

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carol Ann Mitchell, chairperson

Phil West, Vice-Chairperson

Marion Dunn, Secretary

Richard Moss

Dr. Dave Doonan

Geri Bassett

Matt Doonan

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

December 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

TELE/VIDEO CONFERENCE ONLY – NO PHYSICAL LOCATION

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## AGENDA

### Roll Call

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of Minutes for (i) October 28, 2020 Meeting and (ii) November 18, 2020 Meeting – see Exhibits A and B
3. Correspondence (if any)
4. Brief Report of Director Activities
5. Selection of 2021 Board Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Webmaster)
6. Designation of 2021 Board Assignments
7. Continued Discussion of Revising District Advisory Board
8. Staff Discussion of “Appointment In Lieu of Election” Forms – see Exhibit C
9. Discussion of December 10, 2020 Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Meeting
10. Discussion of December 15, 2020 Mono County Board of Supervisors Meeting
11. Presentation by Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Staff: “SGMA Community Outreach: Discussion of Owens Valley Basin Groundwater Management Plan and Sustainability Criteria”
12. District Regaining Groundwater Sustainability Agency Status
  - a. Direct staff to schedule hearing at January 2021 meeting and prepare resolution/related materials
  - b. Direct staff to publish a notice of hearing according to SGMA requirements
  - c. Direct staff to post notice of hearing in other locations throughout
13. Say Good-Bye to Ex-Officio Member, Mono County D2 Supervisor Fred Stump and District Counsel, Mono Deputy County Counsel Jason Canger
14. Schedule January 2021 meeting
15. Public Comment

### Adjournment

# EXHIBIT A

## MINUTES

### MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

OCTOBER 28, 2020

Teleconference – No Physical Location

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carol Ann Mitchell at 6:35 p.m. Following is a record of roll call of the Board:

**Present:** Carol Ann Mitchell, Phil West, Richard Moss, Dave Doonan, Geri Bassett, and Matt Doonan, and Mono Supervisor Stump

**Absent:** Marion Dunn

**Public Comment:** No public comment was given

#### **Brief Report of Director Activities**

#### **Correspondence:**

Attachment A and B of the agenda were discussed by Counsel Jason Canger, which was a request for well log data in the district's possession (no dates given) made by Alisa Ellsworth of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife under the Freedom of Information Act. Marion Dunn and Carol Ann Mitchell will be handling preparing the district records and County Counsel will handle all communication between the District and the CDFW.

#### **Discussion of District Appointments to the Board of Directors**

Matt Doonan has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacated seat on the Board. Director Matt Doonan will be appointed to a full term of 4 years starting in 2021. Directors Geri Bassett and Phil West will begin full four years terms beginning 2021 also. Director Dave Doonan will be reappointed to a full terms beginning in 2021.

#### **Discussion of October 8, 2020 OVGA Meeting**

A report was given by Director Stump and Counsel Canger on the meeting held by the Owens Valley Groundwater Management Authority in which there was a presentation by the consultant on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

#### **Discussion of TVGMD participation in the OVGA Community Engagement/ Community Engagement process**

# EXHIBIT A

The OVGA is requesting district participation in their Community Engagement process of the Groundwater Sustainability plan for the Owens Valley Basin. Director Doonan felt that it was not productive for the TVGMD Board members to attend the OVGA meetings when we are no longer members and have no vote on their Board. Director Doonan felt that that a workshop type meeting was needed to go through some planning issues by the Board to outline and then form a response to OVGA. Directors West and Bassett felt we needed a unified response to OVGA on this matter. The Board agreed with Director Doonan's approach on a workshop. Wendy Sugimura from Mono County suggested a report from staff might help. Director Doonan stated that we are not obligated to comply with any OVGA timeline or comments on their plan as we have been rated a low priority basin and withdrawn from OVGA.

## **Reviving interest in Advisory Board**

This matter was tabled.

## **Discussion of Schedule for District Reclaiming Groundwater Sustainability Agency Status**

Counsel Canger reported on the process for requesting GSA status from DWR. He defined the process for the Board. A public hearing notice will have to be published first, along with a resolution presented to the Board by staff outlining the action for the community.

