

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Matt Doonan

Fred Stump, District 2 Supervisor (Ex-Officio Member)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA November

18, 6:30 p.m.

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## **AGENDA**

### Roll Call

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of Warrants/Reimbursement Request
  - a. Zoom Invoice, Paid by Chair Mitchell; see Exhibit A
3. Approval of Minutes for October 7 Meeting – see Exhibit B
4. Correspondence (if any)
5. Brief Report of Director Activities
6. Discussion Regarding Advertising/Soliciting for Advisory Board Members
7. Discussion of November 12, 2020 Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Meeting
8. Discussion and Possible Action Related to District Sustainable Groundwater Management and Activities – See Attached Staff Report, Exhibit C
9. Discussion of Public Hearing for December 2020 Board of Directors Meeting
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment.



# EXHIBIT A

INVOICE

[REDACTED]  
 United States  
 [REDACTED]

Remittance Details should be sent to:  
 Finance@zoom.us

Purchase Order Number:  
 Zoom Video Communications Inc.  
 55 Almaden Blvd, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 San Jose, CA 95113  
 billing@zoom.us

Invoice Date: 10/01/2020  
 Invoice #: INV44392618  
 Payment Terms: Due Upon Receipt  
 Due Date: 10/01/2020  
 Account Number: [REDACTED] USD  
 Currency: Account Information: Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater

Tax Exempt Certificate ID:

[Zoom W-9](#)

CHARGE DETAILS				
Charge Description	Service Period	Subtotal	Tax	TOTAL
<b>Charge Name: Standard Pro Monthly -- Proration Credit</b> Quantity: 1 Unit Price: \$14.99	10/01/2020-10/14/2020	(\$7.00)	\$0.00	(\$7.00)
<b>Charge Name: Standard Pro Annual</b> Quantity: 1 Unit Price: \$149.90	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	\$149.90	\$0.00	\$149.90
<b>Charge Name: Standard Pro - Discount</b> Discount Percentage: 30.00%	10/01/2020-09/30/2021	(\$44.97)	\$0.00	(\$44.97)
INVOICE TOTALS				
		<b>Subtotal:</b>		\$97.93
		<b>Total (Including Tax):</b>		\$97.93
		<b>Invoice Balance:</b>		\$0.00



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INVOICE

TAX DETAILS				
Charge Name	Tax Name	Jurisdiction	Charge Amount	Tax Amount
			<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**TRANSACTIONS**

				<b>Invoice Total</b>	<b>\$97.93</b>
<b>Transaction Date</b>	<b>Transaction Number</b>	<b>Transaction Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Applied Amount</b>	
10/01/2020	P-47496166	Payment		(\$97.93)	
				<b>Invoice Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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# EXHIBIT B

## MINUTES

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Regular  
Meeting  
October 7, 2020 6: 30 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting/Chalfant Community Center

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. This was a combination meeting via zoom and attendance at the Chalfant Community Center. Directors Mitchell, West, Dunn, Doonan, Bassett, Director absent Moss and a vacant position. There was a Quorum

1. Public Comment, None at this time.
2. Approval of the minutes for 9/23/2020, motion by Director Dunn, seconded by West, 4yes, 1 abstention, 1 absent,
3. Approval of Warrants, none at this time,
4. Board of Directors brief report, none at this time, Director Stump reported PUC not in favor of Frontier filing for Bankruptcy, Fred will have more to say at the 10/28 meeting. Jason also added that AT&T has rolled into Radio 911 Project.
5. Director B Vacancy. A letter of appointment to be sent to the Mono Co. Board of Supervisors regarding Matt Doonan. It will request they appoint Matt to the open position as a Director B. His term will be from 10/28/2020 to 11/30/2020, Matt will then have a term from 12/1/2020 to 11/30/2024. Roll call was taken for Matt Doonan's appointment, Director Mitchell yes, Director West yes, Director Dunn yes, Director Bassett yes, Director Doonan abstention, Director Moss absent.
6. Staff Presentation and Discussion of Districts Participation in the OVGA Groundwater Sustainability Plan Preparation Process. Specifically District Engagement in OVGA Community outreach and sustainability Criteria Development Processes. OVGA will prepare a plan to cover the ENTIRE BASIN. TVGWMD should come up with SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA, OR 1. No engagement, 2 TVGWMD or attend the OVGA meetings, 3 TVGWMD PROVIDE SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA, 04 TVGWMD GO TO MONO CO and plead their case for pulling out of OVGA. What regulatory powers does the plan have?
7. Discussion of the process and schedule for the district to reclaim their GSA. In order to reclaim our GSA we should hold public hearings, then a letter to DWR is prepared and then we should pester DWR continuously,
8. Schedule next meeting October 28, 2020 at the Benton Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
9. Adjournment

**EXHIBIT C**  
**MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY**  
**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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TO:            Board of Directors, Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District

FROM:        Jason Canger, District Counsel

DATE:        November 18, 2020

RE:           District Sustainable Groundwater Management and Activities – Future Plans and Goals

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**Recommended Action**

- (1) Discuss and direct staff to take steps under the Water Code related to the District reclaiming its status as a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including direction to prepare and send a letter to the Mono County Board of Supervisors requesting the County’s withdrawal from the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) ;
- (2) Discuss OVGA community outreach and engagement activities and direct members and staff to participate in those activities; and
- (3) Discuss the District’s future groundwater management goals and activities and how to pay for them.

