



**SEMCU Foundation
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 15th, 2018, 6:00PM
Ranchos Pizza Factory
37184 Ave 12, Madera, CA**

Attendance

Board Members

Jeff McGrath
Verlaine Elinburg
Igal Treibatch
Jeff Evers

Others Present

Jennifer Laughlin
Al Solis
Pauline Echevarria
Alex Arena

- Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Jeff McGrath

- Previous Meeting Minutes** from September 17th, 2018

- Corrections, Approval or Disposition – no changes
 - Igal made a motion to approve
 - Jeff E. seconded
 - all in favor

Public Comments

- Alex Arena came to the meeting to see if SEMCU could help with her well.
 - It went dry about 3 months ago and they are using a spare tank for water.
 - It will take \$25,000 to connect and they are 250 feet from the connection.
 - She has been told that Avenue 13 will be connected next year but also been told 2020, so not sure which is correct.
 - Igal asked if she had tried to negotiate with the county. She said they had tried to negotiate with the county and also the engineer.
 - The Board suggested that the county might be trying to get Alex and her husband to pay for the infrastructure (that will lead to others paying less to connect).
 - Igal suggested she call Brett Frazier; Igal gave her Frazier's phone number and name of Assistant, Melissa da Silva.
 - Verlaine and Jennifer each gave Alex their information to follow up.

❑ Officer Reports

- Jeff McGrath, Acting President
 - Red Rock is giving seniors a 10% discount. Jeff will send Jennifer a copy to post the form on the SEMCU website.

- Jeff McGrath, Treasurer - Monthly Financial Report
 - Received several checks from the DWR. One for the 2016 washing machine and dishwasher grant for \$2,718. The other check was for \$7,761 but it did not specify which grant. Assume it's the 2016 grant but Jeff to check with Owen.
 - We have enough to pay some bills, including Provost & Pritchard, Ranchos Independent and some Aug bills.
 - We have 39 rebate application not yet paid (\$13,650) and Jeff received a new stack at the meeting. Some rebates (some going back to April) will get paid now.
 - Checking Balance: \$252
 - Low Flow: \$1,592
 - Washing Machine: \$0 due to grant monies being paid out

- Igal Treibatch, Secretary
 - Driller had problems with his equipment
 - Building 3 of his property and 3 on county property
 - Using this to submit formula to state to apply for grant money to invest in the drywells.
 - Using money from donations and matching funds.

❑ Discussion Items

- RWMG Report - Al Solis read from minutes of meeting held on October 8th (full minutes available upon request)
 - 16 people in attendance
 - Residents from Indian Lakes made comment that - 2015 Indian Lakes lost a well serving 2,500 residents; they then took a look at water system. All the wells are now going into decline from usage.
 - Yosemite Peace Symposium will be held on October 26-27 at Tenaya Lodge
 - California Association of RCDs 2018 Annual Conference, topic "Celebrating Resilient Landscapes and Adaptive Communities" is in San Diego on November 14th – 17th
 - San Joaquin Valley Regional / Area IX Fall meeting is on Friday, October 19 at the Hanford Ag and NRCS Multi-Purpose Room, 680 Campus Drive, Hanford.
 - Self-Help Enterprises is conducting two Ground water workshops in October. The "Groundwater Quality & SGMA Roundtable" workshop will be on October 10 from 5 to 7:30 pm at Café 210 in Visalia. The second is "Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop" on October 27 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Marriott Hotel in Visalia.
 - Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council is holding their Annual meeting on October 25. This is held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building.
 - The next Madera County Agricultural Round Table will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Madera Community College Center in Room TM-11.
 - Nearly 2 Billion Now Available for Eligible Producers Affected by 2017 Wildfires and Hurricanes. Signup began July 16, 2018 and continues through Nov. 16, 2018.
 - LAFCO conference was held in Tenaya Lodge last week.

- IRWM Plan Update - discussed the second draft version of the IRWM Plan Update. The goal is to have this reviewed by this group and to receive comments by October 19 so that the final report can be completed by the November meeting.
- New information is the Executive Summary and accomplishments. They have also added the finance and grant section. They, QK staff, feel that it is very close to the final product. They will consult with the group at the November meeting. They are also requesting the everyone review the project list; this is the last time
- Due to the Plan Update completion, there needs to be a December meeting for the RWMG
- Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) The Madera Groundwater basins will be holding a joint meeting on October 18 at 2:00, this will be held at the Senior Center in Madera. All seven GSAs in the Madera sub-basin will be at the meeting at the Senior Center to report where they are and what they are doing.
- Round I – Arundo/Silt Removal Project - The County is still looking for landowners to sign-up for the silt removal. There are currently five applications that have been received, and the County staff are currently renegotiating the price for sand.
- Next meeting will be November 13, 2018 at 1:30pm at the Chowchilla City Hall (aka Civic Center), 130 S. Second Street, Chowchilla – the Training Room.
- The December meeting will be on December 10, 2018 location TBD.

– Grant Reports

- Report from Owen Kubit
 - Not in attendance
 - Jeff M to follow up with Owen about accounts and checks, as above.
- Report regarding grant writer - Anthony Forestiere resigned
 - Jennifer received a list of grants Anthony applied to and has spoken with him briefly about them (just the Friday before meeting).
 - Need to follow up on the some that are pending and some that we might be able to apply for again.
 - Jennifer to go through and get copies of the grant applications.
 - Verlaine approached 2 different people who have done grant writing before; will follow up with them.

– Status of Dry Wells and Well Meters

- Craig Wylie has been handling since Brad left
- Casey starting to drill soon

– Ranchos Independent

- Igal writing this month
- Jeff to write November

☐ Upcoming Events

- Riverstone Event (booths, vendors, etc.) [DATE – GET FROM VERLAINE]
- Craft Fair at the Senior Center on Saturday, October 20th. It's on the SEMCU website.

☐ **Next Foundation Meeting** – Monday, November 19th, 2018 at 6:00pm

☐ **Adjournment -**

- Igal made a motion to adjourn
- Jeff Evers seconded
- all in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm