

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GOLDEN WEST RESTAURANT, LOYALTON, CA
Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Board of Directors
Einen Grandi, Chairman
Greg Ramelli, Director
Jim Roberti, Director
Paul Roen, Director
Tom Rowson, Director
Michael Sanchez, Director
Don Wallace, Director

MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Grandi called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Directors present: Roberti, Rowson, Sanchez, Wallace, Ramelli

Directors absent: Roen

Also present: Kristi Jamason, Joe Larmour, Debbie Spangler, Jerry Sipe and Greg Hinds.

2) PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing Requirements Pertaining to New Water Well Permits

The Board of Directors will hear comments from the public regarding SVGMD's proposed ordinance to adopt new requirements pertaining to water well permits for new high-capacity wells.

There was no public comment.

3) PROPOSED ACTIONS

A. Determine the Ordinance is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines and direct the Clerk to file a Notice of Exemptions in both Plumas and Sierra County

Director Rowson made a motion that the Board finds Ordinance 18-01 exempt from CEQA review, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

B. Consideration for adoption of Ordinance 18-01 - Establishing Requirements Pertaining to New Water Well Permits

Director Roberti made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance 18-01, Director Ramelli 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

Director Sanchez moved to place Ordinance 18-01 on the April board meeting agenda for adoption, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

4) 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.

5) REPORTS

A. Inactive Wells Committee

Directors Roberti, Rowson, and Roen met with David Prentice and drafted the wording for Section 4: “Adopting Requirements for Reporting High Capacity Inactive Wells” into Ordinance 18-01. The committee will draft a letter that will be sent to well owners to register their inactive wells with the District.

B. Technician report - Jay Huebert

1. Meter Repairs/Purchases

Huebert was not present for the meeting and was unable to take well readings due to the recent storms. DWR is planning to take their readings at the end of the month, so Huebert will take measurements then as well. He will measure all of the wells for the spring reading. He needs a pipe measurement before ordering a new LHS meter, but it will be in place before pumping begins. Roberti will talk to D&S about their well at DMS 14 and ask if a data logger can be placed in the area where subsidence may be happening.

Rowson reported that a filter was placed on one of the Calpine wells last year. The filter was expensive and they want to maintain it, so the well was not pumped as much as the previous year, which is why their pumping levels were lower than previous years.

Greg Hinds is going to ask Huebert for access to his files of monthly well readings for data analysis. Rowson requested that Hinds rearrange the well reports based on irrigator or location rather than by the assigned District well number.

6) DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

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

There were no well permit applications to review.

B. Groundwater Sustainability Plan – Greg Hinds

Hinds presented a draft of the District's GSP as it currently stands and a spreadsheet of outstanding items to be completed for the plan. The plan's introduction section is almost complete and he will send it for review when it's ready for editing. In his progress summary, Hinds told the Directors he has completed the draft plan formatting, made good progress on filling in the information that's already available, is almost done with chapter one, decided to add another chapter titled "Existing Conditions Sustainability Evaluation" in order to provide context for management actions made (and to be proposed), and he has made an outstanding items list with a timeline of when items should be completed.

C. DWR Facilitation Support Services

Debbie Spangler showed the Directors a map from NASA that indicates subsidence took place between March 2015 and May 2016. The red location on the map represents a drop of six to twelve inches. Subsidence is an undesirable result within SGMA if it is caused by groundwater extraction. Subsidence cannot be repaired, but the District's target will be to sustain the new survey level and to prevent further subsidence. DWR is hoping to increase monitoring in that area and Spangler is hoping data loggers can be placed in a few wells there to provide continuous monitoring.

Much like the Facilitation Support Services, DWR is gearing up to offer Technical Support Services, such as groundwater model operation training. Spangler invited the Board to make a wish list of items the District could use if it were granted this support.

The application for Facilitation Support Services was submitted and DWR has assigned Tania Carlone to be the District's facilitator. She will be helping with stakeholder outreach and helping the Board move through the GSA process. Currently, the contract only goes through the end of this year.

D. Water Quality Testing

Jamason talked to Carol Dobbas about the surface water quality testing she conducts. Dobbas said testers come a couple times a year and that she will let the District know when they are coming. Grandi noted that the District has budgeted money for water

quality testing and hopes Burkhard Bohm will be able to recommend the best test locations. Jamason will reach out to Bohm.

E. SV Artificial Groundwater Recharge Project – Kristi Jamason

Jamason gave Phil Bachand the District’s groundwater level data (not pumping data). His staff is putting the information into a database in support of identifying promising groundwater recharge locations (including areas where there appears to be movement of water between shallow and deep levels.

F. Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018

Matteo Crow, campaign coordinator for Water Supply and Water Quality Initiative, requested a letter of support from the District for this bond. Of the bond, \$675 million will go towards SGMA. The Board declined to submit a letter at this time.

G. Management Charge Resolution

Director Ramelli made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-01, Director Roberti 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

H. Independent Contractor Agreement – Clerk to the Board of Directors

Director Rowson made a motion to approve the independent contractor agreement as written, Director Wallace 2nd, motion passed. Directors Grandi, Wallace, Rowson, Sanchez, and Ramelli in favor. Director Roberti abstained from the vote.

7) CORRESPONDENCE LOG

A. Sierra County Notice to Taxing Agencies and Revenue Districts – Public Auction of Tax-Defaulted Properties

8) 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 2/12/18

B. Accept finance report for March

C. Approve payment of bills

1. Ken Schmidt - \$794.92 (July technical report work)
2. Clerk - \$850 (March)
3. Alliant – \$326.40 (Special liability payment 6 of 10)
4. Website - \$50 (monthly site fee)
5. Newspaper Publications for Public Hearing - \$60 (Ordinance 18-01)
6. State Fund - \$659.16 (Workman’s Comp 2016-2017 final premium)
7. Technoflo - \$2,148.34 (new registers and bearings for 3 meters)
8. Plumas County Special District Association - \$50 (annual membership)
9. Greg Hinds - \$400 (February/March GSP work)

D. Accept cash balance/financial summary - \$58,086

Director Ramelli made a motion to accept the consent calendar, Director Rowson 2nd, motion passed, all in favor.

9) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grandi adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.