

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6 p.m.**

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Directors present: Ramelli, Roberti, Roen, Swofford, Wallace.

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Jay Hubert, Ken Dibbedeaux, Tom Rowson, Zac Harrison and Phil Oels.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT – limited to 5 minutes per speaker

Kristi Jamason shared that she is working with people around Sierra Valley to organize an art and ag open studio/open farm tour. The tour's aim is to bring people to the valley this fall by creating a map for tourists to visit local artisans and ranches. It will provide economic development for those who partake and be an educational opportunity for visitors. She is hoping to spread the word about the tour and get participants.

Kristi Jamason also commented that there are three IRWMP chapters out for review and public comment is needed. Each has components about agriculture. The Plan will integrate plans for and issues around groundwater, surface water, forestry, meadow restoration, etc.

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 3/14/2016 and 04/11/16

Director Roen made a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) REPORTS

A. Community Connections sponsorship

SVGMD is officially an organizational sponsor (confirmation email on file). This allows individual Community Connections members to log the volunteer hours done for SVGMD. Individual membership costs \$20 to cover the background check. Board members can join as well, since they are volunteers. The logged hours can be used to redeem volunteer service from other members, or they can be donated to other CC members.

B. Change of mailing address

The new mailing address for SVGMD is PO Box 88 Chilcoot, CA 96105

C. Green Gulch meter decision – Jim Roberti and Jay Hubert

Zac Harrison, of Green Gulch Ranch, explained that they paid for two new meters for their wells and gave the two older meters to SVGMD, but then was charged an \$800 repurposing fee on a meter he had already paid for earlier. Instead, he should have a credit for the meters he gave back. Director Roen made a motion to waive the fee for the rebuild because Green Gulch has

another meter in inventory acting as a credit, Roberti 2nd, all approved, motion passed.

D. Vacant Director chairman seat vacancy – Paul Roen

Director Roen stated Carl Genasci's resignation was accepted and the Sierra County position has been flown on the county website and in the local papers; it will be open for 30 days. If there's more than one applicant, Director Roen will bring the applications to the Board.

E. Bridge loan – Einen Grandi

A SVGMD committee (Director Swofford, Director Grandi, Director Roberti and Kristi Jamason) is going to meet with Plumas County officials (i.e. assessor, auditors and county counsel) on Wednesday, May 11th. The meeting will discuss monetary options available for the next year. Plumas County acts as the SVGMD's treasurer, which is why Plumas is being asked and not Sierra. If SVGMD doesn't get funding from somewhere, then the counties are going to have to take over this groundwater district. (a copy of the resolution is on file)

Director Roen made a motion to approve the resolution and authorize the Bridge Loan committee to make reasonable changes as needed for it to pass with Plumas County, Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

F. 218 Election ad hoc committee

The 218 Election ad hoc committee met three times this past month and has a rough draft resolution for the 218 Election. Another meeting will be held to complete the resolution and make the necessary changes before being presented to Plumas and Sierra Counties for review. The next ad hoc committee meeting will be Thursday, May 12th at 4 pm at Director Grandi's house. A public hearing needs to be posted 45 days out with a personalized notification to each parcel owner. The committee will ascertain what type of support is offered from Plumas and Sierra Counties.

G. Prop 50 work grant – Kristi Jamason

Plumas County's Prop 50 grant, which includes the groundwater model that UC Davis has been working on, has a line item about "coordinating development of groundwater management scenarios with the Upper Middle Fork project." Jamason has been looking at pieces of the work plan and what she can do. (draft work plan attached). This draft has to go through multiple organizations, but this is a first step. The grant work needs to be completed by the end of this year, 2016. Director Ramelli made the motion that Kristi Jamason continue on pursuing the Prop 50 work grant, Swoffod 2nd, all approved, motion passed.

H. Technician report - Jay Hubert

Jay Hubert presented a monitoring wells report (on file) for the five wells (plus Dave Bradley's) that were agreed to be the priority for monitoring. All wells (except Dave Bradley's) have been rising through April and May. It's unknown why Dave Bradley's is lower than last year's levels. There is some recovery due to the rain.

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

A. Prop 218 Resolutions

- 1. Plumas County**
- 2. Sierra County**

These resolutions are not far enough along to be voted upon or approved.

B. Meter Fee Resolution

This resolution is not far enough along to be voted upon or approved.

C. Bridge Loan Resolution

This resolution was previously approved during the meeting in section 4E.

D. Parcel Fee Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016-17

A yearly resolution that depends on the 218 Election results.

E. Plumas Parcel Fee discussion

Nothing to rescind from March minutes.

6) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

A. Bill Stevenson/Carol Dobbas

Chairman Grandi would like Carol Dobbas to report on this when she is at the next SVGMD meeting.

B. Debra Perrone – shapefiles of SVGMD defining boundaries

Debra (with Stanford) is looking for a shapefile map that shows precise locations of district boundaries. Michelle Dooley with DWR called Einen requesting a shape file of the district boundaries also and said she is unsure why they don't have that information on file.

C. CSDA Bill 272 Public Record Act by July 1st

We are not an enterprise district – unsure whether we need to comply to this.

D. Washoe County gaming tax miscalculation

Kristi Jamason sent an email that Washoe County undercharged the casinos (millions of dollars) and the county decided not to collect it, but people opposed that decision. SVGMD is in a position where parcel owners were charged incorrect amounts.

E. Drought Informer Weekly with Stephen Baker

Director Grandi was asked whether we are a GSA agency (not yet).

F. Terry Swofford SB 1317

This bill is being amended, so its progress needs to be watched through the Houses. It is a short-term bill for the next few years that may act like a moratorium on drilling.

G. State Controller's Office –State Mandated Cost Claims

SVGMD was contacted as a potential recipient for a state reimbursement claim. The secretary will work with the state controller's office to determine if SVGMD qualifies.

7) CASH BALANCE/PERIOD 8 RUNNING BALANCE/BILLS TO BE PAID

A. Finance report

Kristi Jamason handed out an income statement for the District (on file). SVGMD received \$3,800 in revenue and has a balance of \$5,300. The second tax payment from Sierra County should arrive in the next week, and both counties will likely send very small final amounts in July/August. The budget for 2016/17 is not due to the auditor's office until September 2016, but it should probably be submitted by the end of the fiscal year in July. Director Roen made a motion for Chairman Grandi and Director Swofford to go to the auditor's office to discuss spending options when going into a deficit, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

B. Downey Brand balance

\$1,776.50 Total -- \$220/month until paid off services from October/November 2015

C. AFCO balance

\$888.98 Total - \$288.38 due May 29th

D. Post Office box bill

Location switched to PO Box 88 Chilcoot, CA 96105. \$24 per six months plus \$6 key fee – next renewal will be in October 2016.

E. AT&T phone bill

\$104.81 due in May – the number is currently on a telebranch service that costs \$42/month plus \$0.59/minute/call. We can switch to a forwarding service for \$45 flat (with a waived activation fee). Director Ramelli motioned to switch phone plan to forwarding service, Roen 2nd, all approved, motion passed.

F. Plumas County/Sierra County tax distributions –

Sierra County pays in three distributions –53% in December (\$9,043.60), 37% in April (\$6,282.29) and 10% in August.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.

Jenny Gant, Secretary