

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

Loyalton Social Hall – Loyalton, CA

Monday, September 14, 2015 6PM

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Genasci called the meeting to order at 6PM. Directors present:

Grandi, Ramelli, Roberti, Swofford, Wallace Directors absent: Roen

Also present: Dave Goicoechea, Kristi Jamason, Burkhard Bohm, Katie Tanner, Jay Hubert

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Jamason announced that she is the new Coordinator for the IRWP Ag Workshop Group. She informed the Directors signing the MOU for the IRWP project gives the SVGMD signatory to the entire plan, meaning that the SVGMD will be asked to agree or not agree for all chapter reviews in the IRWP plan. Kristi will review/edit all the chapters as they come out and send them on to the Board for signature or no signature. Kristi also asked if she can forward any emails pertinent to groundwater issues. The secretary said she would check to see if these emails have not already been forwarded and will send on to the Directors as requested.

3) READING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR 6/8/2015; 6/15/2015; 7/27/2015 & 8/10/2015

Director Roberti made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/8/2015, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/15/2015, Director Grandi 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Director Roberti made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/27/2015, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Director Ramelli made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/10/2015, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

The secretary read a letter from Rebecca Smith, Attorney at Downey/Brand replying to the PRA from County of Plumas (copy on file). After much discussion involving the pros and cons of accepting this legal opinion, the Board of Directors decided to make a motion to follow the advice of the SVGMD attorney. Director Roberti made a motion to follow the advice of counsel and not release the data to the County of Plumas, acting as representative for the UC Davis Hydrology Dept. team. Director Wallace 2nd the motion. The votes are as follows:

AYES – Genasci, Wallace, Swofford, Ramelli, Roberti, Grandi

NOES - None

ABSENT - Roen

Motion passed, all in favor, the metered pumping volumes from each individual well in the SVGMD will remain confidential and not be released to the public.

The secretary was asked to contact Rebecca Smith requesting her to clarify the following statement sent in an email regarding the UC Davis confidentiality request: "under the PRA, once data is shared with a requestor (except with another government agency under a confidentiality agreement, and here it is not clear that UC Davis would qualify), it must be shared with anyone else who requests it in the future".

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

Chairman Genasci talked with Scott Shapiro regarding this issue; the memo from Mr. Shapiro outlining the details is pending and will be presented at next month's meeting.

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

The aforementioned pending memo will address this issue.

-Policy change on repaired meter reimbursement

The aforementioned pending memo will address this issue.

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

Jay presented his current data to the Directors (copy on file). The potential route change in reading non-active wells will be carried over to next month's meeting. Jay said that there is a meter that has been uncovered at the high school that may need to be updated.

-other sources of revenue for the SVGMD

Dave Goicoechea suggested that the SVGMD investigate the possibility of raising the direct charges fee by doing a Prop 218 vote. Director Swofford was asked to consult with County of Plumas counsel and see if we could use any of the general data collected during the Prop 218 waster disposal fee increase. The Prop 218 question was also asked by Chairman Genasci to Mr. Shapiro and will be addressed in his memo.

5) CORRESPONDENCE

already presented by the secretary in above discussions.

6) CASH BALANCE & BILLS TO BE PAID

The cash balance is \$5,739.99

The secretary reported that there are (2) pending reimbursements;

	Green Gulch (repaired meter)	\$751.75
	B.J. Pearson (pump test results)	\$567.25
	Total	\$1,319.00
Bills to be paid:	The Office Boss (supplies)	\$ 75.72
	City of Loyalton (rent)	\$130.00
	Total	\$205.72

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

The secretary was asked to provide a summary for each of the monthly financial reports from the County of Plumas Auditor's office on-going.

7) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON 10/12/2015

-memo from Scott Shapiro detailing increases in revenue for the SVGMD

-reply from Rebecca Smith regarding UC Davis as a state agency

-map of irrigated acres

-financing for the General Liability Policy

-financial summary data

-meter updates

-closed session discussions on confidential pumping data

-any other updates

7) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Genasci adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Juliana Walsh, Secretary