**Fiscal Impact**

Nominal impacts associated with publishing notice of hearing as required to SGMA for hearing on groundwater sustainability agency status and potential impacts related to District’s future goals and activities.

**Discussion**

A.        Reclaiming Groundwater Sustainability Agency Status. In order for the District to reclaim its status as a groundwater sustainability agency under SGMA, the District must hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution memorializing its decision to become the groundwater sustainability for its portion of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). Prior to holding the public hearing, the District must publish notice of the hearing in a local newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks such that the notice is published for at least 14 days. The District must receive any public comment presented at the hearing. Thereafter, the District Board may approve or not approve a resolution memorializing its decision to become the groundwater Board of Directors, Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District

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sustainability agency for its portion of the Basin. If the District decides to become a groundwater sustainability agency, within 30 days, it must notify the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its decision and intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in its portion of the Basin. That notice must also include the District's service area boundaries (if any); the portion of the basin the District intends to manage; the other agencies managing or proposing to manage groundwater within the basin; a copy of the resolution adopted by the District; a copy of any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities adopted by the District; and a list of interested parties and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the groundwater sustainability agency and the development and implementation a groundwater sustainability plan (if any).

Based on the District Board's previous interest in again becoming a groundwater sustainability agency for its portion of the Basin, staff recommends that the Board schedule the required public hearing to become a groundwater sustainability at the District's next meeting, in December 2020, and direct staff to prepare the required notice of public hearing for publication. If the Board's next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020, then the notice must be published in a local newspaper 14 days prior to the meeting/hearing. Out of an abundance of caution, staff recommends that the notice be published beginning no later than Sunday, November 29, 2020 and continue up to (or through) the date of the hearing, December 16, 2020. At the hearing, the Board will adjourn its regularly scheduled meeting and open the public hearing in order to describe the purpose of the hearing, describe the action the Board is considering, and to receive any public comment. After receiving public comment, the Board will either approve or not approve the resolution to become the groundwater sustainability agency. If the Board decides to become a groundwater sustainability agency, then staff will prepare and transmit to DWR notice of the District's intent to be the groundwater sustainability and perform sustainable groundwater manage within its portion of the Basin with the materials and information described above.

It is unclear whether the District will be able to reclaim its status since the DWR has recognized the OVGA as the groundwater sustainability agency for the entire Basin. However, the District's argument in support of again becoming the groundwater sustainability agency for its portion of the Basin is likely to be stronger if, in fact, Mono County has withdrawn and no longer a member of the District. Accordingly, it is recommended that the District direct staff to prepare and send a letter to the Mono County Board of Supervisors requesting the County's withdrawal from the OVGA. Any such letter should clearly describe the District's position and reasons for withdrawing from the OVGA, its concerns with OVGA regulation of the District portion of the Basin, and its interests in reclaiming its status as the groundwater sustainability agency for its portion of the Basin. Any withdrawal from the OVGA or response in support of the District's request from the Board of Supervisors should be noted in the District's notification sent to DWR.

It is anticipated that the Mono County Board of Supervisors will have an item on one of its December 2020 meeting agendas to discuss the County's continued participation in the OVGA. Accordingly, staff recommends that the District direct staff to prepare a letter requesting that the Board of Supervisors withdrawal the County from the OVGA based on the reasons identified and discussed by the Board at this meeting. In addition, staff recommends that Board members attend any meeting of the Board of Supervisors where the County's membership in the OVGA is discussed to offer its comments on the Board of Supervisors' decision to continue its membership in the OVGA.

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B. OVGA Community Engagement and Outreach. At its previous meeting, the Board expressed interest in continuing to participate in the OVGA's outreach and engagement activities, so as to provide the OVGA its comments and interests on its preparation of a groundwater sustainability plan, including the development of sustainability criteria for inclusion in that plan. Currently, the OVGA is working to prepare a draft plan by February or March 2021. However, it has not yet signaled when it will perform or conduct the outreach and engagement to communities and stakeholder within the Basin as required SGMA. The purpose of this part of the agenda item is to discuss Board members commitment to attending or participating in those activities.

C. Future District Goals and Activities. In addition to reclaiming the District's status as groundwater sustainability agency for its portion of the Basin and participating in the OVGA, the Board previously expressed several different ideas regarding future groundwater management goals and activities that it might take in the future. The purpose of this part of the agenda item is to allow Board members to continue to discuss and identify additional possible goals and activities for groundwater management in the District and how the Board might pay for them.