



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday
July 18, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

City of Fillmore City Hall, City Council Chambers
250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order - First Open Session**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Directors Roll Call**
- 4. Public Comments**
Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) will accept public comment concerning agenda items at the time the item is considered and on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board during the agendaized Public Comment period. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. In accordance with Government Code § 54954.3(b)(1), public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per issue.
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
Motion
- 6. Director Announcements/Board Communications**
Information Item
- 7. Executive Director Update**
Information Item
The Executive Director will provide an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board meeting of June 20, 2019.
- 8. Legal Counsel Update**
Information Item
Legal Counsel will provide an informational update on Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Board meeting of June 20, 2019.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Plans Development Update
Informational Item

Tony Morgan and David Ceppos, representatives from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, will provide an informational update on Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plans development activities since the previous Board meeting of June 20, 2019, including an update on the ad hoc committee meeting regarding developing the Agency's Communication and Engagement Plan.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

10A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board Meeting of June 20, 2019, and the Special Board Meeting of June 24, 2019.

10B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving invoices and refunds for payment this month.

10C Monthly Financial Report

The Board will receive a monthly profit and loss statement and balance sheet for the Agency from United Water Conservation District's accounting staff.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11A Presentation of the Roles and Responsibilities of the GSA and its Board Members by David Ceppos

Informational Item

The Board will receive an encore presentation on the Roles and Responsibilities of the GSA and its Board Members from David Ceppos, Associate Director of the California State University, Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy, and member of the Daniel B. Stephens & Associates groundwater sustainability planning team.

12. MOTION ITEMS

12A County of Ventura Public Works Department's Request for Comment Motion

The Board will consider responding to Ventura County's Public Works Request for Comment on a Request for Waiver of Ventura County Water Well and Water Well Permit Prohibitions regarding property at 1307 Bardsdale Ave, Fillmore, APN 046-0-211-080.

12B PUBLIC HEARING

Motion

The Board will open a PUBLIC HEARING on the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's proposed FY 2019-20 Budget and proposed Groundwater Extraction rates for July 19, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The Board will receive public comments and testimony regarding the proposed FY 2019-20 Budget and Groundwater Extraction Rates.

After hearing from the public, the Board may move to close the PUBLIC HEARING and proceed with consideration of Resolution 2019-03, approving the Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget for the FPB GSA; and consideration of Resolution 2019-04, approving the Proposed Groundwater Extraction rates.

Resolution 2019-03

Motion

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2019-03, approving the proposed FY 2019-20 Budget.

Resolution 2019-04

Motion

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2019-04, approving the proposed Groundwater Extraction rates for the period of July 19, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

12C Consider Cancellation of August Board Meeting

Motion

The Board will consider cancelling its regular August 15, 2019 Board meeting and adjourning to its Regularly Scheduled September 19, 2019 Board meeting or call of the Chair.

13. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2019 or call of the Chair.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at UWCD's offices at 106 North 8th Street in Santa Paula during normal business hours.

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Approved: 
Board Chair Kelly Long

Posted: (date) July 12, 2019 (time) 1:30p.m. (attest) Kris Sofley
At: Fillmore City Hall, 250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA

Posted: (date) July 12, 2019 (time) 1:45p.m. (attest) Kris Sofley
At: <https://www.FPBGSA.org>

Posted: (date) July 12, 2019 (time) 1:45p.m. (attest) Kris Sofley
At: <https://www.facebook.com/FPBGSA/>

Posted: (date) July 12, 2019 (time) 1:25p.m. (attest) Kris Sofley
At: United Water Conservation District Headquarters, 106 No. 8th St., Santa Paula, CA



Item No. **7**
DATE: **July 18, 2019**
TO: **Board of Directors**
SUBJECT: Executive Director Update

SUMMARY

Receive an update from the Executive Director related to items of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequences to the Agency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action required at this time.

BACKGROUND

The Executive Director’s primary responsibility is to ensure that the policies and directions of the Board of Directors are adhered to as he oversees and manages the efforts of staff and consultants in the day-to-day operation and administration of the Agency. All of these efforts are to be consistent with the Agency’s mandated responsibilities and within the fiscal constraints set by the Board of Directors.

