

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, November 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Benton Community Center
Hwy 120, Benton, CA 93512

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. Administration of Oaths of Office to Chairperson Allen, Vice-chairperson Moss, and Directors Doonan and Bassett, who were appointed by the Mono County Board of Supervisors in lieu of election to the 4 Board of Director seats that are ending on November 30, 2024.**
- 2. Advisory Board.**
 - A. Report.**
- 3. Public Comment.**
- 4. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the October 23, 2024 meeting. (See attachment # 4)**
- 5. Update from the Strategic Plan committee.**
- 6. Update on the tax ID needed for Directors insurance.**
- 7. Update on installation of I.T. equipment in the Benton and Chalfant Community Centers.**
 - A. Type of equipment being installed.**
 - B. Having someone to run the computer needed for video requirements.**
- 8. Update on the ADA/public transparency issue for the TVGMD website.**
- 9. Discussion and possible action on canceling the December 18, 2024 TVGMD meeting.**
- 10. Discussion and possible approval of the proposed 2025 meeting dates. (See attachment #10)**
- 11. Board of Directors reports.**
- 12. Adjournment to Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Chalfant Community Center or Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 6:30 PM at the Benton Community Center, depending on the outcome of agenda item #9.**

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attachment item #4

**MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of October 23, 2024 6:30 P.M.
Chalfant Community Center**

Chairperson Allen called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. The meeting was held in person.

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Allen, Mitchell, Parkinson, Rhodes, Duggan, and Bassett.

Directors Absent: Moss, Doonan.

Advisory Board (A.B.) present: Barsi

Mono County (M.C.) Personnel in attendance: none

1. Advisory Board.

A. Report.

None.

2. Public Comment.

None.

**3. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the September 25, 2024 meeting.
(See attachment # 3)**

Thank you to Director Moss for preparing the Sept. minutes in Director Bassett's absence.

A motion to approve the September 25, 2024 draft minutes as presented was made by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Parkinson.

Vote – ayes – Directors Allen, Mitchell, Parkinson, Rhodes, and Bassett.

Nayes – none.

Absent – Directors Moss and Doonan.

4. Update from the Strategic Plan committee.

Director Mitchell reported that A.B. McDonald sent her a report to read in the event that she was not able to get to this meeting.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been working via a shared Google document to develop a draft Strategic Plan for 2025. Thus far, 3 Board members have contributed ideas to the plan. The committee, Carol Ann, Betsy and Josh then met via Zoom on October 17th and discussed what we have so far. We were in agreement that we would like to gather ideas from each Board member before offering the working draft for your consideration. We hope to have that draft for you in the November meeting packet, so it would be great to hear from you in the next two weeks. So any ideas that you would like the committee to pursue, if you can send your suggestions to Betsy.

5. Update on the tax ID needed for Directors insurance.

Chairperson Allen reported that he had not heard anything from Mono County on a TVGMD tax ID. TVGMD would still be able to get GSRMA Directors insurance without the tax ID. But, the policy would not include cyber insurance. He will continue to work with Mono County to see if we can get

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a tax ID number. Director Duggan will also contact Mike Martinez, Mono County I.T., and Mono County Risk Management for their input.

6. Update on installation of I.T. equipment in the Benton and Chalfant Community Centers and the type of equipment being installed.

Director Duggan reported that, per Mike Martinez, the installation of the equipment is scheduled to start at the Benton and Chalfant Community Centers tomorrow, October 24, 2024. The new monitor is compatible with an Owl system, although it is unclear if it includes an Owl or not. Written operating instructions and training is to follow, hopefully by no later than the third week of November.

Director Duggan will find out more about the Owl system purchase status.

Mike Martinez is scheduled to give a presentation on the I.T. equipment at the Mono County Board of Supervisor's meeting on November 12, 2024.

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?

Director Duggan will not be at the November 20, 2024 meeting in person. Therefore, she will not be able to administer the Oath of Office to Chairperson Allen unless she can do so virtually. Other options, such as having County Counsel Beck administering the oath to Chairperson Allen and administering the Oaths on a different date were discussed. Director Duggan is to follow up on that with the Elections Office and report back to the Board before the November 20th meeting agenda needs to be posted.

Once the Oath is administered to Chairperson Allen, he can administer the Oaths to Directors Moss, Doonan, and Bassett.

8. Board of Directors reports.

Chairperson Allen reported that he has been in contact with the Bishop Tribe to set up a meeting. However, a date has not yet been decided on. He will continue to work on that.

Director Rhodes reported that he has recently learned that the TVGMD website needs to comply with Assembly and Senate bill requirements for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and public transparency. He is working with our current web service, Hughesnet, to see if that is a service they can provide. He has also been in contact with CSDA-streamline, who offers the service. The cost, however, is an initial setup of \$500 and then \$200 to \$300 monthly. He will continue to research options for complying with the requirements. Another option is to vote to not have a website, which would have to be done annually.

Director Duggan will also contact the Mono County I.T. Department and see if they have any resources or suggestions for TVGMD. She believes, that since TVGMD is just building the website, we are in compliance. There also might be grant money available for this purpose. Chairperson Allen suggested also getting input from C.C. Beck.

Director Bassett reported that:

- Director Mitchell and she took a reading on the Chalfant monitoring well on 10/13/2024. The reading was 71.75 feet, down 1.08" from July 2024 and 6.6" from April 2024, but up 6.96" from October 2023.
- Director Parkinson and she took a reading on the Benton monitoring well on 10/13/2024. The reading was 131.27 feet, down 4.68" from July 2024 and 6.36" from April 2024, but up 5.16" from October 2023.

The readings were entered into CASGEM on 10/13/2024.

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9. Adjournment to Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Benton Community Center.

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

Vote – ayes – Directors Allen, Mitchell, Parkinson, Rhodes, and Bassett.

Nays – none.

Absent – Directors Moss and Doonan.

If time changes due to administration of Oaths of Office, a notice will be sent out.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

**The next regular meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Benton Community Center.**

Geri Bassett, Secretary, TVGMD

Attachment item #10

Proposed Dates for TVGMD 2025 Meetings

January 22nd Benton

February 26th Chalfant

March 26th Benton

April 23rd Chalfant

June 4th Benton (Memorial Day weekend/Mule Days is May 20 - 26)

July 23rd Chalfant

August 27th Benton

September 24th Chalfant

October 22nd Benton

Thanksgiving weekend is Nov. 27 – 30

December 3rd Chalfant