## **Selection of officers for 2021**

This matter was tabled.

## **Closed Session with Legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation in accordance with Govt. Code section 54956.9 regarding the endangered species act exposure to liability related to Owens Valley pupfish.**

A motion to adjourn to closed session made by Director Dave Doonan and was seconded by Director West. Motion was unanimously carried by the members present. The meeting was closed to the public at 8:00 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken by the Board during closed session.

# EXHIBIT A

## Adjournment

A motion adjourn the meeting until November 18 2020 was made by Director Doonan and seconded by Director West. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Ann Mitchell, Chair

# EXHIBIT B

## MINUTES

### MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

November 18 2020 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, Bassett, Doonan were in attendance Directors absent Moss, West.

1. Public Comment, None at this time.
2. Approval of the minutes of the October 7, 2020 minutes, Director D. Doonan made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Director Bassett, all in favor Directors Dunn, Mitchell, Doonan and Bassett, Directors absent West and Moss,
3. Approval of Warrants, Attached is a Bill for Zoom( is for the year), Director Mitchell paid the bill asking for reimbursement, Director Dunn made a motion to reimburse Director Mitchell, seconded by director Bassett, all in favor Directors Dunn, Bassett, D.Doonan, M.Doonan, Mitchell, absent Director Moss and West,
4. Correspondence, none at this time,
5. Board of Directors brief report, Supervisor Stump gave a brief report on the fire in Walker, 160 homes lost, one casualty, Toyabi Health Center destroyed,
6. Discussion Regarding Advertising/Soliciting for Advisory Board Members, table this item till another time,
7. Discussion of the November 12, 2020 Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Meeting, nothing at this time,
8. Discussion and Possible Action Related to District Sustainable Groundwater Management and Activities, no action taken at this time,
9. Discussion of Public Hearing for December 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, no action taken at this time,
10. Public Comment, non at this time,
11. Adjournment 8:25 p.m.

# EXHIBIT C

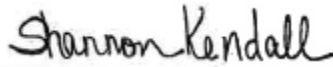
## Appointment in Lieu of Election

State of California, County of Mono  
[EC §10515]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515(b), **Dave Doonan**, was Appointed in Lieu of Election to the **TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**. The appointment was made on November 3, 2020, by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Witness my hand and official seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Shannon Kendall



Mono County Clerk-Recorder/ Registrar of Voters

## Oath of Office

State of California  
County of Mono

I, **Dave Doonan**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

**Name of Office: TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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*Signature*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

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*Signature of Person Administering the Oath*

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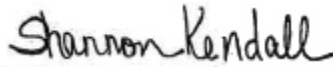
## Appointment in Lieu of Election

State of California, County of Mono  
[EC §10515]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515(b), **Geri Bassett**, was Appointed in Lieu of Election to the **TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**. The appointment was made on November 3, 2020, by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Witness my hand and official seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Shannon Kendall



Mono County Clerk-Recorder/ Registrar of Voters

## Oath of Office

State of California  
County of Mono

I, **Geri Bassett**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

**Name of Office: TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

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# EXHIBIT C

## Appointment in Lieu of Election

State of California, County of Mono  
[EC §10515]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515(b), **Matt Doonan**, was Appointed in Lieu of Election to the **TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**. The appointment was made on November 3, 2020, by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Witness my hand and official seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Shannon Kendall



Mono County Clerk-Recorder/ Registrar of Voters

## Oath of Office

State of California  
County of Mono

I, **Matt Doonan**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

**Name of Office: TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

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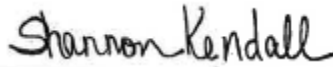
## Appointment in Lieu of Election

State of California, County of Mono  
[EC §10515]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515(b), **Phillip West III**, was Appointed in Lieu of Election to the **TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**. The appointment was made on November 3, 2020, by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Witness my hand and official seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

Shannon Kendall



Mono County Clerk-Recorder/ Registrar of Voters

## Oath of Office

State of California  
County of Mono

I, **Phillip West III**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

**Name of Office: TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

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*Signature of Person Administering the Oath*

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