

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, October 18, 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

AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli, Roen, Ceresola,
Directors absent: Wallace, Roberti
Also present: Judie Talbot, Jay Huebert, Jim Swann, Dwight Smith Tracey Ferguson, Debbie Spangler,
and Jill Slocum
Zoom: Kristi Jamason, Laura Foglia, Gus Tolley, Bill Copren, and Tracy Schohr

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.

Jim Swann commented that he enjoyed attending SVGMD meetings for over a year now. He reviewed the draft GSP chapters but is not sure how sustainability is defined within the draft.

3) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert

Huebert took monitoring well readings on October 8. The wells on the southwest end of the valley (except Dobbas) are trending down, which is normal until they begin coming back up in March. MW3 is coming back up since the pump has been shut off. Now that most wells are done with pumping for the year, the estimated pumping total for 2021 (not including municipal wells) is 13,721.01 acre/feet.

B. DWR Update – Debbie Spangler

Spangler reported that DWR is out in the valley this week measuring groundwater levels. Tomorrow they will be surveying elevations for the new monitoring wells (Roberti Ranch and D&S) and at a few other sites where owners have given their permission. She shared that DWR has no minimum requirement regarding the length of the public comment period before GSA adoption. The GSP must be submitted by the end of January, then DWR has 20 days to determine if everything has been submitted. Then it will be posted publically for a 75 day comment period, although public comments will be accepted during the entire evaluation period. It has taken DWR the full two years to evaluate the critically overdrafted basins and will probably take that long for the new submissions. GSAs can begin implementation without waiting for DWR's determination (incomplete, inadequate or adequate).

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

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, shared that a public workshop was held last night and a TAC meeting was held this afternoon where the committee discussed implementation specifics. Two main concerns of the TAC are the lack of prioritizing suggested management actions and the associated costs. A comment log noting how the comments are taken into account will be available to the Board, as well as an updated Chapter 3.

D. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update – Laura Foglia

Gus Tolley, hydrogeologist with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, reported that recent updates and improvements to the model include: improved rainfall-runoff representation, added “rejected recharge” capability to soil-water budget model, and finalizing calibration of model parameters.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

One new application was approved for a domestic well in Beckwourth for the Feather River Land Trust.

B. McGinley & Associates GSP Update – Dwight Smith

1. Flow Meter Standardization

Dwight Smith, hydrogeologist with McGinley & Associates, has been working on a specification package to go out to bid. There will likely be two packages; one for the contractor and one for the procurement of meters. The goal is to have the RFP released next week and set it up so bids are received by November 15th (the date of the next Board meeting). The anticipated window for execution date would be April 15, 2022.

Director Roen made a motion to authorize Chairman Grandi to approve the final RFP package before going out to bid, Director Ceresola 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

2. Inactive Wells Management Actions

Smith and Huebert have collected coordinates for all but a couple inactive wells. They are working with D&S to locate the remaining wells.

C. GSP Consultant McGinley & Associates, Inc. Amend. No. 1 to Professional Services

Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Planning Director, presented an amendment to the scope, budget and schedule (task 6.3) with GSP consultant McGinley & Associates.

Director Roen made a motion to accept agreement amendment number one, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

D. Setting a Date for a GSP Draft Review Special Board Meeting

Foglia will work with the Board clerk to schedule a special Board meeting within the next two weeks.

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 9/20/21

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for October

C. Approve payment of bills

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

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM