

**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, January 22, 2025 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. Advisory Board.**
  - A. Report.**
  - B.**
- 2. Public Comment.**
- 3. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting.  
(See attachment # 3)**
- 4. Update from the Strategic Plan committee.**
- 5. TV Groundwater Model Project**
  - A. Update**
  - B. Discussion and possible vote on holding a special meeting on March 26, 2025 for update from contractor.**
- 6. Brown Act review presentation.**
- 7. Board of Directors reports.**
- 8. Adjournment to Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at the Chalfant Community Center.**

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**Attach. Item #3**

**MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting of November 20, 2024 6:30 P.M.  
Benton Community Center**

Chairperson Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. The meeting was held in person.

**Roll Call:**

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

Directors Absent: Mitchell, Parkinson, and Duggan (out-of-town business meeting)

Advisory Board (A.B.) present: McDonald

Mono County (M.C.) Personnel in attendance: County Council (C.C.) Chris Beck

**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.**

C.C. Beck administered the oath of office to the 4 Board members that were appointed in lieu of election. Oath certificates were signed by C.C. Beck and the re-appointed Board members. C.C. Beck to bring the certificates to the Elections Clerk. Originals will be returned to the appointees.

**2. Advisory Board.**

**A. Report.**

A.B. McDonald reported that:

- The A.B. held a meeting on November 18, 2024. They discussed the draft Strategic Plan but did not take any action as they still need to hear from 3 or 4 of the Board members with their input to the Plan.
- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) transducer project is progressing. DWR representatives were in the Tri-Valley the first part of November to determine possible locations for transducers to be put in private wells.
- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 3, 2025; 6:30 PM in Chalfant.

**3. Public Comment.**

None.

**4. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the October 23, 2024 meeting. (See attachment # 4)**

A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Director Doonan and seconded by Director Rhodes.

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

Nayes – none.

Absent – Directors Mitchell and Parkinson

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### **5. Update from the Strategic Plan committee.**

A.B. McDonald reported that the Strategic Plan Committee, comprised of A.B. McDonald and Phillips and Directors Mitchell and Rhodes, had not met again. They are waiting for the remaining Board members to submit their priorities for the Plan. Chairperson Allen to send an email to the remaining Board members to remind them about the requested Strategic Plan input.

### **6. Update on the tax ID needed for Directors insurance.**

Chairperson Allen reported that he has not heard anything from Jeff Hughes, Mono County Deputy Council, or Director Duggan about the tax I.D. (EIN). They were researching this for the TVGMD. During the meeting, C.C. Beck searched the IRS and Franchise Tax Board websites. He was able to find the EIN, which is 95-6065228.

### **7. Update on installation of I.T. equipment in the Benton and Chalfant Community Centers.**

#### **A. Type of equipment being installed.**

Director Bassett reported that she had received an email from Mono County I.T. Mike Martinez. The email said that 65 inch monitors, mobile speakers, and wireless microphones were installed in the Benton and Chalfant Community Centers. They can be used in conjunction with the OWL system that allows for remote participants to also see in person participants. Training is going to be coming out, probably during the first few weeks of December.

#### **B. Having someone to run the computer needed for video requirements.**

Director Bassett said that she feels that most, if not all, of the Board members should attend the training. Any interested public can send her their email address and she will make sure they get notification of the training. This is to ensure that someone is available to operate the equipment during meetings.

A.B. McDonald suggested that we look for high school students in need of community service hours to operate the equipment. Chairperson Allen replied that that would be a good thing to look into.

### **8. Update on the ADA/public transparency issue for the TVGMD website.**

Director Rhodes reported that:

- He received a response from Hughesnet on their ability to provide the ADA and public transparency assistance that we need for the TVGMD website. They do not have the all-inclusive service that CSDA offers.
- They did provide a web accessibility evaluation website that will flag non-compliant issues on the website. Activating this produced about 70 errors on the TVGMD website that may be non-compliant.
- He will continue to work with Hughesnet to resolve these issues.

