

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, May 14, 2018 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

Vice-Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Directors present: Wallace, Roberti, Rowson, Ramelli

Directors absent: Sanchez, Grandi, Roen

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Debbie Spangler, Tania Carlone, David Prentice, Dave Goicoechea, Leah Wills, Ian Espinoza, 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. Water Quality Testing – Carol Dobbas

Carol Dobbas was unable to attend the meeting. This report will be addressed at the next meeting.

B. Technician report - Jay Huebert

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

Huebert took readings from the big wells on the Valley floor in early May. The report for the Directors (on file) compared monitoring well readings from November 2017, April 2018 and May 2018, as well as readings from May 2015, 2016 and 2017. The levels are still on an upward trend from the January 2015 SGMA baseline.

Huebert has ordered a 10" meter for McCuen and a 6" meter for LHS. Once the new LHS meter is installed, all of the District meters will be McCrometer. Dave Goicoechea's meter is in the shop for repair. He discussed meter options with D&S about their split well and a decision has been made to attach a 10" pipe with a 10" saddle meter.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

Three small-capacity wells were approved this past month: one domestic well in Beckwourth, one domestic well in Calpine, and one agriculture well in Calpine (proposed 6" casing and 0-25 GPM).

B. Ordinance 18-02 – Enacting a Management Charge for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

With the District's fiscal year coming to a close and the new budget for FY 18-19 due to the assessor's office soon, the Directors decided to adopt Ordinance 18-02 as presented at the public hearing in May. They also agreed to look at potential parcel fee changes for the next year when deadlines are not pressing.

Director Roberti made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 18-02, Director Ramelli 2nd; motion passed, Directors Roberti, Wallace, Rowson and Ramelli in favor. Directors Grandi, Sanchez and Roen were absent for the vote.

C. Inactive Wells Registration Letter

Director Ramelli made a motion to accept the letter as presented and mail it registered returned, as well as post the letter in the Portola Reporter, Sierra Booster, and Mountain Messenger, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

D. SV Managed Groundwater Recharge Project – Phil Bachand

Kristi Jamason reported that Bachand and Associates have not yet determined a location for the optimal recharge area, but have loaded their database with a lot of information. Phil Bachand was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but hopes to present to the Board in June.

E. Basin Boundary Modification Request – Ian Espinoza

Ian Espinoza, from DWR's Northern Region office, presented a map of the Sierra Valley Basin with potential boundary modifications. The current boundary line shows a geologic inconsistency and doesn't line up on satellite images. The corrected boundary would be based on topographic lines and create a more accurate representation. The modification would increase the Basin's area by ~20 square miles and would exclude the sliver area that Plumas County is currently the GSA for.

Should the Directors choose to pursue these corrections, the District will need to submit a basin boundary modification initial notification, obtain an engineer's stamped approval of the new map, and submit the basin boundary modification request to DWR by the end of June. The clerk will have the initial notification ready by the next board meeting so it can be submitted if the Directors decide to move forward with the modification request.

F. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Greg Hinds

Hinds reported the progress he has made in the past month, which included continuing to study existing data and incorporate it into the plan. He also contacted Vestra, a company that conducted a local watershed assessment in 2005. They have GIS figures that show population, soils, and land ownership and have given Hinds permission to reuse the figures within the District's GSP. He talked to Butte County as well and hopes to develop a good relationship with them throughout this planning process.

Hinds noted Chilcoot's subbasin is important because there is a direct correlation to the Sierra Valley Basin. Debbie Spangler agreed that it's hydrologically connected and doesn't know why it's separated. She suggested the Chilcoot subbasin could be included within a side plan since it's within District boundaries, but informed the Board that including it within the GSA's boundary would force that area into medium priority when it's currently ranked low priority.

G. DWR Technical Support Services – Debbie Spangler

Spangler reported that TSS is up and running and that requests for monitoring wells and subsidence monitoring are ready to be received. DWR will focus on critically over drafted basins first, but the District can submit their application to be in line for services. The Board will need to establish a contact person and submit the request forms.

Director Roberti made motion to establish the clerk as the TSS basin coordinator, Director Rowson 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

H. DWR Facilitation Support Services – Tania Carlone

Carlone presented a draft organizational structure for the District's GSP development, which would include a voluntary coordination agreement between the SVGMD and Plumas County to create one GSP. In order to accomplish more between Board meetings, Carlone suggested creating a Project Team made up of herself, the board clerk, Kristi Jamason, Greg Hinds, Debbie Spangler and any other future consultants.

I. Sustainable Groundwater Management Committee

Carlone is also interested in creating a GSP Planning Committee made up of one or two SVGMD Board Members, Sierra County Planning Staff, Plumas County Planning Staff, municipalities, agricultural pumpers, private pumpers (domestic/other), federal and state land managers, tribes, environmental, businesses, etc. This Planning Committee would be developing the GSP with the Project Team and present progress to the Board each month.

J. California Special District Association Sponsored Bill, SB 929

The CSDA has requested special districts send in a support letter for SB 929, which would require districts to have websites by January 1, 2020. The Board decided to take no action at this time.

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 4/9/18

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for April and May - \$49,690

C. Approve payment of bills

1. Alliant – \$326.40 (Special liability payment 8 of 10)
2. Clerk - \$850 (May) + \$10.71 (ink) + \$51.50 (reimbursement for Plumas County posting of CEQA Notice of Exemption)
3. Greg Hinds - \$400 (GSP work 4/10-5/14)
4. Website - \$50 (monthly site fee)

Director Rowson made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk