

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129  
Monday, July 19, 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 6:08 PM

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

Directors absent: none

Also present: Laura Foglia, Judie Talbot, Greg Hinds, Kristi Jamason, and Bob Macey, Dwight Smith, and Christy Goodman

Zoom: Tracey Ferguson, Debbie Spangler, Gus Tolley, and Jay Huebert

**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 was no public comment.

**3) REPORTS**

**A. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert**

Huebert took monitoring well readings on July 4, which show wells are down from last month. However, when Huebert compared July readings from the past ten years, he doesn't see that the levels are any worse than those during the droughts of 2014 and 2015. DMS 16 at D&S has a broken meter that will be sent in for repair; a spare meter has been put on for the interim. Dwight Smith went with Huebert to collect GPS coordinates of the active high-capacity wells.

**B. DWR Update – Debbie Spangler**

Spangler reported that the grant agreement amendment has been completed and new invoices can now be submitted.

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

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, shared that the ninth TAC meeting was held earlier today. The focus was on project and management actions, as well as discussing the ideas generated at the producer's meeting. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for August 9 and will focus on the water budget and economic financial considerations for plan implementation. Talbot has read through the four GSP assessments released by DWR. Two GSPs were approved and two GSPs had deficiencies; those GSAs have 180 days to address their deficiencies.

## **D. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update – Laura Foglia**

### **1. GSP Model Update – Gus Tolley**

Laura Foglia, LWA GSP Project Manager, reported that Chapter 4 of the GSP is being written using information gathered from the producer's meeting and TAC meetings. LWA is focusing on creating tiers of work based on deficiencies that can be addressed without waiting for DWR's decision. The larger projects will require more time for things like design, permits, and funding. The Board will be choosing which projects will be the priority starting in February 2022 once the GSP has been submitted. Chairman Grandi would like to begin discussing recharge opportunities and irrigation season dates with DWR to know if those are valid options to include in the Plan.

Gus Tolley, hydrogeologist with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, provided an update on the modeling process with new pumping data.

## **E. McGinley & Associates GSP Update – Dwight Smith**

Dwight Smith, hydrogeologist with McGinley & Associates, shared that his team is still working on design drawings for the meter retrofits. It's currently estimated that 13 wells will require contractor work. Magmeters had been considered previously, but as they are challenging to calibrate and maintain, Smith recommends using flange inserts instead. They cost more initially, but will be more accurate and easier to maintain in the long term. He plans to present the plans to the Board at the next meeting.

## **F. Sierra Valley Irrigators Meeting**

A meeting was held on July 18 for owners of active large-capacity wells within the District to discuss SGMA and generate ideas for the GSP. Chairman Grandi, Director Roberti, and Director Wallace were in attendance, along with some GSP team members and twelve irrigators. The main discussions focused on recharge opportunities and water efficiency projects. There were also concerns over pumping restrictions and/or reductions.

Let the minutes note Director Roen left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

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

One new application was approved for a domestic well in Beckwourth.

### **B. Flow Meter Standardization**

This was discussed during the McGinley & Associates GSP Update (Item E).

### **C. Inactive Wells Management Actions**

Huebert and Smith will gather inactive well data and coordinates.

### **D. Ordinance 21-01 – Enacting a Management Charge for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Director Roberti made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-01, Director Goicoechea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

### **E. Resolution 21-03 – District Fee Reduction in Recognition of Fiscal Emergency**

Director Goicoechea made a motion to approve Resolution 21-03, Director Ramelli 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

### **F. Resolution 21-04 – Setting a Date for a Public Hearing to Consider the Imposition of a Large Capacity Well Management Charge for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve Resolution 21-04, Director Goicoechea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**G. Resolution 21-05 – Requesting Collection of Charges on Tax Roll**

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve Resolution 21-05, Director Goicoechea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

**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 6/21/21**

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

**C. Approve payment of bills**

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the consent calendar, Director Goicoechea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk