1680.00 (1/4 – 2/11)

Director Roen made a motion to accept the consent calendar, Director Goicochea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk