

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

Loyalton Social Hall – Loyalton, CA

Monday, April 13, 2015

6PM

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Genasci called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Directors present: Ramelli, Roberti, Roen, Wallace, Also present: Dave Goicoechea, Kristi Jamason and guest. Absent: Swofford

2) Open Public Hearing and invite comments from the public to consider the enactment of a management charge for fiscal year 2015-2016. Action to receive public comments and following comments, close Public Hearing

Chairman Genasci opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments or questions from the public regarding the Ordinance to enact a management charge. Director Wallace was asked to read the following questions from Carol Dobbas, who was not present:

Question: Will the increase in the management fee apply to the entire SVGMD?

Answer: There is no increase; fees remain the same as the year before.

Question: How are the fees being used? Can the SVGMD send out a newsletter, once a year to explain how the fees are being used.

Answer: The SVGMD will consider the implementation of an annual newsletter explaining how the management fees are being used. This will be in addition to any information regarding the structure of the management fees posted on the SVGMD website.

Question: Are both Sierra/Plumas counties involved with the SVGMD in the enactment of mandates called out in the *Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014*?

Answer: Yes

2a) Adopt Ordinance 15-01 establishing a management charge for fiscal year 2015-2016. Action to be taken to set a management fee and adopt Ordinance 15-01.

Director Roen made a motion to reaffirm the current fee structure for fiscal year 2015-2016 and adopt Ordinance 15-01. The motion was seconded and adopted by the following votes:

Genasci	Aye
Wallace	Aye
Ramelli	Aye
Roberti	Aye
Roen	Aye

Chairman Genasci adjourned this part of the meeting at 6:15 PM

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Genasci called this part of the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. All Directors remained present at this meeting along with Director Swofford, who arrived at 6:15 PM.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Jamason asked the Directors about the current pending bills present in the State of California legislature regarding groundwater management. Chairman Genasci commented that the District is aware of this pending legislation and is working with Sierra/Plumas counties in formulating a management plan adhering to these proposed bills. It was suggested that Ms. Jamason attend the IRWM meetings and possibly join a "working group" that is involved in groundwater management.

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 3/9/2015

Director Roen made a motion to approve, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion carried, all in favor. Director Wallace abstains, as he was not present at subject meeting.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

Meter updates – Chairman Genasci gave Jay Hubert's report on the current state of the meters. All meters are installed. One meter from Green Gulch needed to be sent in for repair. All information on the new wells without State well numbers has been sent in to the State. Dobbas needs a 6" meter on an old well currently not operating. The Directors agreed that Dobbas should be informed about this meter and whether or not he should pay for this meter will be discussed at the next meeting. The well elevations are down, obviously, some worse than others, depending on where they are in the District.

Burkhard Bohm Upper Middle Ford Feather River Project – Mr. Bohm will be at the next meeting to discuss his report on the recharge zones in the district.

Vacant SVGMD Director-at-large position – the secretary reported that the position has been posted and applications are available on request.

SVGMD Management Plan/General Plan Sierra/Plumas Counties – Director Roen said that the sustainability plan is not finalized and there is no new information. The secretary was asked to formally invite Tim Beals, Director of Planning, Sierra County and Randy Wilson, Director of Planning, Plumas County to the next meeting to discuss this issue.

Sierra Group, BJ Pearson update – the secretary reported that she has sent in the well test results for this project to Ken Schmidt and is waiting for his reply. Plumas County Planning Department will update the SVGMD on whether there is enough water for this proposed development.

Technical Report 2012-2014 update – the secretary reported that she had received word from Ken Schmidt’s office that he is working on the final draft, updates at the next meeting.

700 forms – the secretary requested that all completed 700 forms for 2014 be turned in asap.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

- the secretary told the Directors about Sierra County’s tax defaulted property list sent by mail to the SVGMD.
- -the secretary told the Directors about emails from the Sierraville Public Utility District asking for assistance in finding an alternate source of water for their district. The secretary invited members of the SPUD board to the
 - SVGMD meeting.
- -Director Roen told the Board that Sierra Brooks is putting meters on all it’s wells
- -Director Roen told the Board that the State of Nevada is the process of implementing a curtailment of 50% on supplemental water rights.

6) CASH BALANCE & BILLS TO BE PAID

The cash balance is : \$8,019.73

Bills to be paid:	The Office Boss(phone)	\$63.92
	AT&T (Feb/March bill)	\$172.91
	Postmaster Sierraville (annual fee)	\$48.00
	Feather River Publishing (Res 15-01)	\$75.95
	Mountain Messenger (Res 15-01)	\$82.50
	TOTAL	\$443.28

Director Roen made a motion to approve this amount, Director Swofford 2nd, motion carried, all in favor.

7) SET AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON 5/11/2015

- Burkhard Bohm recharge areas study
 - Sierra Group BJ Pearson updates
- Agendize Tim Beals, Randy Wilson to discuss *Sustainable Groundwater Management Act*
 - Ian Lafoon meter installation
 - -Technical Report 2012-2014
 - Vacant Director at Large position
 - Meter updates

8) ADJOURNMENT

Director Swofford made a motion to adjourn, Director Roen 2nd, motion carried, all in favor, Chairman Genasci adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Juliana Walsh, Secretary