

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Paul Roen, Director
Tom Rowson, Director
Michael Sanchez, Director
Don Wallace, Director

AGENDA

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Directors present: Grandi, Wallace, Rowson, Ramelli,

Directors absent: Sanchez, Roberti, Roen

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Debbie Spangler, Tania Carlone, Phil Bachand, Dave Goicoechea, Leah Wills, Randy Wilson, and Katie Tanner.

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.

Jamason reported that the Sierra Valley Art and Ag Trail will be on September 29, 2018 and she is looking for host sites.

3) REPORTS

A. Inactive Wells Registration Letter

Forty-five letters were sent via certified mail to potential owners of inactive wells and notification was put in the Sierra Booster, Portola Reporter, and The Mountain Messenger. The registration forms are due back to the District by July 1, 2018.

B. County Contributions Finance Committee

The SVGMD budget committee met with Supervisors Lee Adams, Peter Huebner, and Jeff Engle for the annual JPA finance committee meeting. Sierra County has \$4,000 in their budget designated as a District contribution for fiscal year 2018-19. Plumas County is unsure if they can make a contribution this year due to their current financial situation.

C. Technician report - Jay Huebert

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

Huebert was unable to attend the meeting, so the clerk presented his information. DMS meters 14 (D&S), 61 (XI Ranch), and 85 (McCuen) now have their meters installed. All of the valley floor wells were measured and are rising as of June 1. The Directors were given a picture of the split well at D&S showing the new pipe attachment and saddle meter.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

There were no well permit applications to review.

B. SV Managed Groundwater Recharge Project – Phil Bachand

Phil Bachand presented information on surface water data and gaps, trends in groundwater elevations in Sierra Valley, and groundwater connectivity.

Let the minutes note that during the presentation Director Roen arrived at 6:50 p.m., Director Sanchez arrived at 7:10 p.m. and Director Wallace left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

C. DWR SGMA Update – Debbie Spangler

The basin reprioritization draft results are out and the comment period is open until July 16. Should the Directors wish to apply for technical support services, DWR is now accepting applications for new monitoring wells.

D. Basin Boundary Modification Request

Director Wallace made a motion to move Item D to the top of Discussion/Action items, Director Rowson 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Randy Wilson and Leah Wills reported that Plumas County is pursuing a basin boundary modification that would remove the so-called “cat’s head” from the basin, leaving the small strip referred to as the “sliver” within the jurisdiction of Plumas County and outside of the District’s boundary.

Director Rowson made a motion to take no action regarding basin boundary modifications at this time, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed. Directors Grandi, Rowson, Ramelli and Wallace in favor. Directors Roen, Sanchez and Roberti were absent for the vote.

E. 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization

DWR released a new draft prioritization of groundwater basins. The SVGMD is still ranked medium priority but now has 19.5 priority points. The 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization is scheduled to be finalized by fall 2018 and comments are due to DWR by July 16. Greg Hinds has created a list of categories that could have potential scoring changes. He will draft comments on the District’s new score and the Directors will review it at next month’s meeting.

F. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Greg Hinds

Hinds’ progress summary from his work this past month included: obtaining three preliminary draft GSPs from Ventura County to use as guides; added the MOU/Coordination agreement to the to-do list; initiating the preparation process; ongoing coordination to get the UC Davis IWFM Model files; and continued development on the GSP draft, primarily on chapter two.

G. DWR Facilitation Support Services – Tania Carlone

Carlone presented her stakeholder summary findings and recommendations on seven topics: basin boundary modifications; GSA coordination between the SVGMD and Plumas County; collaboration of Plumas/Sierra Counties and the SVGMD; undesirable results and the need for further investigations; projects and management actions; capacity and resources to develop a GSP; and engagement of all beneficial users/uses of groundwater.

H. GSP Committee Compensation

This item will be addressed at the July board meeting.

I. 2018-2019 Budget

1. Budget Resolution

This item will be addressed at the July board meeting.

5) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

- A. “Successful Groundwater Sustainability Planning” webinar by Dudek Senior Hydrologist Jill Weinberger on Thursday, June 21 at 11 a.m.

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 5/14/18

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for June \$69,526

C. Approve payment of bills

1. Alliant – \$326.40 (Special liability payment 9 of 10)
2. Clerk - \$850 (June) + \$16.08 (ink) + \$7.35 paper + \$139.89 (certified mail well reg.)
3. Greg Hinds - \$400 (GSP work 5/14-6/11)
4. Website - \$50 (monthly site fee)
5. Feather Publishing - \$61 (inactive well registration notice)
6. Technoflo - \$3,261.21 (new 6" meter, new 10" meter, repaired 4" meter)

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

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk