

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Golden West Restaurant, Loyalton, CA
Monday March 14, 2016 6PM**

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM by Chairman Grandi. Directors present: Wallace, Swofford, Roen, Ramelli, Roberti. Also present: B. Powers, K. Tanner, K. Jamason, C. Dobbas, J. Hubert, C. Anspeth, D. Goicochea, M. Sanchez

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

The IRWM plan Impacts and Benefits chapter review comments are due April 18th.

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 2/8/2016 & 2/29/2016

Director Ramelli made a motion to read and approve, Director Roen 2nd all in favor, motion approved for both meetings 2/8/2016 & 2/29/2016

4) REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Senninger vs Technoflo meter costs

The exact costs on the Technoflo meters are not back yet. The Directors concur that the Senninger meters appear to be the better option.

2. Audit discussion

The Directors agreed with the Finance Committee that the FY14/15 Financial Audit be conducted in June and paid for in July 2016.

B. Special Board of Directors Meeting 2/29/2016

- 1. Audio transcript of the meeting is available by request, on file. Fees apply.**

5) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

A. Budget for FY16/17 & 17/18 Finance Meeting Report

The Finance Committee has completed the FY16/17 & FY 17/18 budget. (copy on file) Director Roberti made a motion to approve, Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

B. SVGMD billing meters fees this year instead of Plumas

1. Reduction in meter readings by meter technician, have meter owners read their own meters.

The Directors decided to have the Irrigators read their own flow meters. The meter technician will read the meters at the beginning and end of the season. Each of the 49 active flow meters will be billed \$200/meter. There will be a separate meter fund that will allow all costs associated with the installation, maintenance and administrative fees be paid out of this fund. Director Roen made a motion to implement the

meter maintenance fee, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor. The SVGMD will bill in-house this year, this fee will be on the tax bills next year and on-going.

The meter technician will start this season by reading the meters and communicate to the Irrigators that they will need to keep a log of their meter readings. Repairs will be done by the meter technician. Director Ramelli made a motion to initiate this procedure, Director Swofford 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

2. Model for Parcel-Based Management Fees (copy on file)

- a. Excel-based model lists number of parcels at or below 40 acres and those above in both Plumas and Sierra Counties and allows the District to model direct fees that would be generated at various rates.**

b. Motion to approve

**Director Ramelli made a motion to approve this model
Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.**

C. GSA (Groundwater Sustainability Agency) Formation

- 1. Draft letter to Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager DWR, regarding "Notice of Election to Become a GSA for the Sierra Valley Basin.**

No action

D. Prop 218 Election for raising direct charges

- 1. Costs – (postage, paperwork, etc.)**

Carried over to next month's meeting.

- 2. Director Roberti made a motion to move ahead with the Prop 218 election process, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.**

E. Green Gulch meter repair reimbursement

Carried over to next meeting, Zak Harrison is out of town.

F. Vacant Director seat

Carried over to next meeting. Resignation letter from former Director Carl Genasci is pending.

G. Closed session on wage changes for employees

The Directors terminated the secretary's position as of April 30, 2016.

6. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

**A. Upper Feather River Watershed Water Workshop
April 4, 2016. Items to be discussed at this workshop include water banking, GSA updates and new recording Requirements from DWR (Department of Water Resources)**

**B. DWR Spring 2016 Groundwater measurements
Presented information to the Directors**

C. Carol Dobbas letter to Tito Cervantes, DWR, regarding Irrigated acreage in the SVGMD.

Carol presented to the Directors an irrigated acreage map showing inaccuracy in the DWR's irrigated acre numbers (copy on file). This map shows the surface water numbers are less than what the DWR shows. A form needed to request information regarding this process is pending and will be filled out by Carol.

D. Brandon Pangman, SVGMD map boundaries Pending

E. Debra Perrone, Stanford University, inquiry on SVGMD geospatial data on the SVGMD boundaries.

The secretary read the email to the Directors regarding this inquiry. Copy on file.

7. CASH BALANCE/PERIOD 8 RUNNING BALANCE/BILLS TO BE PAID

The Cash Balance (before the pending bills to be paid) is \$7,104.86.

Bills to be paid

Ken Schmidt	\$1,696.00
Ken Schmidt	\$ 208.22
Crystal Emsoff	\$ 100.00
Steve Baker	\$ 100.00
Total	\$2,104.22

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

Downey Brand balance	\$1,996.00
AFCO (General Liability) balance	\$ 922.48

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting before the closed session was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Juliana Walsh, Secretary