The monthly Executive Director’s update offers the Board of Directors an overview of how its policies and directions are being administered.

ATTACHMENTS

A UWCD Billing Rates Chart

United Water Conservation District

FY 2019-20 Rates

Step 5

Position	FY 19-20 Billing Rates	FY 18-19 GSA Rates	% Change
Accountant I	65.10	62.96	3.39%
Accountant III	74.46	71.77	3.75%
Administrative Assistant I	53.23	51.40	3.56%
Assistant General Manager	180.51	172.25	4.79%
Assistant Hydrogeologist	86.62	83.19	4.13%
Associate Hydrogeologist	100.83	-	-
Chief Financial Officer	151.01	146.23	3.27%
Controller	119.42	115.91	3.03%
Executive Assistant / Clerk of the Board	72.79	69.06	5.41%
Hydrologist	86.93	83.49	4.12%
Senior Accountant	80.83	78.06	3.54%
Senior Hydrogeologist	111.58	110.57	0.91%
Senior Hydrologist	110.18	105.93	4.02%
Sr. Hydrogeologist/Modeler	111.67	110.67	0.91%
Staff Hydrogeologist	76.08	73.09	4.10%
Supervising Hydrogeologist	116.50	115.45	0.92%



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MINUTES

Directors Present

Director Kelly Long, Chair
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Director Lynn Edmonds
Director Glen Pace

Staff Present

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Manuel D. Serpa, legal counsel
Kris Sofley, clerk of the board

Public Present

Emilio Cervantes, Fivepoint Newhall Land and Farming (NLF)
Jesse Gomez, Fivepoint NLF
Zachary Hanson, United Water Conservation District (UWCD)
Tony Morgan, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A)
George Reid
Steve Zimmer

1. Call to Order - First Open Session 5:05p.m.

Chair Long called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:05p.m. She thanked everyone for coming and asked Director Kimball to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Kimball led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Directors Roll Call

Directors Kimball, Long, McFadden and Meneghin answered roll call. Directors Edmonds and Pace were absent.

4. Public Comments

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Motion to approve the agenda, Director McFadden; Second, Director Kimball. Voice vote: four ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin); none opposed; two absent (Edmonds, Pace). Motion carries 4/0/2.

6. Director Announcements/Board Communications

Information Item

Director Meneghin mentioned the Integrated Regional Water Management grants deadline was closing, and not knowing the budget for proposed groundwater dependent ecosystem projects, she has not moved forward, but is exploring other grant opportunities.

Director McFadden reported that he and Chair Long both attended a joint Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency and United Water Conservation District “water watching” event at the District’s groundwater recharge basins in Saticoy. He said this was an historic event as it is the first time in the County’s history that the two entities partnered on bringing imported water for basin recharge into the Oxnard Plain. Chair Long added that the water released from Santa Felicia Dam also helped dilute nitrate levels in the El Rio area, and the grant from Fox Canyon made that possible. Director McFadden said the water was nicely priced and Director Kimball added that it was high quality “new” water. Chair Long said that this was an excellent opportunity to remind the public that the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Management Agency (Agency) will be exploring ways that it may be able to buy “new” water. Director McFadden added that UWCD’s approved Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget has a new assessment which will be used to create a water purchase fund.

7. Executive Director Update

Information Item

Mr. Emmert said he would be bringing a draft budget to the Board within the next few days, including better definition of big ticket items, such as the monitoring wells project. He provided an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board meeting of May 16, 2019.

8. Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel provided an informational update on Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Board meeting of May 16, 2019.

9. Groundwater Sustainability Plans Development Update

Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates provided an informational update on Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plans development activities since the previous Board meeting of May 16, 2019.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

10A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board Meeting of May 16, 2019.

10B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving the following invoices for payment this month:

Check No. 11039	\$260.17	Ventura County IT Services Domain renewal/5 months hosting
Check No. 11040	\$3,195.00	Daniel B. Stephens & Associates F&P Basins GSP Development
Check No. 11041	\$1,886.00	Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill Apr and May legal services
Check No. 11042	\$12,597.29	United Water Conservation District 3 rd Quarter Grant and Admin Services

10C Monthly Financial Report

The Board will receive a monthly profit and loss statement and balance sheet for the FPB GSA from UWCD's accounting staff.

11. MOTION ITEMS

11A Reappointment of Ventura County Supervisor Kelly Long to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Director

Motion

The Board will receive the reappointment of Ventura County Supervisor Kelly Long as Ventura County's representative to the FPBGSA Board of Directors for a subsequent two year term, expiring in June 2021.

11B Reappointment of Gordon Kimball to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Director

Motion

The Board will receive the reappointment of Gordon Kimball as Fillmore Pumpers' Association representative to the FPBGSA Board of Directors for a subsequent two year term, expiring in June 2021.

11C Reappointment of Candice Meneghin to the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Director

Motion

The Board will receive the reappointment of Candice Meneghin as the Environmental Stakeholders' representative to the FPBGSA Board of Directors for a subsequent two year term, expiring in June 2021.

11D Resolution 2019-02 Establishing a Biennial Audit Frequency

The Board will consider approving Resolution 2019-02 establishing a biennial audit frequency for the agency.

11E Selection of an ad hoc budget and rate setting committee

Motion

The Board will consider appointing two Directors to an ad hoc budget and rate setting committee to propose, review and recommend FY 2019-20 Budget figures and groundwater extraction fees for the same fiscal period.

11F Selection of Dates for 1) Special Board Meeting for FY 2019-20 Budget review and 2) Director and Stakeholder Budget Workshop

Motion

The Board will consider setting dates for two (2) Special Board meetings to be held prior to June 30, 2019, for the Board's review of proposed FY 2019-20 Budget and proposed groundwater extraction fees for the same fiscal period; and for a Director and Stakeholder Budget workshop to present the FPBGSA FY 2019-20 Budget and groundwater extraction rates to the public.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

NONE

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019 or call of the Chair.

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair, FPB GSA Board of Directors

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of ~~June 20~~ April 18, 2019.

ATTEST: _____
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board



BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2019 @ 5:00pm

City Council Chambers, Fillmore City Hall

250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

Name: Emilie Cervantes

Organization: NLF - Fivepoint

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: Jay Morgan

Organization: DBSEA

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: Steve Zimmer

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: George Reed

Organization: _____

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Name: Jesse Gomez

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Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Workshop

24 Jun 2019 4:00

Agency Activities to Date

▶ Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Activities

- ▶ United WCD Initiated Extension of Groundwater Model to Fillmore & Piru Basins
 - ▶ Work Counts as Grant Match
- ▶ Daniel B. Stephens & Associates Initiated Groundwater Sustainability Planning
- ▶ Received \$1.5 Million Grant from CA DWR
- ▶ Issued ~\$380K in Credits to Pumpers
- ▶ Completed Basins Boundaries Modifications

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Activities

- ▶ Coordinate with Well Owners Following Basins Boundaries Mods.
- ▶ Develop & Implement Stakeholder Outreach Plan
- ▶ Complete Extension of Groundwater Model to Fillmore & Piru Basins
- ▶ Progress on Groundwater Sustainability Planning
- ▶ Site & Design Monitoring Wells at Basins Boundaries, Procure Driller
- ▶ Manage Grant from Cal. DWR

Budget and Assessments

- ▶ Based Upon SGMA Requirements & Schedule
- ▶ Maximizes \$1.5 Million Grant from Cal. DWR
 - ▶ Includes 2 Monitoring Wells
 - ▶ Necessary to Monitor Basin-to-Basin Underflows
 - ▶ Will Cause Short-Term Cash Flow Challenge
- ▶ Includes In-Kind Technical Services (Modeling) from United
- ▶ Lines-up with Original 2017 – 2024 Budget
- ▶ Accounts for Recent Issuance of Credits

Budget and Assessments

- ▶ Current Assessment \$ 8.50/Acre-Foot
- ▶ Proposed FY 2019-2020 Assessment 12.00/Acre-Foot
- ▶ Approx. Future Years Assessments
 - ▶ FY 2020-2021 12.00/Acre-Foot
 - ▶ FY 2021-2022 Reduce to 4.00/Acre-Foot
- ▶ Short-Term Borrowing for Monitoring Wells Construction

Budget and Assessments

- ▶ **Recommended Action**
 - ▶ Board to Provide Input on Proposed Scope of Work, Budget & Assessment
- ▶ **Future Actions**
 - ▶ Finalize Budget & Assessment
 - ▶ Post Final Budget & Assessments (20-Day Public Review)
 - ▶ Hold Public Hearing During Regular Meeting
 - ▶ Adopt Budget & Assessment



SPECIAL Board of Directors Meeting and Budget Workshop
Monday, June 24, 2019
City Council Chambers, Fillmore City Hall
250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

MINUTES

Directors Present

Director Kelly Long, Chair
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Director Lynn Edmonds
Director Glen Pace

Staff Present

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Wayne Lemieux, legal counsel
Kris Sofley, clerk of the board

Public Present

Margie Bartels
Bobby M., MVP Farms
Kenny Rogers
George Reid
Steve Zimmer

1. Call to Order 4:01p.m.

Chair Long called the Special Board Meeting to order at 4:01p.m. She asked Vice Chair McFadden to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair McFadden led the Board and public in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Long then opened the discussion of the Agency's proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget and groundwater extraction rates for the July through December 2019 and January through June 2020 billing cycles.

3. Discussion of Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget for the FPB GSA and Proposed Groundwater Extraction Rates for the same period.

Motion

Mr. Emmert began the discussion by reporting the members of the ad hoc committee had met with staff earlier this day to review the proposed budget and extended cash flow projections worksheet for the years ahead. He reported that the monitoring well expenses were fairly close to what had been budgeted and that the time UWCD staff has invested in extending the groundwater model to the Fillmore and Piru basins will count as matching funds towards the grant award, as well as the time DBS&A have invested in the GSP development to date. These efforts and expenses are being reported to DWR in accordance with the Agency's \$1.5 million dollar grant award. The Agency also issued \$380,000 in credits for pumping fees billed (and collected) as a result of adopting groundwater extraction rates after the billing cycle dates.

Mr. Emmert said that letters to new rate payers, advising them of the boundary modifications of the FPB GSA and approval from DWR, and not yielded any responses to date. UWCD technical staff may be called upon for field reports, confirming the existence of wells in these areas and whether or not they are in use. David Ceppos of Sac State is working with DBS&A on the Agency's Stakeholder Outreach plan. The District's expansion of the groundwater model will be completed in the next fiscal year, and all the deliverables promised by UWCD and DBS&A are on track with the GSP effort. Two monitoring wells are being explored, one at the Fillmore and Piru boundary and another at the Fillmore Santa Paula boundary. The cost of the wells have not been included in the FY 2019-2020 budget, but will be in the next fiscal year budget. Staff plan to keep overhead low, as actuals have been lower than budgeted last year. Everything is on track with regard to complying with State and SGMA director to devise GSPs for each basin.

The Agency is responsible for a 25 percent match for the maximum \$1.5 million grant award from DWR. Two monitoring wells have been proposed to study basin to basin flows. Staff is maximizing in-kind technical services and continues to monitor cash flow which may require a small reduction in expenditures to keep on track. Current groundwater extraction rate of \$8.50 per acre foot may need to be increased to \$12 per acre foot, as the Agency has not received a reprieve on the scheduled tasks and deadlines. Expenses for the current year, and a little cash for monitoring wells next fiscal year, may create a need for cash at the end of this year due to a cash flow shortage, but may be able to be addressed with a short term borrowing agreement. Budget can accommodate site for two wells and staff is examining good locations for geology and procurement of well drillers about this time next year. Chair Long asked if a loan amount had been determined. Mr. Emmert said it was estimated to be between 500,000 to 600,000 but

could be less. Chair Long asked if that amount was for one or two monitoring wells. Mr. Emmert said it was the estimated cost of one well driller, who would drill one well and then another but would invoice for both wells at once. Director Meneghin asked if it were possible to get another grant for the construction of the well. Mr. Emmert said if the Agency didn't have cash flow issues, it could be done sooner. Raising fees from \$8.50 per acre foot to \$25 per acre foot seemed unacceptable, which is why staff is seeking a short term assist, which would be preferred. Staff explored all of the options and came up with the \$12 acre foot fee for FY 2020-21, which would likely pay off the loan and then the Agency would be able to drop the assessment as grant money begins coming in. Chair Long asked about interest. Mr. Emmert said the budget should be sufficient and interest on a balance of \$312,000 would still be able to leave enough in the budget to make loan payments with interest in this fiscal year. Next year at this time, the Agency could issue debt then award the drilling contract. Chair Long asked if the approved budget for calendar year 18, if the third and fourth quarter figures were realistic. Erin Gorospe said that the figures are still estimates but they should be fairly close. Director McFadden said that this is one of several budget reviews since last Thursday's meeting and staff had to move fast to get figures in place.

Legal counsel advised the Board that the Agency is required to provide 20 days for public review as well as two weekly notices during that same time period.

Mr. Emmert said this lines up with the July 18 Regular Board meeting. Chair Long said that billing on July 1 would be at \$8.50 per acre foot then would go up to \$12 per acre foot after the meeting. She then asked if the Agency doesn't get a loan for the wells, does the rate go from \$8.50 an acre foot to \$25 an acre foot? Mr. Emmert answered that the agency is looking to raise all the money this fiscal year. Chair Long responded that she liked the option of NOT going to \$25 per acre foot. Director Kimball added that the final cost share is only \$200,000 but the agency has to meet the cost share first before reimbursement. Director Meneghin asked how much would the loan amount be and Mr. Emmert said at the very minimum there would be a \$300,000 balance at the end of the fiscal year and the Agency would need at least an extra \$300,000 as it isn't prudent to zero out the fund balance. The Board would need to approve of the concept and the budget.

Mr. Emmert continued saying that if the Agency couldn't get the loan, in addition to the \$12 per acre foot groundwater extraction fee, the Agency had the option to ask for an amendment to the grantee (DWR) to remove one of the monitoring wells from the plan or to seek other funding to construct the second well. This is a small organization and is still relatively new, both of which work against us. The grant agreement is finished, and there has been some revenue to demonstrate fiscal abilities.

Director Kimball said that \$600,000 from the grant pays off the loan. Director McFadden said the current to higher assessment, is that in the timeline to finish and within

guidelines of schedule for grant qualifications. Mr. Emmert said the State instituted SGMA; provided grant, and experienced grant manager and the hard stop on the January 2021 basin deadline for GSP. It can't be stretched out beyond that and it would be a shame to return funding.

Chair Long said the Agency can't back date rates; the plan covered what was behind and it is unfortunate that in trying to be transparent and keep things were we are we need to keep rate until projects are completed, then drop the rates going forward from there.

Mr. Emmert said that is correct. That as the work tasks get lighter, especially after the initial GSP is submitted, rates can be much less and the information only needs to be updated every five years. Director Kimball asked if some work can be done after the DWR review. Mr. Emmert said that DWR will ask questions or seek clarification. Director Kimball said that the last budget, one year in, the estimates of total expenses were less than what was submitted in the grant application. He said \$2.7 million for whole process and a year and a half later, the total estimated is less than \$2.3 million and the rate has gone up. He said the Board may be able to get the work done at a lesser amount adding that no one wanted to have to raise rates. Director McFadden added that the Board needs to maximize the grant; get every penny and make sure it covers more than half of the budget. Director Meneghin said the board needs to pursue grants and more estimates for wells. Director McFadden said if there are additional grants, then the budget would be adjusted. Chair Long said the rates can be changed as long as there is 20 days' notice, to which legal counsel agreed.

Ms. Gorospe clarified that January through June 2019 would be at \$8.50 per acre foot, the period between July 1 and budget and rate adoption would be at the same \$8.50, then adjusted after July 18.

4. Public Comments

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments. Margie Bartels addressed the Board, saying she had a couple of concerns. She wanted to clarify her understanding that the increase assessment, \$12 per acre foot, wouldn't go down and that she wouldn't be able to pay a \$25 per acre foot assessment. In reviewing the budget, the largest expense is for the GSP consultant, some \$242,000, which looks like it is for one person, why is that so high.

