

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Loyalton Social Hall – Loyalton, CA  
Monday, June 8, 2015 6PM**

**MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

Chairman Genasci called the meeting to order at 6PM. Directors present: Wallace, Swofford, Ramelli, Roberti. Directors absent: Roen  
Newly appointed Director Grandi also present. Bob Macy, Jay Hubert

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

\*Chairman Genasci made a motion to amend the agenda to give the “oath of office” to Director Einen Grandi. Motion passed, all in favor, agenda amended. Director Einen Grandi officially became Director by reciting the “oath of office” as given by Chairman Genasci.

**3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 5/11/2015 & FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 5/18/2015**

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the minutes for 5/11/2015, Director Roberti 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

Director Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes for the special meeting of 5/18/2015, Director Swofford 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

*Motion to approve letter determining that there is sufficient groundwater available pursuant to California Water Code Appendix Section 1103 for the Sierra Group Project located at 1310 Beckwourth Genesse Rd., Beckwourth, CA.*

Director Roberti made a motion to approve, Director Ramelli 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor. The secretary was asked to send the approved letter to all interested parties.

*Meter updates/Bohm updates*

Jay Hubert presented to the Directors the latest well log data (copy on file). The monitoring wells (MW) over the last 3 months that are highlighted on this copy are of the most concern. Overall the water levels continue to drop and appear not to be recovering as in previous readings over the last 5 years. There is a meter down at D&S Ranch, which is sent out for repair that is being replaced by a temporary 10” meter.

Burkhard Bohm told the Directors that he has taken samples from 6 of the MW's and they are currently in the lab for testing. Mr. Bohm also mentioned that quite a number of wells heads are in very bad shape, observing that caps are missing allowing animals in, casing are loose and the cement is cracked. Jay was asked to check on this situation and report back at next month's meeting. Nothing more is needed at this time, sampling will continue as Mr. Bohm's project will construct a structural model of the geology in the valley by determining where the recharge areas are located.

*Technical Report 2012-2014*

The draft of this report has been completed; Chairman Genasci asked the Directors to review and is prepared to approve the draft within 30 days.

*UC Davis/IRWM meeting on June 15, 2015*

Presentation by the University of California Davis Hydrology Research Department, on the Upper Middle Fork Project discussing the Sierra Valley surface and groundwater modeling. The focus of this meeting is uses of the model for groundwater planning and management in the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District basin.

*Expenses vs Revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015*

The secretary gave out copies of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016, which also showed the last 2 years revenue/expenses that indicate the expenses are outnumbering the revenue. Possible solutions would be to increase revenue by changing SVGMD policy to collect reimbursement for "repaired" meters, and/or collect a "meter site fee" that would include an extended warranty. Currently it takes 2 weeks for the repair process. When the meters are pulled at the end of the season, Jay can test the prop to see if there is a chance of failure. All of the current meters are on a 3-5 year rotation schedule or a "wait" and "see" approach if a problem develops. There has also been an increase of 10-15% on the cost of meter repair. The secretary was asked to agendize this subject for the next meeting.

Director Wallace made a motion to collect reimbursement for a repaired meter at Green Gulch Ranch, Director Swofford 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

*Pumping/Monitoring data to be put on SVGMD website*

Discussion carried over to next meeting, proposed cut backs on monitoring wells that show little change from once a month to twice a year. Monthly readings should continue on the more active wells.

*Possible security devices assigned to existing meters*

Discussion to be continued to next meeting on possible security devices for the District's 50K+ worth of meters.

**5) CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Martin Roche, Consulting Engineer US Society for Irrigation and Drainage Professionals to Chairman Genasci, thanking him for giving a presentation to his group on June 5, 2015.

**6) CASH BALANCE & BILLS TO BE PAID**

	Cash balance	\$13,587.24
Bills to be paid:	Technoflo (meter repair Green Gulch)	\$751.75
	City of Loyaltan (Social Hall rent Jan/Feb/Mar 2015)	\$195.00
	Totals	\$946.75

Director Wallace made a motion to approve this amount to be paid, Director Swofford 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**7) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON 7/13/2015**

All of the Directors present unanimously agreed to not hold a Regular Board of Directors meeting on 7/13/2015. The secretary may call a special meeting before the next regular meeting on 8/10/2015 to discuss the budget and for final approval of the Technical Report 2012-2014.

Agenda items for the next meeting are:

- Budget 2015-2016
- Technical Report 2012-2014
- Phase 2 of the IRWM project
- Meter updates/Bohm report
- Results of UC Davis presentation
- Pumping/monitoring data on website
- Security devices on meters

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Juliana Walsh, Secretary