



**SEM CU Foundation**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:00PM**  
*Ranchos Pizza Factory*  
*37184 Ave 12, Madera, CA*

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**Attendance**

**Board Members**

Jeff McGrath  
Verlaine Elinburg  
Igal Treibatch

**Others Present**

Jennifer Laughlin

- Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 5:57pm by Igal Treibatch
- Since Sarbjit will be unable to attend, Igal Treibatch made a motion that Jeff McGrath run the meetings until Sarbjit can resume; Verlaine seconded; all in favor.
- Previous Meeting Minutes** from 5/21/2018
- Corrections, Approval or Disposition – small correction made on grant amount typo; Igal made a motion to approve; Verlaine seconded; all in favor.
- Public Comments** - none
- Officer Reports**
- Sarbjit Johal – not in attendance
  - Jeff McGrath, Treasurer - Monthly Financial Report
    - Checking Balance: \$6,294.91
    - Low Flow: (\$7.86)
    - Washing Machine: \$34.00 in account but check due out for deficit of (\$2,228.50)
    - Received Trinity donation for dry wells for \$10,000. Jeff sent thank you note.
    - State refund \$15.00
    - Received a response regarding the \$5,000 tax penalty. It's under review for 60 days.

- Igal Treibatch, Secretary
  - Getting closer and closer to understanding the White Area and SGMA.
  - There is currently a bill in Sacramento that would limit water usage to 55 gallons per person per day, which would be very bad.
  - Working with an attorney to create a system for credits for water recharge.
  - \$500,000 grant needs 25% matching so better to get partners to put up money if we create credits.
  - Igal offered to write next article for Ranchos Independent on White Area/SGMA or ending of low flow grant (“use it or lose it”).

## ☐ Discussion Items

- RWMG Report - Al Solis read from minutes of meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> (full minutes available upon request)
  - 22 members in attendance, which is one of the biggest crowds they’ve had
  - Al attended the Ag roundtable on June 15, which focuses on Ag conservation easements
  - Statewide conference on water conservation coming up in Sacramento July 26-27
  - Gathering of Peacemakers in Yosemite in October focuses on three areas including Environment, Youth and Dignity
  - 80 projects being considered, which will be ranked by P&P
  - Workshop focusing on disadvantaged community involvement funding this Sun, June 24
  - Workshop Subbasin SGMA Monday, June 25 at Farm Bureau
  - Madera RWMG website will be managed by new “czarina” Stephanie A
  - New member Triangle T
  - Next meeting at Raley’s Supermarket on Monday, July 9
  
- Grant Reports
  - Report from Owen Kubit - Jennifer read from Owen’s email
    - 2014 Water-Energy Grant. This grant is winding down. We should keep giving out devices in the inventory, but otherwise have stopped spending money for the grant so we can wrap up the invoicing and reporting. We have requested a 2 month extension to prepare the final report.
    - 2016 Water-Energy Grant. All is going good. We now have approval for dishwasher rebates. Please spread the word. I will finish a progress report for approval this week.
  
  - Report from Anthony Forestiere - Jennifer read from Anthony’s email
    - Clif Bar Foundation denied our request for general operating funds.
    - Still have active applications with Walmart Foundation (4 different grant requests for ongoing operations funding).
    - Applied for \$5,000 ongoing operational support with Rose Foundation (Northern California Grassroots Grant)
    - Applied for \$5,000 ongoing operational support with Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino (Community Grant)
    - Will be applying for other grants upon his return on the 26th.

- Status of Dry Wells and Well Meters
  - Jennifer - Need to create some sort of tracking for completed dry well and current and future applications (can anyone help piece together past actions as Matt's files are somewhat haphazard?)
  - Jeff McGrath will send Jennifer what he has to help piece together
  
- Post Office Box
  - Stay with Verlaine's address or pursue something else?
  - Javier did not set up his mailboxes the way he should have so he was not an official mail stop. He only changed his own address.
  - Verlaine will work to create a list of frequent contacts to alert them of new address
  - Motion made by Igal to table discussion on postal box for now; Verlaine seconded; all in favor
  
- Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent
  - Progress on June article – Verlaine sent article in already
  - Igal to write for July
  
- Is Chamber moving? Rent increase so might have to downsize. Maybe find small office at the new County building.

**Next Foundation Meeting** - Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm

**Adjournment**

- Igal made a motion to adjourn; Verlaine seconded; all in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm