



**SEMCU Foundation**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, August 20<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  
Jeff Evers

**Others Present**

Jennifer Laughlin  
Al Solis  
Owen Kubit  
Pauline Echevarria

- Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Jeff McGrath

- Previous Meeting Minutes** from 7/16/2018

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

- Public Comments** - none

**Officer Reports**

- Jeff McGrath, Acting President
  - Nothing to report
- Jeff McGrath, Treasurer - Monthly Financial Report
  - Checking Balance: \$1,186.07
  - Low Flow: (\$1,521.86)
  - Washing Machine: (\$6,098.50)
  - Waiting for money from DWR to pay rebates
- Igal Treibatch, Secretary
  - Since Brad had been ill, we need to see who is handling the Dry Well applications an process;  
Jennifer to reach out to Craig

## □ Discussion Items

- RWMG Report - Al Solis read from minutes of meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Chowchilla City Hall (full minutes available upon request)
  - 15 people in attendance
  - There will be a water workshop on October 2-3 from 9am-4pm at River Ranch in Springville, CA
  - Yosemite Peace Symposium will be held on October 26-27 at Tenaya Lodge
  - Financial Report - \$53,991.92
  - IRWM Plan Update – Ken B presented a draft for the work; please submit changes by August 27, 2018
  - Out of the 80 projects listed, only three were for the Eastern Madera County Foothills; this needs to be changed.
  - Igal asked how we were included in the plan and Al suggested he contact Jeannie Habben
  - MCFA workshops recently held in North Fork included the Sierra Institute, Sierra Water Workgroup and California Indian Environmental Alliance
  - San Joaquin Valley – Madera will be using P7P and Self-Help Enterprises
  - Madera Sub-basin Group are continuing weekly TAC meeting; next meeting October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - On July 18, the Chowchilla sub basin held their third Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, GSP Preparation, Technical Meeting
  - The Delta -Mendota group met, and they decided to use the 2013 water budget year (predrought) to base their decisions.
  - Arundo/Silt Removal Project - The nesting season is over September 1 and the biologists are surveying and going to report to DFW when it is safe to continue the work in the waterways/canals.
  - New or Suggested Memberships to RWMG - Jeannie H sent the updated application packet to Triangle T/Red Top for their review. There has been no response.
  - Next Meeting – Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Madera County Government Center
  
- Grant Reports
  - Report from Owen Kubit
    - Low Flow grant wrapping up will try to accommodate last minute application but probably cannot
    - For Low Flow final report, needs any photos ad, etc. by end of week to include with final report; Igal to email to Owen
    - Low Flow final report due at end of month
    - Volunteers – liability issues
    - Dishwasher and Washing Machine grant still has plenty of money left
    - Jennifer to look up end date.
  - Report from Anthony Forestiere
    - Not in attendance; hasn't produced much
  - Igal asked about a timeline

- Status of Dry Wells and Well Meters
  - Igal discussed his own project; doing a test with the county on his own land
- Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent
  - No one offered; check in two weeks

Upcoming Events

- None

**Next Foundation Meeting** – Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm

- Igal made a motion to adjourn
- Jeff Evers seconded
- all in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm