

**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, August 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Chalfant Community Center**  
**123 Valley Rd., Bishop, 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.**
  - B. **Recommendation and possible action on renewing term of office for one year for Gina Barsi.**
2. **Public Comment.**
3. **Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the July 24, 2024 meeting. (See attachment # 3)**
4. **Update on candidacy papers submitted for the November 2024 election. (See attachment # 4)**
5. **Update on the Directors insurance.**
6. **Update on response to Bishop Tribal Council regarding letter received from them (item # 5 of April 24, 2024 TVGMD meeting).**
7. **Update from the Strategic Plan committee.**
8. **Board of Directors reports.**
9. **Adjournment to Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Benton Community Center.**

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MINUTES**

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item #3

**MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Regular Meeting of July 24, 2024 6:30 P.M.  
Benton Community Center**

Chairperson Allen called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. The meeting was held in person.

**Roll Call:**

Directors Present: Allen, Moss, Mitchell, Parkinson (at 6:40), Rhodes, Doonan, Bassett.

Directors Absent: Duggan.

Advisory Board (A.B.) present: Barth (at approx. 6:55)

Mono County (M.C.) Personnel in attendance: None

**1. Advisory Board.**

**A. Report**

None – no Advisory Board present at start of meeting.

**B. Recommendation and possible action on renewing terms of office for one year for Gina Barsi.**

Not addressed as no A.B. present at start of meeting.

**2. Public Comment.**

None.

**3. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the May 29, 2024 meeting and the June 18, 2024 Special 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 Moss.

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

Nays – none.

Absent – Director Parkinson not present yet.

**4. Update by C.C. Beck or Director Bassett on the Groundwater Model Project. (See attachment # 4).**

Director Bassett reported that:

- the final RFP was sent to potential bidders at the end of June
- there were very minimal changes from the draft RFP
- due date for submission to Tim Moore, Inyo County Water Department, is August 16, 2024 at 5 PM
- as of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is anticipated that neither Holly Alpert nor Tim Moore will be present at the August 28, 2024 TVGMD meeting

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### **5. Update and possible action on the Directors insurance. (See attachment # 5).**

Director Allen reported that he had received the quote for Director's insurance from Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA). Terms of policy coverage and cost breakdown are included in the attachment. He believes that this is the type of coverage the Board needs and, after having received no response from the contacts he made with Mono County, that the Board should proceed with securing coverage.

Director Mitchell, who had originally started the research on this issue, commented that she believes the price of \$3018 annually is reasonable.

A motion to move forward with getting the coverage was made by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Parkinson.

Vote - ayes – Directors Allen, Moss, Mitchell, Parkinson, Doonan, Rhodes, and Bassett.  
Nays – none.

Director Allen is to contact GSRMA to start the coverage process.

### **6. Update on the status of TVGMD website and email address and recommendations for website content.**

Webmaster Director Rhodes reported that the website has been up and running for a few months now. The home page has general information and the meeting schedule. There are other pages listing the agenda packets, Tri-Valley weather information, DWR (Department of Water Resources) news, the Board of Directors, and the TVGMD map. Anyone with appropriate pictures to put on the website can send them to him. He will set the site up to toggle through whatever series of pictures he is sent. Panoramas don't appear as clear, but any other format should be fine.

Director Bassett requested that the color used for the meeting and agenda dates be made a little darker as the current color is hard to read with the very light background. She also reported that the TVGMD email has been working fine since Director Rhodes got it restarted.

### **7. Update of the 2023 Strategic Plan. (See attachment # 7).**

#### **A. Review plan and prepare Summary of Accomplishments.**

#### **B. Prepare Strategic Plan update for 2024/25; possible committee selection.**

A and B were basically addressed at the same time.

Suggestions/comments from the public were:

- to put an actual start and end date (month and year) on the plan
- add a calendar and put dates on specific goals
- having specific dates on goals makes them more concrete
- progress has been made on some of the issues
- some of the items in the plan were pretty ambitious and may not be realistic
- having the preparation of a GSP (Groundwater Sustainability Plan) in the Strategic Plan is probably a bit premature as there is no funding for that type of work for a basin that has a DWR priority rating of low.

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It was decided that the best way to handle the plan summary and update was to set up a committee of Board and Advisory Board members to work on it and bring it back to the Board for review.

Director Allen asked for a Board member that is not currently working on a project to volunteer to head the committee. He did not get any volunteers. Director Mitchell said that she would be willing to take on that additional task, starting with contacting A.B. McDonald and Murphy. A.B. Barth will assist with that. It was agreed that the plan should be addressed as soon as possible, but that there was no real time constraint. It was also noted that many of the A.B. members had limited availability for the next month or so.

It was pointed out that TVGMD is a very small district run completely by volunteers.

### **8. Board of Directors reports.**

Director Bassett reported that:

- the candidacy paperwork packets for the 4 Board positions that are up for reelection in the November 5 election are now available. She has some extra packets if anyone is interested in one
- the due date for submitting the packet to the Elections Office is August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM
- an election information sheet was sent out to the TVGMD newsletter email address group, has been posted in Benton and Chalfant, and is on the TVGMD website

On the monitoring wells, Director Bassett reported that:

- Director Parkinson assisted in taking a new reading on the Benton well on July 11, 2024
- the reading was 130.88 feet; down 1.68 inches from April 2024 but up 11.6 inches from July 2023
- Director Mitchell assisted in taking a new reading on the Chalfant well on July 12, 2024
- the reading was 71.66 feet; down 5.52 inches from April 2024 but up 7.8 inches from July 2023

### **9. Adjournment to Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Chalfant Community Center.**

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

Vote – ayes – Directors Allen, Moss, Mitchell, Parkinson, Rhodes, Doonan, and Bassett.  
Nays – none.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

**The next regular meeting is Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.  
at the Chalfant Community Center.**

**Geri Bassett, Secretary, TVGMD**





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item #4

**COURTESY NOTICE**

Date: August 9, 2024  
To: Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District  
From: Mono County Elections  
Re: November 5, 2024, General Election

At the close of the filing period for the General Election, the following candidate(s) had filed a declaration of candidacy for a seat on the board of the **Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District**:

Donald Moss (Incumbent) Geraldine Marie Bassett (Incumbent) Matthew Doonan (Incumbent) Gregory Allen (Incumbent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 open seats</li><li>• <b>This race will not go to the ballot</b></li></ul>
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Pursuant to California Elections Code section 10515, the Board of Supervisors will appoint in lieu of election those persons who have filed declarations of candidacy by the close of the filing period, and will also make appointments to fill remaining open seats when fewer persons file than seats available, or when no one files.

Persons whose names are obtained through the process outlined above shall then be considered by the Board of Supervisors for appointment pursuant to Elections Code section 10515. Please contact me immediately if the information above does not match your records.

Sincerely,

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