

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Don Wallace, Vice-Chair
Dave Goicoechea, Director
Kevin Goss, 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 6:04 PM

Directors present: Roen, Wallace, Roberti, Goicoechea, Goss, Ramelli

Directors absent: Wallace

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Katie Tanner, Cleve Anseth, David Prentice, Paul Rose, Al Pombo, Lee Wright, and Tracey Ferguson.

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. Letter of Resignation from Director Michael Sanchez

1. Interim Director – Plumas County Supervisor Kevin Goss

The SVGMD Directors welcomed Plumas County Supervisor Kevin Goss to the Board. He is replacing Michael Sanchez as interim Director until Governor Newsom selects a new Plumas County Supervisor for District One.

B. New Plumas County AICP Planning Director – Tracey Ferguson

Tracey Ferguson introduced herself to the Board as the new Plumas County AICP Planning Director. The District looks forward to working with her on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

C. Technician report - Jay Huebert

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

The monitoring well readings Huebert took in early August show expected groundwater levels for this time of year. New reports have been generated to compare monitoring well water levels for each month from 2011 to 2019.

2) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

1. Maddalena Road agriculture well

The original application for this site was for a new domestic well, which was approved by the District. When drilling began it was not on the correct property, so the project was stopped and any well progress made was destroyed. The landowner submitted a new application, but this time the new well was designated as an agriculture use well with 6 5/8" OD proposed casing size and proposed 26-99 gallons per minutes.

This location is within the well restriction zone as identified in District Ordinance 18-01. Under advice from Counsel, the landowner will need to submit a variance request for an agriculture well in the restriction zone.

Director Goicoechea made a motion to deny the application on the reason that it's an agriculture well in a restricted area; and that the applicant to be informed of their appeal rights, Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

B. Definition of Engineered Pumping Capacity

The Board would like to define “engineered pumping capacity” within District Ordinance 18-01. David Prentice, Sierra County Counsel, will study the definitions used by other California counties and groundwater boards that the District can incorporate.

C. Sierraville Public Utility District Letter of Support from SVGMD

Paul Rose, Lee Wright, and Al Pombo came before the Board as representatives of the Sierraville Public Utility District (PUD). They requested a letter of support from the SVGMD for an alternative water source project that they have submitted to IRWM and DWR for state funding.

Director Goicoechea made a motion that the drafted letter be signed in support of this project, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

D. GSP Planning Grant – Kristi Jamason

Jamason shared that the Proposition 68 Planning Round 3 grant solicitation did not open on August 2 as DWR had anticipated. The new solicitation timeline opening date is September 9 and closing date is November 1. The draft awards will first go out for public comment; then the final awards are expected to be released by March. Leah Wills offered Plumas County’s assistance during the draft award period when Uma Hinman could help put the Request for Proposals (RFPs) together. That way the GSP team would be ready to begin once the final offer is made, which would leave about a year and a half to complete the Plan.

The Board would like to adopt a fair procurement process. Ferguson will forward Plumas County’s process to the board clerk and Director Roen will obtain Sierra County’s process in order to meet the Counties’ standards.

E. SGMA Statewide Updates – Debbie Spangler

Other than the change made to the grant submission date, Spangler had no other SGMA updates.

F. Technical Support Services Monitoring Well Project Agreement

Spangler reported that DWR is working on the TSS agreement for the Roberti Ranch location and that they are still hoping to drill this fall. Depending on how the drilling goes, they would like to get four nested piezometers at the new site. Burkhard Bohm and Greg Hinds have prepared an RFP that is being reviewed by DWR.

G. GSP Concept Document and Other Activities– Greg Hinds

Hinds reported on his continued work of formatting and streamlining information within the concept document; he has 140 pages written so far. He is currently focusing on the Basin Setting and Monitoring Network sections and will be able to incorporate the information from the report by Bachand and Associates when it is complete. Once the planning grant has been submitted the GSP team would like the District to host a public workshop. Hinds would be happy to be part of the presentations again.

H. Representative for Upper Feather River Watershed IRWM

Director Jim Roberti has been the District representative on the IRWM committee but has asked that another Director take his place. The Directors will consider it and discuss this at the next board meeting.

I. District Phone Service

The clerk reported having problems recently with the Google Voice number the District has been using. The number began making spam calls and upsetting people, so the number has been deleted and replaced with a Tracfone. The phone was \$20 and the service plan was \$20 for 60 minutes over three months. The new District phone number is 530-414-6831.

Director Roen made a motion to approve the new phone plan, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

3) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

- A. Sierra County Transportation Commission is conducting a 2020 update of their Regional Transportation Plan. Looking for input with respect to transportation issues in Sierra County.
- B. Plumas County Special Districts Association – Bi-Annual Brown Act and Harassment Training Session on August 21st from 12-5 p.m. in Quincy.

4) 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 7/15/19**
- B. Accept finance report/cash balance for August**
- C. Approve payment of bills**

Director Roen made a motion to accept the finance report as presented at the meeting, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

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

5) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk