

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Loyalton Social Hall – Loyalton, CA

Monday, August 10, 2015 6PM

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Genasci called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Directors present:
Ramelli, Swofford, Wallace. Also present: Jay Hubert, Burkhard Bohm

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 6/8/2015, 6/15/2015 & 7/27/2015

Carried over to next meeting in September due to lack of quorum of Directors present at said meetings.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

- *Motion to approve the draft of the Technical Report 2012-2014.* Director Ramelli moved to approve the draft of the 2012-2014 Technical Report, Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor. The secretary was asked to notify Ken Schmidt that the draft had been approved and will release the final 2012-2014 Technical Report to the public upon receipt of the final report.

- Director Swofford moved to approve Resolution 15-02 (Adoption of 2015-2016 Budget), 2nd by Director Ramelli, motion passed all in favor. (copy on file)

In order for the budget to balance at the end of the fiscal year, additional sources of revenue were discussed. Director Swofford was asked to contact the Plumas County counsel regarding the increase of direct charges from property taxes of all APN's in the SVGMD. Follow-up will be at the next meeting. A proposed meter site fee was also discussed with Chairman Genasci suggesting that Downey/Brand attorneys be used for counsel. Director Roberti will be providing a letter to all of the meter site landowners in the SVGMD informing them of a possible meter site fee assessment. A special meeting inviting all interested parties involving the meter site fee will possibly be scheduled in October/November of this year. Also a possible policy change regarding reimbursement for repaired meters is being considered as well.

Reducing expenses was also discussed particularly relating to a possible change involving a shorter route for meter site readings. Jay said that a spring/fall reading on the less active wells will save approximately \$60/month (wages & mileage totals). The secretary was asked to put this item on the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting. Chairman Genasci suggested that the district get another quote on the liability insurance for possible savings on the policy.

- *UC Davis Modeling study team meeting with SVGMD interested parties and discussions of pumping data.* Burkhard Bohm asked the directors to facilitate UC Davis's request for individual meter site pumping data for their modeling study. Burkhard asked "why collect the data, if it is not to be used". The consensus of the directors present agreed that legal counsel is required before any disclosure of individual pumping data is released. Chairman Genasci will speak to Scott Shapiro, Attorney at Downey/Brand asking for counsel regarding this issue.

- *Letter drafted by Jim Roberti to all SVGMD irrigators regarding additional sources of revenue for the SVGMD.* Director Roberti was absent, further discussion about his letter to all SVGMD irrigators regarding a possible meter site fee is carried over to next meeting.

- *Meter site updates.* Jay reported that all is good with the meters, with the possible exception of a couple of meters being down (one 10" & one 12"). Jay was asked to hold sending these meters in for repair for now. The month of June saw not as much of a drop as earlier in the season due to the rain, with less water being pumped. The overall trend is down for the last 5 years.

Update on submission of Phase 2 of the IRWM project. The secretary reported that Phase 2 of the IRWM project was submitted, on time, and the submission was verified by the IRWM project team

5) CORRESPONDENCE

The secretary read an email from the UC Davis SVGMD Modeling project team asking for further assistance for their study. Copy on file.

The secretary was asked to reply to an email from DWR regarding possible financial assistance for the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act 2014.

6) CASH BALANCE & BILLS TO BE PAID

The cash balance is \$9,034.82

Bills to be paid:

Ken Schmidt	updated 2012-2014 Technical Report	\$3,013.08
	Sierra Group project	\$ 436.34
Technoflo	meter supplies	\$ 116.29
Kristi Jamason	Phase 2 IRWM project	\$ 500.00
Total		\$4,065.70

Director Ramelli made a motion to pay this amount, Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

7) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON 9/14/2015

-Results of the discussions between Downey/Brand Attorneys and the SVGMD regarding the Public Records request from the County of Plumas regarding information data from the SVGMD metered pumping rates.

-Results of discussion between Downey/Brand Attorneys and the SVGMD regarding the implementation of a possible meter site fee.

Results of the discussion between Downey/Brand and the SVGMD regarding increasing the direct charges for the district.

-meter updates, addressing a potential change in reading non active wells.

-other sources of revenue for the SVGMD

-any other updates

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Genasci adjourned the meeting at 8PM.

Juliana Walsh, Secretary