

Attachment A to Agenda 3/24/21

MINUTES

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
February 24, 2021 at 6: 30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. This was a teleconference meeting via zoom. Directors Mitchell, Dunn, Doonan D. , Bassett, Doonan, M. and West were in attendance. Director Moss was absent.

1. Public Comment: Supervisor Duggan gave a report regarding the striping of Highway 6 from the Nevada line to Benton. There will be a vaccine clinic on 3/5/2021 in Benton. There is a need for volunteer help.
2. Approval of minutes: Director Doonan made a motion to accept as presented. Director Bassett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Director Moss absent.
3. Approval of Warrant (Attachment C): The warrant request was for the publishing of a public notice in the Inyo Register. A motion to pay the bill was made by Director West, seconded by Director Bassett. The motion carried by the members present. Director Moss was absent.
4. Brief Report of Directors Activities: Director Mitchell had a brief report regarding a phone conversation she had with USGS regarding their monitoring well program for SGMA.
5. Continued Discussion regarding Leaseholders serving on the Board of Directors: Director Mitchell had a brief discussion with Stacy Simons regarding changing our legislation. Stacy is currently short- handed with the loss of personnel in her office. Discussion ensued on issues of non-land owners holding a position on the Board and the issues that could come up. Director Doonan felt this would enable more people to become involved with the District and a leaseholder could apply for a position on the Board of Directors. Director Doonan said he would follow up on this item with the County, if the Board said okay. Motion made by Director West to investigate this issue further. A second was made by Director Dunn. Motion carried with Director Moss absent. Director Mitchell voted No on the motion.
6. Posting Advisory Board Vacancy at the Post Office: Marion still unable to go in to the post office.
7. OVGA meeting: A report given by Director Bassett on the meetings she attended on sustainability goals for the lower Owens Valley.
8. OVGA Activities: Eric Steinwald of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority gave an over view on the vulnerability assessment completed by the OVGA consultant. He stated the findings in the assessment were taken from well drillers logs and other data found on the Department of Water Resources web site. A discussion ensued on this matter but no action was required.
9. Grants from IRWP: Michael Draper, Mono County Planning reported on a grant opportunity for local groundwater projects. Groundwater modeling, crop rotation, and other projects may be eligible for consideration by the local group. The County would assist in the application process. Following discussion, this matter was tabled as the deadline is April 1st and the interest in proceeding was not given by the Board.
10. Next meeting: 3/24/2021
11. Public Comment: none

12. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Director Dave Doonan. The motion was seconded by Director Dunn. The motion was carried by the Directors present. Director Moss was absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.