

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SIERRA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
81059 HIGHWAY 70 BECKWOURTH, CA 96129
Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Don Wallace, Vice-Chair
Dave Goicoechea, Director
Kevin Goss, 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 6:00 PM
Directors present: Grandi, Roberti, Goicoechea, Ramelli, Wallace, Goss
Directors absent: Roen
Also present: Tracey Ferguson, Jim Swann, Greg Hinds, Kristi Jamason, Bill Powers, Judie Talbot, Laura Foglia, and Jay Huebert.

2) PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of an Ordinance Enacting a Management Charge for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Board of Directors will hear comments from the public regarding SVGMD's proposed ordinance to fix a large capacity well management charge for the fiscal year 2020-2021 for the purpose of paying the costs of initiating, carrying on, and completing all of the powers, projects, and purposes for which the District is organized, fixed at \$200.00 per well per year.

Chairman Grandi opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM.

There was no public comment.

Chairman Grandi closed the public hearing at 6:01 PM.

3) 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.

Jim Swann stated that he has enjoyed the months of coming to the meetings to find out what this community is doing. He believes that to achieve sustainability, the plan will end up with provisions that if the Governor declares a drought, then the people of the Valley should reduce their groundwater usage by 10%. If there is a severe drought, then reduce by 20%. In addition, in order to do no harm, the Board/GSP will end up keying actions off of certified minimum levels in wells on a certain day of the year. If a well drops below the minimum level, then that well owner would be required to reduce their water use by 25% the following year. If below the minimum level for two years, then that well owner would be required to reduce their water use by 50% the following year. If below the minimum level for three years, then that well owner would be required to reduce their water use by 75% the following year. To be sustainable is the general idea of what the legislation is about.

4) REPORTS

A. Meter Technician Report - Jay Huebert

Huebert provided the Directors with a report comparing monitoring well readings from October 2019, March 2020, and October 2020. He shared that water levels are currently lower than they were a year ago, but compared to previous years with light winters and dry summers the only real anomaly is MW3 (Dobbas), which is lower than in the past. Huebert expects levels will start coming back up in another month, as is typical.

B. Unpaid Large-Capacity Well Management Charges

Payment for the 2019 large-capacity well management charge was received from Sierra Valley Enterprises (previously the ARP Loyaltan Cogen).

C. Debbie Spangler

- 1. Statewide Update**
- 2. GSP Planning Grant**
- 3. Technical Support Services**

Spangler was unable to attend the meeting and sent her report via email:

- 1. Statewide Update - DWR continues to evaluate the GSPs that were submitted for the Critically Over Drafted basins. Public comments have been provided for many of the plans. These may be a source of first impression evaluation of the plans and have some good suggestions for improving sections of the plans. The public comments are available from the DWR GSP submittal web pages.*
- 2. GSP Planning Grant - Should be completing the first invoice this month.*
- 3. Technical Support Services - Just got the news that the request for the 2nd well was approved!*

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

There were no new large-capacity well applications. One application for a domestic well in Chilcoot was approved by the District in September.

B. Flow Meter Standardization

Huebert reported that John Golding, a Technoflo representative, went with him to examine several wells within the District. He took measurements and provided input on what could be done for each well. Golding said about a dozen wells will require a rebuild because of needed pipe extensions, but many of the others can use saddle meters and/or straightening vanes. Huebert will bring a complete inventory to the Board next month detailing the work each well will need.

C. Ordinance 18-01 Zone Map Amendment Proposal

Grandi is waiting on a return call from Ken Schmidt to move forward with including a portion of the Chilcoot subbasin in the restricted zone for new large-capacity wells.

D. GSP Approach: Goals and Criteria for Sustainability

Laura Foglia, SVGMD GSP Project Manager from Larry Walker Associates, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board: *Sierra Valley Update: Criteria and Goals for Sustainability*. Presentation topics included Data Integration, Organization and Team Structure, Review of Sustainable Management Criteria, GSP Schedule, Monitoring Networks, and Sustainability Goal.

E. GSP Outreach: Draft Charter and Technical Advisory Committee

Judie Talbot, SVGMD Outreach Facilitator, provided a Communication and Engagement update to the Board. The GSP Planning Committee has reviewed the Sierra Valley stakeholder group interests and discussed names and entities that might be interested in being involved with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Once the Board has provided guidance and feedback on the TAC proposal list, the Planning Committee will contact those individuals regarding their willingness to participate.

Director Goicoechea made a motion to invite the proposed TAC interested parties and set a date for a TAC informational meeting, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

6) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

7) 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 7/20/20 and 8/17/20

B. Accept finance report/cash balance for August and September

C. Approve payment of bills

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve item 7A and table items 7B and 7C, Director Goicoechea 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.