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### **9. Discussion and possible action on canceling the December 18, 2024 TVGMD meeting.**

Chairperson Allen and Director Doonan reported that they would not be available to attend the December 18, 2024 meeting.

After some discussion about potential agenda items for the December 2024 and January and February 2025 meetings, a motion to cancel the December 18, 2024 meeting was made by Director Bassett and seconded by Director Doonan.

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

Nays – none.

Absent – Directors Mitchell and Parkinson

### **10. Discussion and possible approval of the proposed 2025 meeting dates. (See attachment #10)**

Director Doonan suggested that we switch to quarterly meetings. This would make meetings a little longer but less frequent, thereby helping to avoid time conflicts with other meetings and commitments. The Board would still have the ability to call a special meeting as needed if a situation arose needing more immediate Board discussion/response.

C.C. Beck reported that he sees in the archives a rule from 1990 requiring monthly meetings, but, that it does not appear that the rule was actually approved and adopted. C.C. Beck and Director Bassett will continue to search the electronic and hard copy archives for anything additional on this rule.

For many years, previous to the enactment of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), meetings were most often quarterly.

A.B. McDonald reminded the Board that the A.B. would need sufficient notice of a special meeting to allow them time to have an A.B. meeting to discuss and comment as needed on potential Board action. This was acknowledged by Chairperson Allen.

After some discussion regarding the proposed dates and potential agenda items for the January and February 2025 meetings, a motion to confirm the following dates for 2025 was made by Director Doonan and seconded by Director Rhodes. The proposed March, April, July, August, and October meeting dates will be canceled.

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

Nays – none.

Absent – Directors Mitchell and Parkinson

#### **2025 TVGMD meeting dates will be:**

January 22 in Benton

February 26 in Chalfant

June 4 in Benton

September 24 in Chalfant

December 3 in Benton

Director Bassett will reserve the Community Centers for the appropriate dates.

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### **11. Board of Directors reports.**

Director Moss mentioned that it appears that the monitoring wells being installed in Hammil Valley area are under way. One appears to be done and another in progress.

Director Rhodes mentioned that there is a third monitoring well being installed in the Fish Slough area. The agencies involved in that well are unclear.

A.B. McDonald asked about any progress on the Groundwater Model project. The answer is that the contract between M.C. and DBS&A was just finalized during the November 12, 2024 M.C. Board of Supervisors meeting. The data transfer and other in-house issues would be worked on next. TVGMD doesn't expect to hear from M.C. or the Inyo County Water Department on this until after the first of the new year.

### **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.**

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

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

Nays – none.

Absent – Directors Mitchell and Parkinson

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

**The next regular meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.  
at the Benton Community Center.**

**Geri Bassett, Secretary, TVGMD**

attachment <sup>item</sup> # 5

**From:** Timothy Moore <tmoore@inyocounty.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 9, 2025 11:37 AM  
**To:** gmb29515@gmail.com  
**Cc:** bcalloway@mono.ca.gov; Erin Bauer; Christopher Beck; Holly Alpert; Tolley, Gus  
**Subject:** Tri-Valley Model update for 1/22/2024 TVGMD Board Meeting

Hi Geri,

Holly and I are not planning on attending your 1/22/2024 Board meeting but below is an update on the Tri-Valley Modeling Project:

Mono County finalized contracting with DBS&A and the kick-off meeting was on 12/19/2024. The initial data transfer to DBS&A has also been completed. DBS&A is currently working on updating the hydrogeologic conceptual model (HCM) and DPWM ([https://ovga.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/DPWM\\_TriValley\\_FINAL.pdf](https://ovga.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/DPWM_TriValley_FINAL.pdf)). You have a confirmed January and February Board meeting and then not another meeting until June 2025. Do you think you can schedule a Board meeting in late March (preferably in Chalfant) for DBS&A to come and give a presentation on their work to-date including the HCM update?

Kind Regards,

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