

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, September 24, 2025 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 June 4, 2025 meeting. (See attachment # 3)**
- 4. OVGA GSP presentation – Holly Alpert.**
- 5. Advisory Board membership**
 - A. Resignation of Dennis Murphy. (See attachment #5A)**
 - B. Discussion and possible vote on appointment of Bill A. Cook III to the A.B. for a term of one year. (See Letter of Interest from Bill A. Cook III - attachment #5B)**
 - C. Recruitment status.**
- 6. TV Groundwater Model Project - Discussion and possible vote on holding a special meeting on November 12, 2025 or November 19, 2025 for an update from contractor.**
- 7. Board of Directors reports.**
- 8. Adjournment to Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at the Benton Community Center or Special meeting on Wednesday, November 12 or 19, 2025, 6:30 PM, at the Chalfant Community Center.**

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Attachment #3

**MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of June 4, 2025 6:30 P.M.
Benton Community Center**

Chairperson Allen called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. The meeting was held in person.

Roll Call:

Directors Present: Allen, Moss, Mitchell, Rhodes, Doonan, Duggan, and Bassett

Directors Absent: Parkinson

Advisory Board (A.B.) present: None

Mono County (M.C.) Personnel in attendance: None (MC CC Beck was in court)

1. Advisory Board.

A. Report.

No A.B. present. No report.

B. Resignation of Betsy McDonald from the Advisory Board. (See attachment #1B)

1. Newsletter.

After some discussion, the Board decided that they will have to wait and see what new A.B. members are added to determine if anyone is interested in working on a newsletter. In the meantime, the Board will attempt to send out informational emails instead of the newsletter.

2. MailChimp email address group.

Director Rhodes will see what, if any, email address list he can put together on the website and what sort of newsletter services the website might offer.

Director Bassett added that she will work with Betsy to get the email address group from the MailChimp account. To date, their schedules have conflicted too much to be able to discuss this issue.

Director Mitchell requested that a notice be posted regarding the A.B. vacancies (from Janet Barth – Benton and Betsy McDonald – Chalfant). She will post on Next Door and Director Bassett will post in Chalfant and Benton at the usual places, plus Smalley's Market in Benton. Director Bassett will also attempt to put the notice on the Community Calendar in the Inyo Register, send it to Mono County Community Development to send to the Tri-Valley email address group, and send to Gail DuBlanc to post on the Mono County Job Seeker.

Director Mitchell also pointed out that A.B. Murphy was the co-chair with Betsy. We haven't seen or heard from him for a while. Director Bassett said that his term had ended on May 29, 2025 and that she had contacted him to see if he wants to renew his term. She has not heard from him yet but will follow up on that.

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2. Public Comment.

Ann Hoffmann commented that she was happy to finally be able to attend a meeting. She added that she and her husband Walt are going to have their well depth monitored by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) people. The well was drilled in 1974. She does not know any specifics about the well depth, water level changes etc.

3. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the February 26, 2025 meeting and the March 26, 2025 meeting. (See attachments # 3A and #3B)

A motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented was made by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Rhodes.

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

Nayes – none.

Abstain – Director Doonan (was absent at both meetings)

Absent – Director Parkinson.

4. Discussion and possible approval of the draft Strategic Plan. (See attachment #4)

Director Bassett explained that the Strategic Plan version attached was the result of Directors Mitchell, Rhodes, and her working on the previous version presented to the Board by the Strategic Plan Committee at the February 26, 2025 meeting.

A motion to approve the newest (attached) draft as is was made by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Rhodes.

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

Nayes – none.

Absent – Director Parkinson.

Director Bassett will send a clean version of the approved plan to Director Rhodes to put on the TVGMD website.

5. Board of Directors reports.

Director Bassett reported that:

- on April 16, 2025 she submitted a finance request to Mono County for the 25/26 fiscal year. The request was basically the same as the 24/25 request. Director Duggan said that she will be meeting with Stephanie Trujillo, the new Budget Officer, next week and she will confirm that Stephanie received the request. She added that Mono County has a new budget ad hoc committee. At this time, Supervisors McFarland and Duggan are the committee.
- Director Mitchell and she took a reading on the Chalfant monitoring well on 4/6/2025. The reading was 70.69 feet, up 5" from January 2025 and up 6.12" from April 2024.
- Director Parkinson and she took a reading on the Benton monitoring well on 4/8/2025. The reading was 130.46 feet, up 4.68" from January 2025 and up 3.36" from April 2024.
- The readings were entered into CASGEM on 4/8/2025.
- she received an email at the end of April 2025 from DWR notifying entities that the reporting site for CASGEM monitoring well data will be changing. Nothing new on that since.

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- she received a ledger report as of 5/14/2025, which shows the approved 24/25 \$5600 finance request from Mono County has been credited to our account. It also shows that the payment for Directors insurance was sent to GSRMA. The account balance as of 5/14/2025 was \$15,242.
- she has not heard anything new on a proposed date for an update on the Groundwater Model Project. During the 3/26/2025 update, it was mentioned that the next update would probably be in September 2025.

Director Mitchell commented that DWR's newsletter said that they were starting to work on the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP's) for low priority basins. This led to discussion that TVGMD would need to watch for any requests/information from the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA). This could be requests for assistance, monitoring data, etc. No action is being taken by TVGMD at this time. Director Duggan added that she is continuing to work with Martha Guzman, previously the federal representative on the CA Water Resources Board, to track the progress of the water situation in the Owens Valley.

6. Adjournment to Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at the Chalfant Community Center.

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

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

Nays – none.

Absent – Director Parkinson.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

**The next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Chalfant Community Center.**

Geri Bassett, Secretary, TVGMD

From: Dennis Murphy <amigomurf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 11:05 AM
To: Geri Bassett
Subject: Advisory Board Resignation - Murphy

TVGMD Board and Advisory Board:

I want to thank the TVGMD Board, Advisory Board, Mono County advisors and Valley Residents for the opportunity be involved with the Advisory Board and learning some of the dynamics of our water supply and uses.

Due to health and family commitments, I need to resign.

Thank you for sharing your vast experience & knowledge that is part of the local heritage and critical to our thriving together.

Dennis Murphy
First Light Ranch
805 208 0252

Letter of Interest

Bill A. Cook III
148 Osage Circle
Chalfant, CA 93514

Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District
Secretary of the Board of Directors
123B Valley Road
Chalfant, CA 93514

Secretary,

I am interested in volunteering myself for an available position on the TVGMD Advisory Board. I am a resident and owner of record at the above address, within the District. I am also a registered voter. I am willing to attend and participate in meetings, participate in agenda items and respond to communications from other Advisory Board members and the Board of Directors and accept special assignments.

I am a California licensed Professional Geologist, PG#7802, and Certified Engineering Geologist, CEG# 2534, with 30 years of experience working with groundwater and surface water hydrology. My experience includes working in both the private and public sectors. My private sector work included water and soil testing for contamination and remediation as well as geotechnical testing for construction project design. I also have experience in the mining and agricultural industries. My public sector work was for the San Francisco Bay Water Board in the Toxics Cleanup Division. I currently work for the California Department of Transportation, CalTrans, in Bishop with the Planning and Environmental Division, Local Assistance Branch.

We have lived here in the district for more than two years and plan to stay. I have attended some TVGMD meetings including the presentation last spring by our consultant. Our home is supplied with water from two wells operated by our Chalfant Valley West Mutual Water Company.

I hope the position is still available and that I can be of service to the District.

Sincerely,

Bill A. Cook III

