

Special Meeting

**Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District
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Work Shop Minutes

7/12/2017

Chalfant Community Center

- 1. Roll Call, 5 Directors present , 2 Directors absent,**
- 2. Public Comment,** Rick Mitchell commented on exportation of water as a commodity, accountability to the communities, JPA provides no power to the community and only provides requests for fees. Peter Stickell reminded everyone the State passed the water legislation, the Ranchers are just trying to survive the SGMA they are the ones to be hit the hardest. Director Dunn suggested on 7/1/17 we could try for a new Basin Boundary modification.
- 3. Proposed Joint Powers Agreement(JPA) establishing the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority. Hear presentation from Bob Harrington of Inyo County regarding proposed JPA. Consider and potentially approve Districts entry into a JPA. Provide any desired direction to staff.** Bob Harrington went over the main events of the JPA, the Ag Businesses could be added into the JPA as a single Business.

4. Revenue Raising mechanisms to fund Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance, Hear presentation from Deputy County Counsel Jason Canger regarding the options available to the District to fund the costs of developing a groundwater sustainability plan under SGMA and to fund long-term implementation of and compliance with SGMA. Deputy County Counsel Jason Canger gave an overview of the funding mechanisms. In the conversation it was mentioned that the Grant that INYO put in for could be refunded in kind. Would the District be able to do this kind of 50% refund. But DWP would not have an in Kind return. The Board talked about taxes and fees. Nothing concrete.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.