

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA  
Monday, August 13, 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

**MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Directors present: Rowson, Ramelli, Sanchez, Wallace

Directors absent: Roen, Roberti

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Debbie Spangler, Tania Carlone, Katie Tanner, David Prentice, Jim Swann, Christy Goodman, Pat McCarthy, Jay Huebert, Burkhard Bohm. Randy Wilson, and Jerry Sipe.

**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.*

Jim Swann told the Board he is a registered civil engineer with the state of California and has lived in the Sierra Valley Basin for 30 years. He suggested the District's comments on the 2018 Basin Prioritization take into consideration how wells are recharged.

Kristi Jamason shared that a draft water efficient landscaping ordinance will be presented at the upcoming Plumas County Planning Commission meeting. Randy Wilson commented that the County is required to do one by the State.

**3) REPORTS**

**A. Audit with Blomberg and Griffin**

Let the minutes note that Director Roberti joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The draft copy of the 2016-2017 audit report has been sent to the clerk and Directors for review. The "Independent Auditor's Findings and District Responses" section (pages 18-19) recorded District implementation on all findings from the 2014-2015 audit, with the exception to the "District's Policy Manual" which noted the District's response as "Implementation is in progress." There were no new findings listed.

**B. Technical Support Services - Monitoring Well Service Request**

Debbie Spangler provided the Directors with two handouts showing water-level elevations and the direction of groundwater flow compared to the JPL Subsidence report from 2015 and 2016 in the north east area of the Sierra Valley Basin. The clerk will contact Caltrans and the railroad to discuss placing a new monitoring well in this area.

**C. Technician report - Jay Huebert**

**1. Meter Repairs/Purchases**

Huebert handed out his report of readings taken in early August (on file). While levels have started coming down, he shared that this is the time of year water levels typically drop, with the lowest levels usually coming in September. The last five years have had lower August readings than this year. All wells within the District now have a McCrometer meter. One 8" spare meter was placed on a Roberti well and he will send the broken meter in for repair this fall.

#### **4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

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

There were no well permit applications to review.

##### **B. Professional Services Agreements**

###### **1. Greg Hinds**

###### **2. Kristi Jamason**

Director Rowson made a motion to approve the professional agreements in concept for Greg Hinds and Kristi Jamason and to authorize the Chairman to sign them, Director Wallace 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

##### **C. Conflict of Interest Code**

Director Ramelli made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-04 for the SVGMD Conflict of Interest Code, Director Rowson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

##### **D. Joint Powers Agreement**

Director Sanchez met with Craig Settlemyre (Plumas County Counsel) to discuss the updated JPA. Settlemyre is concerned with the JPA language surrounding County financial contributions. Prentice will discuss the comments with Settlemyre.

##### **E. Inactive Wells Registration**

The clerk has received registration forms for 21 inactive wells. Director Rowson and Huebert will begin gathering GPS coordinates of the inactive wells' locations. Spangler proposed asking some owners if the District could use them as monitoring wells.

Prentice read through previous District ordinances and concludes that any well capable of pumping 100+ gallons per minute must be metered if any water is being pumped. Director Roberti would like to amend the ordinance to include exemptions for wells that have casings larger than seven inches but do not pump more than 100 gallons per minute (e.g. stock wells).

##### **F. Technical Advisor Proposal - Burkhard Bohm**

A proposal for Bohm to become a technical advisor was presented to the Directors. Jamason would like his help creating a Request for Proposal for hydrologist bids on the upcoming technical report; he has been helping Hinds on the GSP draft; and Bohm has data management ideas for the District. The clerk will bring pertinent budget information to the next Board meeting and a work contract for the Directors to review.

##### **G. Technical Report Request for Proposal**

Jamason is making an outline for an RFP and asked for the Directors' input on what information would be useful to the District that should be included in the technical report.

##### **H. DWR SGMA Update – Debbie Spangler**

Spangler is currently working on finding a monitoring well location. She is also putting together a subsidence monument monitoring plan and cost analysis. Given the District's conditions, she feels subsidence monitoring is important. It's possible that another round of planning grants will become available in the near future, and Spangler strongly recommended the District be positioned to submit an application.

##### **I. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Greg Hinds**

Hinds' progress summary from his work this past month included: continuing draft development of Section 2.0 and participation in GSP team calls and action items.

##### **J. DWR Facilitation Support Services – Tania Carlone**

Carlone reported that GSP team's focus has been on creating a preparation checklist specific to the Sierra Valley Basin. She will present a work plan at the next meeting. The GSP workshop is set for October 25, 2018 at six p.m. at the Sierra Christian Church in Beckwourth.

**K. 2018 SGMA Basin Prioritization Comments**

Jamason presented a draft letter to the Board with comments to DWR about the 2018 Basin Prioritization. Jamason and Grandi are trying to obtain information from the water master (surface irrigation) and the Upper Feather River Watershed (irrigated acres) to include in the comments, but the letter is due by August 20. Data received after that date can be passed onto DWR. On behalf of Plumas County, Randy Wilson approved submitting the letter.

Director Sanchez made a motion to accept the letter as amended and that it be submitted by the clerk prior to the deadline, Director Rowson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**L. Water Quality Testing – Burkhard Bohm**

There had been prior board meetings discussions about Bohm conducting water quality testing on the springs at Sugar Loaf due to his previous findings, but no action had been taken. Jamason reported that the Recharge Team wants the information as well and they have offered to pay for the testing.

**M. Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Funding**

There may be an upcoming IRWM grant available to fund GSP work. Hinds informed the Board that the District will not be able to complete the GSP with only inside funds and that grants will be necessary.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

- A. Upcoming Groundwater Resources Association Events:
  - 1. First Annual Western Groundwater Congress – Sept. 25-27 in Sacramento
  - 2. Groundwater Sustainability Bootcamp – February 5-6, 2019 in Davis

**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 6/11/18 and 7/9/18**

**B. Accept finance report/cash balance for August**

**C. Approve payment of bills**

- 1. Clerk - \$850 (August)
- 2. Office Supplies - \$18.22 (ink)
- 3. Greg Hinds - \$420 (GSP work dates)
- 4. Website - \$50 (monthly site fee)
- 5. Greg Hinds - \$420 (7/9 – 8/8)
- 6. Jay Huebert (7/29 – 8/4)
  - a. Wages - \$250
  - b. Mileage – \$70.85

Director Ramelli made a motion to accept the consent calendar with the exception of the finance report, Director Wallace 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk