

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, June 21, 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

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli, Roen and Wallace
Directors absent: Ceresola, Roberti
Also present: Tracey Ferguson, Judie Talbot, Kristi Jamason, Jim Swann, Debbie Spangler, Katie Tanner, Jay Huebert, Tracy Schohr, Gus Tolley, Laura Foglia, Greg Hinds, Dick Spencer and Dwight Smith
Zoom: Betsy Elzufon, John Rickman, and Tony Morgan

2) PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of an Ordinance Enacting a Management Charge for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
The Board of Directors will hear comments from the public regarding SVGMD's proposed ordinance to fix the management charge for the fiscal year 2021-2022 on all land within the District at \$.15 per acre, per year, with a total minimum charge of \$6.00 per year for all parcels or lots forty (40) acres or less, for the purposes of paying the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing any of the powers, projects, and purposes for which the District is organized.

The public hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m.
There was no public comment.
The public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

3) 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 shared that he has been attending SVGMD meetings for over a year. He does not believe someone with an ag well should be using more water than what fell from the sky onto their property. It's his opinion that ag wells are causing other people problems, like the water table on his property being pulled down 25 feet in recent years.

4) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert

Huebert took monitoring well readings on June 12; all of the wells' levels are pretty typical for such a dry year. The exception is MW3, which is due to the nearby pump being on during this month's reading. Huebert stated that once the pump is turned off the water level increases dramatically.

B. DWR Update – Debbie Spangler

Spangler reported that DWR has released the assessments for the four submitted GSPs and believes they are worth reviewing. Two of the plans were deemed adequate and two were deemed incomplete and were given a list of corrections to make within 180 days. Spangler believes the assessments are fair, legitimate and well written.

The new monitoring well agreement is still in the works. From the administrative side, the grant is going well and a budget amendment within the agreement is being presented tonight.

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

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, reported that the eighth TAC meeting was held on June 21. The members discussed: aquifer conditions, assumptions and inputs of the geologic model, interconnected surface water, and groundwater dependent ecosystems. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2021.

D. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update – Laura Foglia

Laura Foglia, LWA GSP Project Manager, gave a presentation to the Board that reviewed material presented at the latest TAC meeting, groundwater level criteria, groundwater dependent ecosystems, and interconnected surface water, and subsidence.

1. 3D Geologic Model – Gus Tolley

Gus Tolley, hydrogeologist with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, presented the 3D geologic model to the Board.

E. McGinley & Associates GSP Update – Dwight Smith

Dwight Smith, hydrogeologist with McGinley & Associates, shared that his team has summarized efforts for meter updates and will bring their recommendations to the Board at next month's meeting. The next step is to meet with the meter technician to determine which wells he can correct using new meters and vanes. At least one third of the wells (~5) will require contractor work. Smith is also planning to go with Huebert when he takes his July well readings.

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

Two new applications were approved for domestic wells in Beckwourth since the last Board meeting.

B. Flow Meter Standardization

1. Roberti well

DMS 20 on Roberti Ranch hasn't been pumped in about four years, but Huebert recently went to look at it and believes it will also require flow meter standardization upgrades.

C. Annual Metered Agricultural Well Pumpage Maps 2017-2020 – Tracey Ferguson

The Plumas County GIS coordinator has finished the pumping data maps, which aggregated active well data into 34 sections. Since the last meeting, Ferguson confirmed with Ken Schmidt that his technical reports used totals (not averages) for each section of the map

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

1. Individual Pumping Data for GSP Model

Director Roen reported that he spoke to David Prentice, Sierra County Counsel, and shared his opinion that providing the individual pumping data for the model will be beneficial for the entire District. The more accurate information the model can provide, the greater the benefit to the producers. Prentice is also of the opinion that these records may be exempt from public records requests as they are only being provided for report purposes, but it would have to be determined on a case by case basis.

Director Goicoechea made a motion to give LWA the individual well pumping data for use in the model, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

D. Amendment Request to DWR Grant Budget

An amendment to the budget within the grant agreement was presented to the Board. The \$200,000.00 retention has been allocated to categories a and d, and money was moved from category a to category b.

Director Roen made a motion to approve that the Board Chair execute the DWR grant budget amendment, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

E. 2021-2022 Budget

1. Resolution 21-02 – Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget

Director Roen made a motion to approve the budgets as presented in Resolution 21-02, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

2. Supplemental Budget Transfer Request

A new account has been created by the Plumas County auditor's office for the DWR grant funds. However, as it is currently empty, the board clerk requested a temporary transfer from the District's general fund.

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the transfer of \$75,000.00 from the District's general fund to the new grant fund, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

6) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

A. Early Consultation/Project Review for Ferroni/Kronish permit applicant

7) 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 5/17/21

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for June

C. Approve payment of bills

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

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk