



## SEMCU Foundation

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00PM

In-Person, Virtual & Telephone Meeting

Madera County Library

37398 Berkshire Dr, Madera, California 93636

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**Call to Order** – Dov called to order @ 6:07 pm

**Roll Call**

**Board Members**

- Dov Adler (online)
- Igal Treibatch (in person)
- Verlaine Elinburg (in person)
- Al Solis (by phone)
- Anthony Forestiere (online)
- Paul Negrete (online)

**Non-Board Attendees:**

- Mike Schuster (online)

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Motioned to approve the previous minutes by Igal
- Seconded the motion by Paul
- All were in favor of approval

**Public Comments** - None

**Officer Reports**

- Dov Adler, SEMCU President
- Financial Report from Verlaine Elinburg, SEMCU Treasurer
  - Starting balance: \$9,466.12
  - Expenses: \$4,253.68 – for February 2025
    - \$758 – Annual SEMCU Insurance payment
    - \$600 – Ranchos Jan. newspaper ads
    - \$700 – Crab Feed donation
    - \$100 – Crab Feed banner
    - \$419.79 – Turkeys for Christmas handouts
    - \$175.89 – Annual ZOOM fee
    - \$300 – Flatlanders – Seniors Center donation

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- \$300 – Flatlanders – Veterans donation
- \$300 – Flatlanders – School donation – Liberty High School ASE group
- \$600 – Ranchos Feb. newspaper ads
- Ending balance: \$5,212.44 (as of 2/18/2025)
- \$500 – Move Forward Donation to Wamhoff – Waiting for them to cash it
- o Igal mentioned he doesn't want to send RWMG any renewal payment to them yet – Verlaine said she did NOT send any payment in 2024 but in recent years it was \$1,425 (3/12/2023) and \$1,250 (in 2022).
- o RWMG Report from Al Solis, SEMCU Board Member – January 27, 2025
  - November's Flood-MAR Program's lunchtime webinar recording available
  - California Water Commission has released its 2025 Strategic Plan released
  - DWR provisional Water Year 2023 Statewide Land Use Data released
  - CNRA will brief on implementing the Climate Bond
  - CAL FIRE will host a Zoom webinar on California Community Wildfire Protection Plans
  - January 2025 Financial Report - Balance: \$23,641.60
  - Officer Elections kept same Chairperson and Vice-Chair
  - Chowchilla Nitrate Control Program / Chowchilla Management Zone - CMZ continues to send out mailers and perform water tests, providing bottled water to those whose domestic wells have tested high in Nitrates (over 10 mg/L). Their 2025 budget was approved unanimously by their committee, and they've sent out their assessment billing invoices to their participants. Most of their efforts right now are in working with their tech consultants in collecting and preparing information for the annual Management Zone Implementation Plan (MZIP) that will be submitted to the State Water Board in March.
    - **IGAL mentioned he might write an SEMCU speaks article in the Ranchos about this.]**
    - Al said he could get a phone number at the Chowchilla Management Zone for people to call who were interested in getting the free bottled water
    - Igal mentioned a non-profit (Self-Help) that previously also helped with water needs
  - Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding – Cities of Madera & Chowchilla
  - SGMA Implementation Grant
  - Drought Working Group - Snow drought
    - Next meeting will be on 2/21 w/ a speaker from NOAA
    - Meeting in May/June will include a presentation on clean drinking water and well replacement; possibly with a USDA Drought Rescue Resource presentation
  - Hidden Lakes Water Storage Tanks and Fill Line Project – Ending soon
  - New Members – None
  - DWR IRWM Branch Representative will attend April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting re: Prop 4 Funding
    - **Igal mentioned that he would like to attend that meeting**
  - Al needs to coordinate to schedule a **Supervisors lunch** that would include you
  - Fresno Land is doing an article on the Williamson Act on the millions of dollars being spent
- o Grants Meetings Research Results from Paul Negrete, SEMCU Board Member
  - Grants Found under USDA – No applications yet but is going to pull one & send to Igal
  - Igal mentioned again that it might fit seniors & SEMCU

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- Paul looking into the RD Rural emergency grants for water and environmental engineering and rural development disaster, which includes droughts recognized by the State; they would provide assistance in water lines and other programs.
  
- ❑ **New Business Discussion Items**
  - o ANNUAL MEETING in March – Board members election next month, can put in newspaper
  - o SEMCU Speaks – Dov wrote for weather’s effect on farming
  - o SEMCU Speaks – Verlaine confirmed volunteering for March
  - o SEMCU Speaks – Igal said he might have to handle
  - o SEMCU Speaks – May/June – No volunteers
  - o Ranchos Crab Feed - March 7 – Board members going Igal: 2; Scott: 2; Verlaine: 2; Al: 2; Paul: 2
  
- ❑ **Next SEMCU Meeting** – Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm
  
- ❑ **Next GRANTS Meeting** – Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm
  
- ❑ **Adjournment** – Dov adjourned at 6:36 pm