

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Loyalton Social Hall – Loyalton, CA
Monday, November 9, 2015 5PM**

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 5PM

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Genasci called the meeting to order at 6PM. Directors present:

Grandi, Ramelli, Roberti, Roen, Swofford, Wallace

Also present: Carol Dobbas, Kristi Jamason, Katie Tanner, Jay Hubert

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Jamason told the Directors about the upcoming IRWM Ag Workgroup meeting and that the “greenhouse gas worksheets” are due by 11/13/15. The Workgroup will be going over resource strategy inputs and is looking for feedback on how to implement projects.

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 10/12/2015

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

-Meter updates – Jay reported that all of the meters have been pulled and inspected, except for Green Gulch that will be done at the end of the month. DMW#1 Dyson Lane meter was down and has been fixed. Bradley/Stanford MW wells are showing a decline, which is typical with the wells on the southeast of the valley, with an expected recovery after January 1st. The report shows the highlighted wells are the ones that have dropped the most over the summer. All of the Directors agreed that Jay should continue to monitor the MW wells throughout the winter season. Currently there are 11 MW wells in the district. Jay will keep monthly monitoring data logs throughout the year on these wells.

-Change in SVGMD meeting location to the Golden West – Director Roberti made a motion to change the monthly meeting location from the Loyalton Social Hall to the Golden West. Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Burkhard Bohm updates – Mr. Bohm told the Directors that he has been looking at aerial photos of the valley for the last 8 weeks. All of this data along with other research is being assembled in a report as the study progresses.

-Director Roen said that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors will be voting on the possibility of the Sierra Valley RCD and the SVGMD sharing offices at the Sierraville School at the next board meeting.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

Memo from Scott Shapiro, Attorney, Downey/Brand re: Considerations for Raising Additional Funds”

Director Roen presented to the Directors a letter from Sierra County Counsel, Jim Curtis commenting on Mr. Shapiro’s memo. Mr. Curtis suggested that the District charge a fee that can be defended by how much water an irrigator pumps

Director Roen said that there needs to be further clarification of a Prop 218 for the SVGMD. The overall consensus is that the District needs to keep being financially solvent in order to preclude the State from taking over the District. Jay was asked to find out what the cost of a complete rebuild of a meter would be by the size of the meter. Updates will be presented at next month’s meeting.

6) CASH BALANCE & BILLS TO BE PAID

The Cash Balance is \$395.30

No bills were presented to be paid.

The Financial Summary dated 11/05/2015, Period 4 was presented by the secretary showing what bills had been paid since the last meeting and showing the breakdown of expenses that will need to be paid after the direct charges are deposited at the end of December, beginning of January. This breakdown includes the status of employee wages that are currently suspended until the end of this year. (copy on file)

Currently there are (2) pending reimbursements that have not been paid.

They are:

Green Gulch (meter reimbursement)	\$751.75
BJ Pearson (professional services reimbursement)	\$567.25

Director Roberti said he would discuss this unpaid reimbursement with Green Gulch. Chairman Genasci suggested that a certified letter be sent to Mr. Pearson asking for this reimbursement.

Director Swofford made a motion to show that this Financial Summary had been received by the Directors, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

7) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON 12/14/2015 AT THE GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT

Prop 218 for raising revenue

-discussions on other sources of revenue

-meter updates

-Financial Summary

8) ADJOURNEMENT

The Regular Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM

SVGMD IRRIGATORS PUBLIC HEARING 6:30PM

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

All of the Directors present at the Regular Board of Directors meeting remained present.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

The main topic of this discussion involved the particulars associated with raising the direct charges fee for all of the parcels in the district. In order to do this a Prop 218 needs to be done. This involves a public vote that will only pass if there are at least 401 votes that are not opposed.

It was suggested that there should be a 4 tier model illustrating an increase in fees. This model would include:

- (1) An Irrigator meter site fee
- (2) APN parcels increase fee
- (3) A blend of (1) & (2)
- (4) Policy change

Kristi Jamason has volunteered to construct this model and present to the Directors at next month's meeting.

Carol Dobbas expressed her concern that the district may be over-pumping. She suggested that there be a (2) tier structure that includes the SVGMD irrigators on one end and non-irrigators on

the other. The SVGMD 2012-2014 Technical Report states that the district has pumped more in these years than in the years before.

3) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

Director Roen asked the secretary to provide information regarding the parcels in the district, how many parcels are being assessed at \$6/flat fee and how many parcels are being assessed at 15 cents/acre. Follow-up to be at next month's meeting along with any other information regarding increase in the direct charges and/or any other potential sources of revenue for the district.

4) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Juliana Walsh, Secretary