

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Don Wallace, Vice-Chair
Dave Goicoechea, Director
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Paul Roen, Director
Michael Sanchez, Director

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

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

Directors absent: Sanchez

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Tania Carlone, Jerry Sipe, Randy Wilson, Jim Swann, Phil Bachand, Andy Genasci, Joe Lamour, Bob Macey, Debbie Spangler, Katie Tanner, and Jay Huebert.

2) PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of an Ordinance Setting the Date, Time, and Place for Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors will hear comments from the public regarding SVGMD's proposed ordinance to move the meeting date for the regular public meeting of the District to the third Monday of each month, which provide better access to counsel when needed by the Board.

The hearing was open to public comment at 6:08. There were no comments. The hearing closed at 6:09.

Director Roen made a motion to waive the first reading of the ordinance until the next board meeting, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

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.

Kristi Jamason shared that the Sierra Valley Art and Ag Trail will be held on September 28 this year.

4) REPORTS

A. Technician report - Jay Huebert

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

Huebert will be measuring all of the wells this weekend for the annual spring reading. As of the most recent reading, the water levels of the valley floor wells were still higher than the January 2015 SGMA baseline requirement. He also gave a handout of the 2018 City Well Summary, which records 8,500 acre feet pumped for the year. There is a problem with the KT Hay and Cattle meter. Director Roberti advised sending in the meter, but telling Technoflo to diagnose the problem before fixing it. The meter is only two years old and was also sent in last year for repairs.

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

There were no new well permit applications to review. One application was approved this month for a six inch stock well for Bar One Cattle Company.

B. DWR Facilitation Support Services – Tania Carlone

The GSP project team is now focused on creating a high quality grant application to bring money into the District. The grant money will give the Board a broader range of options to reach SGMA compliance. Carlone presented a SGMA Implementation 2019-2022 Schedule of Activities to identify key topics, actions and responsible parties within the planning process. A timeline of the GSP grant application was also presented.

C. Technical Support Services – Debbie Spangler

The monitoring well request is still in progress. Greg Hinds and Burkhard Bohm have begun work on the conceptual draft design that will help determine the cost of the project for contract purposes.

TSS is investigating whether GSAs are interested in obtaining free nested continuous data loggers. The benefit of the hourly/automated data is that the District could see the impact of nearby wells on natural water levels and how the levels fluctuate annually. Director Grandi is concerned about the District's responsibility of collecting the data regularly and the maintenance costs should the data loggers need to be repaired or replaced. Director Goicoechea would like to focus on the parameters of SGMA compliance first before taking steps of action. The Directors decided to request no data loggers at this time.

D. DWR SGMA Update – Debbie Spangler

Spangler reported that the Basin Boundary Modification draft results should be forthcoming before next month's meeting. The Planning Grant application package should also be out soon. In the near future, she would like to give a PSP grant presentation to help the Board understand what the process looks like to apply for and receive a grant. She also wanted to reassure the Board that her engagement with the District is not to be a DWR overseer, but to provide support and to help the District meet SGMA regulations and legal requirements.

E. FRLT Groundwater Grant Update – Phil Bachand

Bachand presented findings and recommendations to the Board from the Feather River Land Trust Project: Advancing Groundwater Sustainability in Sierra Valley. Bachand presented groundwater trends and observations resulting from a detailed analysis of available reports and data from the basin and identified data gaps and uncertainties that will challenge the District's ability to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and specifically related to the six Undesirable Results SGMA requires groundwater basins to avoid. Bachand recommended an adaptive management approach for Sierra Valley informed by more robust data collection, as well as a strong outreach program that will engage key stakeholders, such as DWR and the Forest Service, in developing approaches and strategies to sustainability. He also provided information on the upcoming DWR GSP Planning Grant, including the expected funding levels, cost share, schedule, and process for soliciting teams to conduct the work.

The GSP Team requested that two SVGMD board members form a Planning Grant Subcommittee to help inform the preparation of the planning grant and represent key recommendations back to the full Board. Chairman Grandi and Director Roberti volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

F. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Greg Hinds

Due to the possibility of the District being awarded a PSP grant, Hinds shared that his focus for the next several months will be helping the GSP team with the grant application and creating an estimated cost requirement for the Plan. The team will be gathering SGMA compliance documentation, which will help the Board facilitate decision making on how to prioritize outstanding Plan requirements. The chapter one draft of the Plan has been reviewed by the GSP team and is available for the Directors to view.

G. Professional Services Agreement with Burkhard Bohm

Director Roberti made a motion to approve the updated professional service agreement with Burkhard Bohm retroactive to March 10, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

H. Joint Powers Agreement

The clerk shared a report from Director Sanchez via email that the JPA amendments are still being discussed by Plumas County. The current term is good until December 31. Joe Larmour will contact Craig Settlemire, Plumas County Counsel, to discuss further amendments.

I. Management Charge Resolution

Director Roen made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-01 with the amended public hearing date of April 8th, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

J. Setting a Date for the District Board Meeting in April

The next SVGMD board meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Golden West Restaurant.

6) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

CASGEM -- The Department of Water Resources, Northern Region Office will be collecting spring groundwater elevation measurements during the week of March 18, 2019 for the Sacramento Valley and all other basins (coastal and mountain) during the weeks of March 25, 2019 and April 1, 2019, weather permitting. We would appreciate you coordinating your measurements with this schedule.

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 2/11/19

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for March - \$98,396

C. Approve payment of bills

1. Clerk - \$850 (March)
2. Office Supplies - \$65.85 (FSS contract thank you + ink)
3. Website - \$80.12 (monthly site fee + two year domain renewal)
4. Kristi Jamason - \$776.25 (January + February)
5. Sierra Booster - \$52.25 (public hearing for meeting date change)
6. Feather Publishing - \$30 (public hearing for meeting date change)
7. Mountain Messenger - \$33.75 (public hearing for meeting date change)
8. Greg Hinds - \$1,680 (2/11 – 3/14)
9. Burkhard Bohm – \$4,350 (November – March)

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

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk