

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

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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

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Roberti, Goicoechea, Kilmurray, Ceresola
Directors absent: Ramelli and Roen
Also present: Judie Talbot, Joel Barnard, Sue McIlravy
Via Zoom: Drew Myers, Jay Huebert, Jim Thomas, Rebecca Smith, Saranya Thiyagarajan, Rebecca Smith, Betsy Elzufon, Debbie Spangler, Tracey Ferguson, Bill Copren, Ben Volk, Gus Tolley, Steve Reich

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 were no public comments.

3) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert

Huebert took readings on December 5. He reported that water levels were typical for this time of year. A couple of the wells (Sanford and Bradley) will continue to drop until February or March, then start coming back up. He has taken off the two meters at Green Gulch; one will be sent to Technoflo for repair and then put back on in the spring. He also met with Joel Barnard from Stetson to begin irrigation efficiency installation inspections.

The total pumping for the 24/25 water year (October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025) came to 7,630 acre-feet (ag wells: 7,018 acre-feet + municipal wells: 612 acre-feet).

B. DWR Update – Debbie Spangler

Spangler shared that grant invoices are caught up for the moment and the amendment to the SVGMD/DWR grant agreement was approved.

C. GSP Facilitator Update – Judie Talbot

Judie Talbot, GSP Facilitator, shared that a TAC/stakeholder public meeting is being planned for February to meet grant outreach engagement requirements.

D. LWA Team Project Update – Laura Foglia

Betsy Elzufon, LWA Associate, reported that recharge construction near Loyalton is complete and that installation of the underground pipelines at Bryan Williams' will begin soon. For the well inventory component of the DWR grant, two well sounders have been purchased. These will be available to the community so they can measure their own well levels and share their data. Flyers have been created to notify the public, and LWA would like to do a demonstration on how to use them.

Drew Myers, Project Designer with J-U-B Engineers, shared pictures of the finished dry well. Chairman Grandi said he went to the project site and is really impressed with it.

Elzufon also said the cost share agreement to join the Small GSA Coalition will be sent out in January. There are somewhere between 10 and 13 participating GSAs, so the six-month cost will be around \$2,400.

E. Stetson & DRI Team Project Update – Steve Reich/Jim Thomas

Steve Reich, Principal of Stetson Engineers, stated they are working on the draft irrigation efficiency report that is due to DWR at the end of the month. Jim Thomas, Project Manager for DRI, said his team is working on the final analysis of the data gathered during the pumping season, which will be included in the report.

Joel Barnard shared that at the November meeting the Board decided to prioritize projects that dealt with utilizing surface water in place of groundwater. So that has been the recent focus at Goicoechea's and Bar One. Barnard obtained revised quotes for equipment, and Bar One has agreed to do the earth work. Your H2O Pro is making a lot of progress with installations; the sand separator work at Goodwin's is wrapping up, as well as the other pipeline at Bar One. Other in-lieu recharge projects that are in progress right now include trenching and installing pipeline at Bryan Williams' and then they'll move on to two more sites at D&S Ranch.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

Sue McIlravy, Loyalton City Council member, discussed the potential for a new well to be drilled in Loyalton with the Board. She said Doug Lawler owns part of the mobile home park in Loyalton and he is interested in drilling a well there. He would pay for the well and then deed it back to the City of Loyalton. The City gave him approval to approach the SVGMD about it, as it would benefit the City to have another well.

Chairman Grandi asked why Loyalton has two wells but only pumps from one of them. McIlravy replied that the second well has a lot of sand in the water and there might be cracks. She said the biggest concern is old and decaying infrastructure, which has resulted in five years of very strict water restrictions because enough water wasn't going into the tank due to low pressure. She said Lawler is trying to get a feel whether this is worth pursuing. Grandi replied that several things will need to be taken into account, such as the location of nearby wells and a groundwater supply evaluation. The next step would be for Lawler to submit a well application to the County, as the District cannot take any action without an application.

B. Your H2O Pro Est. #1501 for \$56,244 for Goicoechea Diversion/Pipeline Installation

Director Roberti made a motion to approve Your H2O Pro Estimate 1501 for \$56,244, Director Ceresola 2nd, roll call vote: Directors Roberti, Grandi, Kilmurray, and Ceresola voted yes. Director Goicoechea abstained.

C. Your H2O Pro Est. #1498 for \$31,496.50 for Bar One Field 1 Pipeline Installation

Director Roberti made a motion to approve Your H2O Pro Estimate 1498 for \$31,496.50, Director Ceresola 2nd, motion passed, roll call vote: Directors Roberti, Grandi, Goicoechea, Kilmurray, and Ceresola voted yes

D. Your H2O Pro Est. #1499 for \$39,496 for Bar One Field 4 Pipeline Installation

Director Ceresola made a motion to approve Your H2O Pro Estimate 1499 for \$39,496, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, roll call vote: Directors Roberti, Grandi, Goicoechea, Kilmurray, and Ceresola voted yes

5) 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 11/17/25

B. Approve payment of bills and finance reports

- 1. Isaacs #56981 for \$66.66 for Grandi Sprinkler Parts**
- 2. Isaacs #56982 for \$909.90 for Grandi Additional Sprinkler Span**
- 3. Isaacs #56991 for \$11,738.53 for Roberti Pivot Sprinkler Pkgs x2**
- 4. UC Davis #687925 for \$1,817.36 for Cross-Sectional Analysis**
- 5. Your H2O Pro #6882 for \$8,160 for Grandi Sprinkler Install**
- 6. Your H2O Pro #6884 for \$7,957.90 for Grissom Sprinkler Install**
- 7. Your H2O Pro #6885 for \$18,800 for Macey Sprinkler Install**

Director Goicoechea made a motion to approve the consent calendar with the exception of Item B3, Director Ceresola 2nd, motion passed, roll call vote: Directors Roberti, Goicoechea, Kilmurray, and Ceresola in favor. Director Grandi abstained.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Director Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk