

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, September 11, 2017 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 6:04 PM.

Directors present: Roberti, Rowson, Wallace, Sanchez, Roen, Ramelli

Directors absent: None

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Jerry Sipe, David Prentice, Burkhard Bohm, Laurie Marsh, Arnold Potter, and Dan Greenwood.

2) PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Directors will hear comments from the public regarding SVGMD's proposed ordinance to fix a large capacity well management charge for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

There was no public comment.

3) PROPOSED ACTIONS

Consideration for adoption of the 2017-2018 large capacity well management charge ordinance.

Director Roberti made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 large-capacity well management charge ordinance, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) 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 noted that the Art and Ag Trail will be held on September 30, 2017. There will be 40 artists showcased at the 13 participating sites. The event is free with the option of purchasing an event passport and attending the dinner that evening at the Sierra Valley Grange.

5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS READ/DISTRIBUTED FOR 8/14/17

Director Rowson made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes and regular board meeting minutes from 8/14/17 as distributed, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

6) REPORTS

A. 2013 Minutes

The 2013 minutes are missing, both electronically and in printed form.

Director Roen will go through his filing boxes to see if he has copies.

B. JPA Amendment

David Prentice and Craig Settlemire are reviewing the amendment and may have some changes. Grandi would also like to begin the JPA renewal process while the amendment is being revised.

C. JPA Bi-County Working Group

Chairman Grandi, Director Roen, David Prentice, Tim Beals, Brandon Pangman, Jerry Sipe, and the District secretary met on September 5th to discuss the implementation of the new ordinance pertaining to requirements for new water well permits and to go over the well application process for both Counties.

Jerry Sipe, Plumas County's Environmental Health Director, thinks passing the ordinance will clarify the rules for the Board, the Counties, and the public. The Counties could give well applicants a copy of the ordinance and the zone map, which will make the process non-discretionary and will provide clear regulations for Board decisions. Prentice recognized that while the District legislation gives the Board decision power, the ordinance will make the process transparent.

Director Sanchez would like a map made that shows all of the large-capacity well locations to confirm that potential new well locations will meet the ¼ mile distance requirement stated in the ordinance.

Prentice is putting together a PowerPoint presentation of the District's history and Water Code 119 legislation. He will first present at a District board meeting, then to both Counties, and then will hold a public workshop. He recommends holding the public hearing regarding the ordinance at the November meeting to provide enough time to work on the ordinance language and the municipal amendment.

D. Inactive Wells Committee

Discussion held under Discussion/Action item C.

E. Fundraising for Artificial Groundwater Recharge Study - Kristi Jamason

Kristi Jamason reported she has no new updates. If the District is going to submit an application for the planning grant, she recommends the Board roll this study into the funding request.

F. SVGMD Water Code Amendment 119

Senate Bill 1391 became Water Code 119 for the District's final law. The secretary will make copies for the Directors and will put a copy on the District website.

G. Technician report - Jay Huebert

Water levels have been going down during the summer due to pumping, but Huebert reported the readings are still higher than they have been in the past five years.

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

- Spare 10" meter has been ordered but hasn't arrived yet for Bryan Williams (\$1,438.05) (swapping out for his 12" meter, not charging for a reimbursement)**
- Purchased a spare 4.5" OD dummy saddle (well cap) for \$274.73**

2. Troll (Pressure Transducer) Data Collection

Burkhard Bohm was unable to retrieve data from the District's data loggers because the models are outdated and no longer serviced. He is researching new transducer models that store data in a stainless steel probe. He is waiting on price quotes and hopes the District can include the amount for new transducers into the GSP planning grant request. He expects the most expensive portion will be the cables for each well.

7) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

A. GSP Planning Grant – Kristi Jamason

The final regulations have been released and the application deadline is November 10th. Uma Hinman has decided she cannot take on the risk of the grant or the risk that new Basin rankings come out in November. There's a small chance the District could be considered low priority, which would mean no grant money would be awarded. She has recommended the District contact grant writer Janet Cohen to see if she is interested in writing the application. The Board decided to not attempt to write the grant without hiring a consultant. The secretary will contact Janet Cohen to see if she is interested.

Director Roen announced that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19th at 10 am at the Loyalton Social Hall. A request for the Supervisors to meet with DWR about releasing the SVGMD from the GSA requirement will be an agenda item, so Roen urged the Directors to attend the meeting if possible.

B. Basin Boundary Modification Request System

Randy Wilson will get in touch with Bohm and give an update next month.

C. Inactive Wells Committee

Roen suggested the District's first step needs to be to identify all inactive wells located within District boundaries to determine what the potential impacts could be. Then the Board can make a decision about what needs to be done. Grandi, Roberti, and Roen will form the committee. They will begin by asking local irrigators how many non-metered large-capacity wells they have.

D. Appoint Attorney of Record

District legislation allows the Board to appoint an attorney of record. Prentice shared that appointing him means Sierra County is donating his services. He will attend District meetings, become legal adviser, approve agendas, advise during meetings, will help avoid violating the Brown Act, etc. Sanchez wants to make sure the appointed attorney will also coordinate with the Plumas County Counsel under the JPA.

Director Ramelli made a motion to appoint David Prentice as the SVGMD Attorney of Record, Rowson 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

E. SVGMD Well Application for Plumas and Sierra Counties

Sipe commented that Plumas County typically receives 10 to 12 well applications per year. Prentice recommended the District adopt a form that both Counties use for the District to maintain matching records.

Sipe presented a Plumas County well application for a stock well (6" casing, small-capacity) that will be outside of the restriction zone area. The permit cannot be issued until approved by the District.

Director Roberti made a motion to approve this stock well application, Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor. Director Roen was absent for the vote.

8) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

- A. Training on Water Rights in Groundwater – October 6th from 9-12 in Sacramento**
- B. DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Workshop:
Implementation and Key Components of GSP Development – Sept. 20th 1-5 pm in Clovis, CA**
- C. Ken Schmidt accepted the District's proposed payment plan for his June and July invoices but requested that the District budget \$8,000 to \$9,000 for future technical reports.**

9) CASH BALANCE/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- A. Finance report – \$21,984**
- B. Bills received for payment**
 - 1. Technoflo - \$1,712.78 (10" meter + well cap)**
 - 2. Ken Schmidt - \$1,000.00**
 - 3. Meter Technician (August)**
 - a. Wages - \$250**
 - b. Mileage - \$77**
 - 4. Secretary - \$850 (September)**
 - 5. Public Notices**
 - a. Mountain Messenger – \$75**
 - b. Portola Reporter - \$66**
 - 6. State Fund – estimated \$867**
 - 7. Alliant – \$624.17 (policy down payment)**
 - 8. Website - \$61 (monthly site fee + domain transfer)**
 - 9. Office Expenses - \$112.18 (annual PO box rental, printer paper + ink)**

Ratification to pay all bills as presented. Director Roen made a motion to approve, Director Sanchez 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Jenny Gant, Secretary