

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, January 17, 2022 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 6:06 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Goicoechea, Roen, Roberti, Wallace and Ramelli (via Zoom)
Directors absent: Ceresola
Also present: Judie Talbot, Jim Swann, Dwight Smith, Tracy Schohr, and Jay Huebert
Zoom: Tracey Ferguson, Kristi Jamason, Gus Tolley, Laura Foglia, Betsy Elzufon, Greg Hinds, Carl Butz, and Debbie Spangler.

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) MAGNETIC FLOW METER PURCHASE RFP

Summary of received bids for the SVGMD Magnetic Flow Meter Purchase. Possible Board action item to initiate purchase with selected vendor.

Dwight Smith, hydrogeologist with McGinley & Associates, reported five bids were received from three vendors. The low bid came from TechnoFlo Systems and they bid for two different types of meters: Seametric and Duramag. Smith shared that while there are subtle differences, he believes both meters are high quality options. The Duramag is known for being rugged and dependable with a five year battery life. Seametrics is also dependable but only has a two year battery life because it collects measurements and stores the data. Seametrics also has a telemetry option that Duramag does not have. The cost for 20 flow meters is around \$1,500 less for Seametrics than Duramag.

Huebert added that Green Gulch Ranch does not want work done on their DMS 12 well site. The District will hold off ordering that 12" meter.

Director Roen made a motion to accept TechnoFlo's Seametrics meter bid of \$49,684.49, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert

Huebert took monitoring well readings on January 15. Due to the lack of precipitation last year, there are some wells with readings near the 2015 SGMA baseline levels. Director Roberti commented that he is pleased with the report numbers considering the drought and high pumping total in 2021.

B. DWR Update/Grant Opportunities – Debbie Spangler

Spangler shared that two GSAs were approved with recommended actions by DWR last week. There are twelve more basins waiting on DWR’s final determination, which will be released by the end of January. Any GSAs considered incomplete will be given 180 days to address the deficiencies cited within the determination.

Currently, the only grant solicitation package available is for GSP projects and management actions for critically over-drafted basins. DWR anticipates releasing the grant solicitation package for high and medium priority basins in September 2022, with execution taking place in summer 2023. There are also grant programs available outside of DWR for specialized projects.

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

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, shared that the TAC met on November 29th and December 6th to review comments submitted on the public review GSP draft. There was no January TAC meeting, but one will be scheduled for the end of February to go through implementation project proposals and outreach and engagement.

D. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update – Laura Foglia

Laura Foglia, LWA GSP Project Manager, reported that the GSP is finished and ready to be submitted to DWR once it is adopted by the SVGMD Board and the Plumas County Board of Supervisors. Last week an ad hoc committee meeting was held with Foglia and directors Grandi, Roberti and Goicoechea to review the draft GSP. A special board meeting was held on January 10 to discuss board comments to the GSP. LWA has included board comments in the official comment table. If the public would like to provide comments, they will be able to do so after DWR has posted the GSP. Starting next month the focus will be on the annual report (due April 1, 2022), discussing GSP implementation priorities, and grant applications.

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

A. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman for 2022

Director Goicoechea made a motion to nominate the current slated officers, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

B. Appointed Directors and Terms of Office

<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Director 1	Dwight Ceresola	Plumas County Supervisor	1/5/2025
Director 2	Paul Roen	Sierra County Supervisor	1/5/2025
Director 3	Jim Roberti	Plumas County Appointee	1/5/2025
Director 4	Don Wallace	Sierra County Appointee	1/5/2025
Director 5	Greg Ramelli	Plumas County Appointee	1/1/2023
Director 6	Dave Goicoechea	Sierra County Appointee	1/1/2023
Director 7	Einen Grandi	District Appointee/Director-at-large	1/1/2023

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

There were no new well applications.

D. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Adoption

1. Resolution 22-01

Director Roen and Tracey Schohr did a technical review and submitted the following proposed amendments to the final GSP:

- 1) Adjust the Table of Contents to reflect changes made in the structure of the GSP document.
- 2) Chapter 2, page 2-87, section 2.2.2.6.1, *Identification of Surface Water*, second paragraph, next to the last sentence: replace “wager” with “water”
- 3) Chapter 3, page 3-50, Table 3.4.1-4: In the notes column, delete any references to watermaster monitoring. This is associated with previous text regarding watermaster activities that was subsequently stricken.
- 4) Chapter 5, Table 5.1.2-1: In text box towards the upper left corner, replace “Network expansion” with “Network optimization.”

Director Roberti made a motion to approve the GSP with the amendments, Director Roen 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

AYES DIRECTORS: Wallace, Grandi, Goicoechea, Roberti, Roen, Ramelli
NOES DIRECTORS:
ABSENT DIRECTORS: Ceresola

Director Grandi thanked everyone for their hard work on this plan.

E. Facilitation Support Services – Judie Talbot

Talbot reported that the Facilitation Support Services agreement with DWR is set to expire at the end of this month, but there are remaining unused funds. This has helped fund Talbot's board meeting participation and other intra basin dynamics. There is a no-cost extension available through March 30th for Talbot to continue her facilitation role with the SVGMD.

Director Goicoechea made a motion to request a FSS extension through March 30, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

F. McGinley & Associates GSP Update – Dwight Smith

1. Flow Meter Standardization - Meter Replacement Program

2. Monitoring Networks and Management Action

Dwight Smith, hydrogeologist with McGinley & Associates, stated the next step under SGMA is the implementation phase. The ones requiring swift action are surface water use and irrigation efficiencies. Smith proposes conducting an irrigation efficiencies pilot test this summer. If the study shows favorable water savings, the upcoming implementation grant can be tailored to the study's outcomes. Some research suggests LEPA (low energy precision application) or LESA (low elevation spray application) systems can result in up to 20% water savings and up to 30% energy savings. The study will require a volunteer irrigator within the district with two fields with similar soil, outcomes, and crops. The grant will fund purchasing the equipment, but the volunteer irrigator will need to do the installation. Director Grandi would also like soil moisture meters to be used in the study. Smith will put out a notice to landowners to find volunteers.

6) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

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 12/20/21

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for January

C. Approve payment of bills

Director Goicoechea made a motion to approve the consent calendar excluding finance report, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk