

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129  
Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

**This meeting will also be available via Zoom Teleconferencing:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847235864?pwd=YWFYATeR1BUTjA3cHFiOHUvRTcydz09>

**Meeting ID:**  
**878 4723 5864**

**Passcode:**  
**647657**

**By Phone:**  
**+1 (669) 900-9128**

**Board of Directors**  
**Einen Grandi, Chairman**  
**Don Wallace, Vice-Chair**  
**Dwight Ceresola, Director**  
**Dave Goicoechea, Director**  
**Greg Ramelli, Director**  
**Jim Roberti, Director**  
**Paul Roen, Director**

**MINUTES**

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

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM  
Directors present: Grandi, Goicoechea, Ramelli, Roen, Wallace, Ceresola, and Roberti (Zoom)  
Directors absent: none  
Also present: Judie Talbot, Jay Huebert, Jim Swann, Dwight Smith and Dan and Pat Wormington.  
Zoom: Tracey Ferguson, Debbie Spangler, Kristi Jamason, Tracy Schohr, Rick Roberti and Michael Hogan.

**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. Meter Technician Report – Jay Huebert**

Huebert took monitoring well readings on September 5. He reported some of the well levels are the lowest he has seen since he was hired as meter technician (particularly W5 at D&S). He has an estimate for 2021 pumping totals and it is the second highest total pumpage he has recorded. DMS 62 at Goodwin's has a replacement meter on and the broken meter has been sent to Technoflo for repairs. Most of the inactive wells have been mapped with McGinley & Associates.

**B. DWR Update – Debbie Spangler**

Spangler shared that GSP reviews are still ongoing. The new monitoring well for the District is still in progress, but the process has been slowed by supply chain issues. She is hopeful work will begin this winter, but next summer is more likely.

**C. GSP Outreach: Technical Advisory Committee Update – Judie Talbot**

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, shared that two TAC meetings were held this month: one on September 13 and the other on September 20. The Planning Committee had a meeting on September 8 to discuss GSP Project and Management Actions. The Board has been given GSP draft chapter three for review. The GSP draft will be released for public review on October 11; there will be a 35 day comment period. Public comments will be due by 5 p.m. on November 15. The 90-day Notice to Adopt was released today.

#### **D. Larry Walker Associates GSP Update – Laura Foglia**

Laura Foglia, LWA GSP Project Manager, reported that updates are already being made to chapter three based on comments that have been submitted by TAC members. Chapters four and five are under internal review and will be available soon. The GSP public draft that will be released on October 11 is not a version that has been approved of by the Board, but it's a DWR requirement that it must go out for public review. Then the Board can accept or decline changes to the draft. Talbot is going to write a summary of the chapters to share with the Board. A special meeting is set for October 17<sup>th</sup> for the Board to review the draft GSP with Foglia.

#### **4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

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

Three new applications were approved for domestic wells: one in Beckwourth, one in Vinton, and one in Vinton/Loyalton (Bar One).

##### **B. McGinley & Associates GSP Update – Dwight Smith**

###### **1. Flow Meter Standardization**

Dwight Smith, hydrogeologist with McGinley & Associates, has received approval from Huebert, Director Roen and Director Roberti on the plans for the 17 wells requiring standardization upgrades. Smith has been receiving price quotes from vendors. The original plan was to use ultramagneters, but as they cost about five thousand dollars each (~\$80k total just for meters), Smith is revising the plans with engineers to use the duramag meters instead, which will cost about fifty thousand dollars total.

###### **2. Inactive Wells Management Actions**

Most of the inactive wells have been mapped; they need to collect coordinates for eight more wells.

###### **3. McGinley Category D Scope of Work**

Tracey Ferguson, Plumas County Planning Director, requested Board approval to repurpose funds within Category d of the GSP grant so that funding is available within Task 6.3 for RFP documents and associated materials and coordination.

Director Roen made a motion to proceed with repurposing scope funds, Director Ceresola 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

##### **C. Sierra Valley Groundwater Cross-Sectional Analysis**

Tracy Schohr provided the final water quality results report to the Board.

##### **D. Drought Funding Application**

Foglia shared that DWR drought funding is available for small communities. Foglia and Ferguson are working together to get an application submitted. The DWR Implementation Grant was set to be released in spring 2022, but that has been delayed (possibly until spring 2023).

##### **E. Ordinance 21-02 – Enacting a Large-Capacity Well Management Charge for FY21-22**

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-02, Director Goicoechea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

##### **F. Professional Services Agreement Amendment for Kristi Jamason**

Director Roen made a motion to approve the professional services agreement amendment for Kristi Jamason, Director Ramelli 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**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 8/16/21**

**B. Accept finance report/cash balance for Period 13, Period 1 + Period 2**

**C. Approve payment of bills**

Director Roen made a motion to approve the consent calendar, Director Goicoechea 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed, all in favor.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

Jenny Gant, Board Clerk