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Geri Bassett

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Rhonda Duggan, Mono County District 2 Supervisor (Ex-Officio Member)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (Final)

February 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Roll Call

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of Minutes for December 2020 and January 2021 (See Attachments A and B)
3. Approval of Warrants (See Attachment C)
4. Brief Report of Director Activities
5. Discussion of request by Director Doonan to change enabling legislation to allow for leaseholders of property in the Tri-Valley area to hold office on Board of Directors (See Attachment D)
6. Posting of notice about District Advisory Board vacancies
7. Report on Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) Meeting and Activities
8. Presentation on Tri-Valley Well Vulnerability Assessment
9. Possible Grant Opportunity for a Tri-Valley Groundwater Model through IRWM and SGMA collaboration.
10. Schedule March 2021 meeting
11. Public Comment on any matter
12. Adjournment

Attach "A"

MINUTES

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

December 16 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 and West were in attendance Directors absent Moss.

1. **Public Comment:** none at this time.
2. **Approval of the minutes :** A motion to approve the October 28, and November 18, 2020 minutes was moved by Director D. Doonan, seconded by Director Bassett. All in favor Directors Dunn, Mitchell, D Doonan, Bassett , M Doonan and West. Absent ; Moss.
3. **Approval of Warrants:** none at this time.
4. **Correspondence:** none at this time.
5. **Selection of 2021 Board Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Webmaster)** The officers for 2021 will be:
 - Chair-Carol Ann Mitchell
 - Vice-Chair: Phil West
 - Webmaster: Phil West

Director Dave Doonan moved, Geri Bassett seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows: Dave Doonan, Matt Doonan, Geri Bassett, Phil West, Marion Dunn, Carol Ann Mitchell, and director Moss was absent.

6. **Designation of 2021 Board Assignments:** Director Bassett will attend the OVGA meetings and report back to the Board.
7. **District Advisory Board:** Director Mitchell will post vacancies on social media in the area. We will try to announce in free community calendars.
8. **Staff Discussion of "Appointment in Lieu of election" Forms-see Exhibit C.** The Oath of office was administered to Matt Doonan and Dave Doonan. These Directors will sign their Oaths and forward to Jason Canger to be sent to Mono County.
9. **Discussion of the December 10, 2020 OVGA meeting:** OVGA is asking Mono County to refrain from withdrawing from the OVGA until the study on a GSP is completed. Mono Supervisors have voted 4-1 in December to consider withdrawal when the plan is complete. Question on whether the Grant can continue. Mono County have a concern the OVGA folks will return a portion of the Grant Funds.
10. **Public Comment:** none at this time.

11. **Presentation by Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Staff: “ SGMA Community Outreach: Discussion of Owens Valley Basin Groundwater Management Plan and Sustainability Criteria”.** SGMA Eric Steinwand, provided plans on the development of sustainability criteria required as part of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan developed by their consultant. A discussion ensued with the Board. The TVGMD would like to review all communications to the public before it is released. The Board is concerned about confusion arising from OVGA.

a. District Regaining Groundwater Sustainability Agency status:

The District Board will pursue GSA status. A Public Hearing will be noticed for January. Jason Canger will prepare documents for the Hearing before leaving 1/15/21.

12. Good-bye to Fred Stump, and Jason Canger, We will miss them both very much
13. Next meeting January 27,2021
14. Adjournment was at 9:17 P.M.

Attach "B"

MINUTES

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

January 27, 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 D., Bassett, Doonan, M and West were in attendance. Director Moss was absent.

1. **Public Comment** : Jarrett Phillips addressed the Board. There are some farmers in the area who are leaseholders and would like to have a position on the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Board. Could the District amend the legislation to accommodate these farmers? Director Doonan asked to have this on the next agenda.
2. **Correspondence**: The second public records request by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife representative was taken care of by Deputy County Counsel Jason Canger before his departure from the County.
3. **Welcome New Mono County Supervisor for District 2, Rhonda Duggan**. Supervisor Duggan discussed the following:
 - a. Help is needed for the 2/12 covid-19 vaccination clinic in Benton.
 - b. Census Re-districting will start around the end of April.
4. **Brief Report of Directors Activities**: Director Phil West will have the bill for the web site and domain name. A discussion ensued. A motion to approve was made but later the motion was withdrawn. This matter will be considered in February.
5. **Continued Discussion of Revising District Advisory Board**: Carol Ann and Marion will work on the revision of the advisory board, also Phil West suggested helping.
6. **Discussion of OVGA Meeting**: It was agreed we should start monitoring the OVGA meetings.
7. **Public Hearing-District Decision to become a GSA (Water Code) 10723**: The chair opened the public hearing at 7:10p.m. A discussion ensued on possible postponement because there had been no mail for 2 days. There were no comments received by phone, email, or to the website. Wendy Sugimura noted that the Board did not have to consider mail that was not received in time for the hearing. The chair asked for comments from the public. A man named Jake stated he wanted to encourage the Board to move forward with the Resolution asking the Department of Water Resources to approve TVGMD as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. He further stated that local representation on groundwater issues was critical to the area. Following further discussion, a motion to adopt Resolution 21-01

was made by Director Doonan. The motion was seconded by Director West. The motion was carried as follows:

Ayes: Mitchell, Basset, Doonan, D, West, Dunn, and Doonan, M

Noes: None

Absent: Moss

The Board requested to be notified when the Resolution and GSA application is filed.

8. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Director West and seconded by Director Bassett . The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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SB-1084 Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District. (2017-2018)

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Senate Bill No. 1084

CHAPTER 111

An act to amend Sections 401, 402, 403, 404, and 802 of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act (Chapter 844 of the Statutes of 1989), relating to groundwater management district.

[Approved by Governor July 16, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State July 16, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1084, Berryhill. Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District.

Existing law, the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act, creates the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District consisting of specified areas of eastern Mono County. The act requires the board of directors of the district to consist of 7 members, one member being a county supervisor and 6 members being residents of the district who are owners of real property within the district elected at large from the district, 3 of whom have on their property extraction facilities capable of pumping at least 100 gallons per minute exclusive of domestic use.

This bill would provide that the county supervisor member is an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board. The bill would add an additional elected member who is required to be a resident of the district and owner of real property within the district. The bill would provide that this additional member shall be elected initially at the November 3, 2020, general election and before the term of that elected member may be appointed by the board of directors, as specified.

The act requires the board to adopt rules for the carrying out of its business and authorizes the board to establish zones of benefit within the district.

This bill would instead authorize the board to adopt rules for the carrying out of its business and would provide certain purposes for which the board is authorized to establish zones of benefit within the district.

The act requires the board to appoint a Groundwater Advisory Board consisting of 15 persons, 5 each who reside in the Valleys of Benton, Chalfant, and Hammil, are eligible to vote, and reside within the boundaries of the district. The act requires 5 members of the advisory board to reside in each of the Valleys of Benton, Chalfant, and Hammil. The act requires the advisory board to adopt procedural rules and to meet at least once each quarter.

This bill would instead authorize the board to appoint the advisory board, would not specify the number of members of the advisory board, and would provide that to the greatest extent practicable, the board is required to appoint members to the advisory board so that the residents of each of the 3 valleys are equally represented. The bill would instead authorize the advisory board to adopt procedural rules and to meet, as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 401 of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act (Chapter 844 of the Statutes of 1989) is amended to read:

Sec.401. (a) The board of directors of the district shall consist of eight members as follows:

(1) One member shall be a county supervisor appointed by the board of supervisors as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

(2) Four members shall be residents of the district who are the owners of record of real property located within the district. These members shall be elected at large from the district, except as provided in subdivision (d).

(3) Three members shall be residents of the district who are the owners of record of real property located within the district, and on which property there are extraction facilities capable of pumping at least 100 gallons per minute exclusive of domestic use. These members shall be elected at large from the district.

(b) A quorum of the board of directors shall be four of the voting members. Four affirmative votes of the board shall be required to take an action.

(c) Of the seven members of the board elected at large, terms of office shall be four years. Members of the board of directors may be reelected.

(d) The member added to the board by the act that added this subdivision shall be elected for an initial term at the November 3, 2020, general election. Until a member is elected to that seat on the board, the vacant seat may be appointed by the board pursuant to subdivision (f).

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this act, the Uniform District Election Law (Part 3 (commencing with Section 23500) of Division 14 of the Elections Code) shall apply to elections within the district.

(f) Except for the board member who is a supervisor, vacancies on the board shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining directors as provided in Section 1780 of the Government Code. An appointment to fill a vacancy on the board shall be for the unexpired portion of the term of the office in which the vacancy occurs.

SEC. 2. Section 402 of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act (Chapter 844 of the Statutes of 1989) is amended to read:

Sec. 402. The board may adopt rules for the carrying out of its business. The board shall exercise the powers of the district as set forth in this act.

SEC. 3. Section 403 of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act (Chapter 844 of the Statutes of 1989) is amended to read:

Sec. 403. The board may appoint a Groundwater Advisory Board consisting of persons who are eligible to vote and who reside within the boundaries of the district. A quorum of the advisory board shall be a majority of the number of persons appointed to the advisory board. To the greatest extent practicable based on persons' interest in serving on the advisory board, the board shall appoint members to the advisory board so that the residents of each of the Valleys of Benton, Chalfant, and Hamill are equally represented.

SEC. 4. Section 404 of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act (Chapter 844 of the Statutes of 1989) is amended to read:

Sec. 404. (a) The advisory board may meet at least once each quarter at a location within the district and shall comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code).

(b) The advisory board may adopt procedural rules for the conduct of its business.

SEC. 5. Section 802 of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act (Chapter 844 of the Statutes of 1989) is amended to read:

Sec. 802. (a) The board may establish zones of benefit within the district for the purpose of carrying out activities including, but not limited to, planning, studies, or any management program of the district or any joint powers agency of which it is a member. Resolution of the board shall describe the boundaries of the zones of benefit.

(b) The board may amend zone of benefit boundaries by annexing property to or by withdrawing property from a zone, or may divide a zone into two or more zones. Resolutions of the board shall describe the boundaries of the amended or divided zones. Zones of benefit created by annexation shall not include lands outside the boundaries of the district.