

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting will also be available via Zoom Teleconferencing:

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Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Don Wallace, Vice-Chair
Dave Goicoechea, Director
Kevin Goss, 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 6:03 PM

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

Directors absent: Goss

Also present: Tracey Ferguson, Jim Swann, Kristi Jamason, Tracy Schohr, and Jay Huebert.

Present via Zoom: Judie Talbot, Laura Foglia, Gus Tolley, Betsy Elzufon, Shey and Tony.

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.

Kristi Jamason shared that the weather station DWR installed at Roberti Ranch is now active.

3) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report - Jay Huebert

Huebert reported that the November monitoring well readings indicate a good recovery for the wells north of Loyalton. Director Goicoechea requested a history of monitoring well readings.

B. Technical Support Services – New Monitoring Well Location

Director Roberti has been unable to reach D&S landowners, but he will try and reach out to Dave Stix Jr. to discuss the proposed monitoring well location.

C. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update

1. Grant Budget Category D: Monitoring/Assessment

Laura Foglia, LWA GSP Project Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with GSP updates on the following topics: data collection, water quality, subsidence, and a preliminary timeline for the development of GSP chapters.

Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Planning Director, updated the Board on the GSP grant agreement between the SVGMD and DWR. The Work Plan includes the following activity categories: A) Grant Agreement Administration, B) Stakeholder Engagement/Outreach, C) GSP Development, and D) Monitoring/Assessment. On August 17, 2020 the SVGMD approved a Professional Services Agreement with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) to complete the Work Plan for Categories A, B, and C. The agreement also tasked LWA with the preparation of a Category D Work Plan approach to each of the four Category D tasks: 1) Monitoring Networks and Data Management, 2) Agricultural Pump Flow Metering Program, 3) Monitoring Networks, and 4) Groundwater Pumping Reduction Assessment.

LWA has provided the GSP Planning Committee with a draft Category D Work Plan approach, including scope and budget. The next anticipated steps are for the Planning Committee to work with SVGMD Legal Counsel to develop an amendment to LWA's Professional Services Agreement to include applicable Category D Work Plan tasks/subtasks and to present an amendment to the Board at the next meeting. The Board directed Ferguson to move forward with Legal Counsel on a LWA agreement amendment.

D. GSP Outreach: Technical Advisory Committee

1. Roles and Commitments

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, shared that the first TAC meeting was held on November 2, 2020 with thirteen participants in person and nine participants online. The agenda included an overview of GSP elements as well as team structures, roles and responsibilities. The GSP Roles and Commitments document was presented to the Board and Talbot asked for input from the Directors if they had any suggested changes.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

There were no new well applications.

B. Flow Meter Standardization and Calibration

Huebert and the Directors discussed the potential need for meter recalibration. Huebert estimates recalibration is about \$700 per test and shared that meters have been calibrated as they've been rebuilt. A list of well standardization modification estimates was provided to the Board. Twenty wells will require no modification, six wells can be repaired with vanes, six wells will need to have the meter moved, nine wells can be repaired with a magmeter, and ten wells will need to be rebuilt. Depending on labor/contractor costs, the total estimated project cost is between \$76,530.00 and \$126,530.00

Director Goicoechea made a motion for the meter technician to purchase vanes and magmeters for flow meter work, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

C. Ordinance 18-01 Zone Map Amendment Proposal

Chairman Grandi shared the report geohydrologist Ken Schmidt provided, which extends the cross sections of the no-drill zone to include parts of Vinton. The Board had concerns with the suggested boundary lines so the item was tabled in order for Grandi and Schmidt to discuss the issue further.

D. Professional Services Agreement for Kristi Jamason

Director Goicoechea made a motion to approve the professional services agreement for Kristi Jamason, Director Roberti 2nd, 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 10/19/20

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for August, September, October and November

C. Approve payment of bills

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

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk