

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
123B Valley Road
Chalfant, California 93514

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Greg Allen, Chairperson
Don Moss, Vice-Chairperson
Geri Bassett, Secretary
Carol Ann Mitchell
Ed Parkinson
Josh Rhodes
Matt Doonan

Rhonda Duggan, Mono County District 2 Supervisor (Ex-Officio Member)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Chalfant Community Center
123 Valley Rd., Chalfant, CA 93514

Mission: The mission of the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District is to comply with the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014 and other applicable laws (government code, water code etc.) as the law pertains to the District.
Core Vision: To preserve the groundwater within the boundaries of the District (Chapter 844 of 1989 California Statutes).*

1. **Advisory Board.**
 - A. **Report.**
2. **Public Comment.**
3. **Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the September 25, 2024 meeting.**
(See attachment # 3)
4. **Update from the Strategic Plan committee.**
5. **Update on the tax ID needed for Directors insurance.**
6. **Update on installation of I.T. equipment in the Benton and Chalfant Community Centers and the type of equipment being installed.**
7. **Discussion and decision on the November 20 meeting Oaths of Office – perform oaths during regular meeting or in a special meeting before the regular meeting?**
8. **Board of Directors reports.**
9. **Adjournment to Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Benton Community Center.**

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MINUTES**

Attachment
item #3

**MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of September 25, 2024 6:30 P.M.
Benton Community Center**

Chairperson Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. The meeting was held in person.

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Allen, Moss, Mitchell, Parkinson, Rhodes, Doonan, and
Duggan (late because of time conflict)

Directors Absent: Bassett

Advisory Board (A.B.) present: McDonald

Mono County (M.C.) Personnel in attendance: Jeff Hughes, Deputy County Council

1. Advisory Board.

A. Report

A.B. McDonald reported that a meeting had been.

- Some more discussion on the Strategic Plan (S.P.) development.
- A.B. feels strongly that the S.P. Comm. should be 2 members of the A.B. and 2 members of the Board; at least one representative for agriculture. Committee is A.B. Phillips, A.B. McDonald, Director Mitchell and Director Rhodes.
- They would like to see a state of the groundwater report on the plan and encourage people in the Tri-Valley to share well data.
- Plan should have a goal of increasing water efficiency, such as using bubblers. Grants might be available in the future.
- The plan should be items that are doable in a year and continue on some of the items that are already on the plan.
- A.B. voted to ask each Board member make a contribution to the plan of something that they think is important to have in the plan; to be to the S.P. Comm. by October 9, 2024.
- November 4 is the next scheduled A.B. meeting; in Chalfant, at 6:30 PM.
- Would like to see high quality data; the new monitoring/test wells being installed on BLM land will be a good source of high quality data.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the August 28, 2024 meeting. (See attachment # 3)

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Parkinson.

Vote – ayes – Directors Allen, Moss, Mitchell, Parkinson, Rhodes, and Doonan.

Nayes - none

Absent – Director Bassett

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4. Update on the Tri-Valley Groundwater Model project/RFP.

Brent Calloway, Assistant Director for Mono County Community Development Department presented the current status of the Tri-Valley Groundwater Model project. In addition, Tim Moore, hydrologist and Holly Alpert, Director, Inyo County Water Department were in attendance and provided comments. **See handouts – attachments item #4A and #4B**

- The RFP had been sent out to numerous consultants.
- 3 proposals were received, all were over budget. A Scope of Work was handed out.
- The isotope study was removed from the RFP to bring the cost closer to the budgeted amount.
- To provide an isotope study, additional funding will be required.
- The project was awarded to Daniel B. Stevens and Associates (DBS&A), based in Santa Barbara.
- The modeling process is expected to take approximately one year; 3 in-person visits will be scheduled, a zoom option would save money.
- Director Mitchell recommended Jack Tung, from the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as an additional contact person for any additional funding for the isotope study.
- First step in the process will be to finish the contracting process, which is expected to take about 2 weeks. Then a data transfer will occur.
- A kickoff meeting is expected to take place once the data transfer is done. Then data review and updating the hydrogeological conceptual model, which should be done in the first couple of months.
- Recent Aerial Electromagnetic (AEM) Studies done by DWR will definitely be used for the model and possibly those done by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP).

5. Update on:

A. Equipment needed - computer, microphones, etc.

Mike Martinez, Mono County I.T., the equipment has been purchased and installation work is being scheduled. No information yet as to what will be put in the Benton and/or Chalfant Community Centers.

Director Duggan added that she hasn't yet seen the details on the installation. The Mono County IT group is currently updating equipment throughout the County; it is a particularly time-sensitive issue. She will contact Mike Mendoza and get an update. Based on what he purchased, the ease of running the equipment and skills needed will be determined (**item 5B**). Hopefully, there will be several people that will be able to run the equipment. The equipment being provided apparently has an Auto Record feature. So, recording the meeting will be easier and helpful for the minutes.

Brent Calloway said that they have an "OWL" available that works very well and provides a Zoom format. Works well with smaller rooms, maybe not in a room as big as the Benton Comm. Center.

Director Duggan added that she has used the OWL feature in a big room and it worked very well. Might have some echoing.

B. Having someone to run the computer needed for video requirements.

See above discussion.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding setting up a Zoom account.

The cost for a Zoom account is \$159.84 per year if paid annually. It was recommended that the account be opened once the IT equipment is in place.

Item was tabled until we find out more what the I.T. equipment is and when it will be installed.

A.B. Phillips emphasized that the Brown Act rules be carefully reviewed before holding any meetings on Zoom.

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7. Board of Directors reports.

Director Allen reported that:

- Per Sheri Lisius, the BLM Field Manager, construction on the 2 monitoring wells to be placed in southern Hammil Valley is scheduled to start this Fall; late September to early/mid October. Construction is anticipated to take up to 60 days at each site (120 days total).
- Janet Barth resigned from the Advisory Board.
- Director's Insurance – TVGMD needs to get a EIN (tax ID number). Jeff Hughes and Director Duggan will check with the County and see what we need to do on that.
- Brian Adkins, from the Bishop Tribe, returned his phone call; meeting will be set up, hopefully, soon. No additional information yet on what they want to discuss.

A.B. McDonald added that she forgot to mention earlier, she is still in contact with Jack Tung, from DWR, on the grant to set up transducers in domestic wells. They are planning to do that in the Tri-Valley. Maybe not as high quality data as the BLM monitoring wells, but, will still be good data. Working with volunteer property owners to determine where the transducers will be put. Jack Tung has appointed Terry Watkins to take over the project. He is coming up here to look at the well sites that are proposed to get transducers. DWR will be doing all the reading, etc.

8. Adjournment to Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Chalfant Community Center.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Parkinson.

Vote – ayes – Directors Allen, Moss, Mitchell, Parkinson, Rhodes and Doonan.

Nays – none.

Absent – Director Bassett

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

**The next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Chalfant Community Center.**

Don Moss, Vice-Chairperson, and Geri Bassett, Secretary, TVGMD