Director McFadden explained that it is actually a team of consultants, and Chair Long said the scope of work for the consultants is available for review online. Ms. Bartels asked if that fee couldn't be reduced, or could the Agency get a bigger loan. She said the burden should not be placed on the well owners. Chair Long said the Board doesn't want to go to \$25 per acre foot. Director McFadden said the Board could widen the time line or work with outside financing. Director Kimball said the agency could also drop one of the wells. Ms. Bartels said she saw the rate drop \$8 from \$12 to \$4 but she doesn't

believe that will ever happen. Director McFadden reminded Ms. Bartels that three of the Board members as well as the City of Fillmore will also assessment payers. Chair Long added that the Board doesn't want to move scale higher, which is why lower rates were initially established. She encouraged staff to see if the Agency could get a loan to offset price to well owners. She also said the GSP consultant doesn't have to spend all the money in the budget and is striving to lower costs as much as possible. Director Kimball said that this is all new and nobody really knows what it actually costs, and DWR keeps changing its requirements. Ms. Bartels asked if the Board could secure a loan before increasing rates. Director Kimball said that worst case scenario, the Agency could drop the monitoring well and give back the \$300,000 in grant funding to the State. He said the Agency has about a year to find a loan or other grant money for the well construction. Director McFadden said the Board wants to get it right the first time.

Kenny Rogers, another member of the public, addressed the Board. He said he is a farm manager in Santa Paula and Piru and that he has a lot of trust in the Board and encourages them to keep their thumb on the consultants and drilling operations. Director Kimball said there was \$25,000 budget for easements to secure well sites and other additional costs which would impact the rate assessment. Mr. Rogers said he appreciates the possibility of going from \$12 to \$4 per acre foot and that he hopes the Board is right about that. He added that as ratepayers, they are holding the Board accountable and don't want to spend extra money if they don't have to.

Director Kimball said that the State has mandated sustainability, which benefits everyone. What it will take to be sustainable and have a secure water supply is still a work in progress. Mr. Rogers said he's amenable to purchasing water and hopes to have the best of both worlds, and just wants to make sure it doesn't get messed up. Chair Long thanked him for his comments and invited him to join the workshop.

Motion to receive and file public comments and staff reports and delay action on the proposed assessment and budget approval until after the public has had time to review, Director McFadden; Second, Director Kimball. Voice vote: four ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin); none opposed; two absent (Edmonds, Pace). Motion delayed to next Regular Board meeting.

At 4:46p.m., Chair Long adjourned the meeting to the Budget Workshop.

Mr. Emmert again presented the Board's activities of the past year, including its appointment of three member directors and three stakeholder directors; the adoption of Bylaws and a Conflict of Interest Code; grant application and award of \$1.5 million with a 25 percent matching requirement; budget projections; scope of work for GSP development and securing a qualified GSP consultant at a fair price. The detailed scope of work and 12 member team of DBS&A demonstrates a strong understanding of the basins as well as water usage and data collection.

Erin Gorospe and Anthony Emmert have concluded the first grant report and invoicing, which is due on August 5. The State has approved the GSA's basin boundary modifications and when one pumper was not able to pay the assessment, the Board considered what was fair and reasonable and issued adjustments and credits to the other rate payers so that all rate payers were treated equally. The Agency has undertaken very significant stakeholder outreach and done its best to engage pumpers, property owners, ag and M&I users, et cetera.

UWCD staff is extending its groundwater model which is not a direct charge to the agency but is able to use that labor and time as a match for grant funding. Staff is mapping geology, digitizing data and Dr. Sun is producing a model that should be ready to go in spring 2020.

DBS&A team in analyzing a tremendous amount of data provided by the County and UWCD and other sources and is working to identify data gaps and how to overcome those gaps. They have taken the rough draft numerical groundwater model and major stakeholder outreach effort to avoid SGMA's six deadly sins. And overall, the Fillmore and Piru basins are far more sustainable than neighbors by the coast.

For the financing of construction of monitoring wells it may be easier to secure commercial loan or interagency funding. The Board recognizes Ms. Bartels point and is trying to spread out costs to keep rates at \$8.50 per acre foot, at least until the loan is paid back in full, and then it may be possible to reduce the rate. If a site for a monitoring well is donated or made available at a very affordable price, assessments will be addressed accordingly.

Chair Long reiterated that the Agency had secured a \$1.5 million grant award; had initially assessed a \$8.50 per acre foot groundwater extraction fee, which now needs to be increased to \$12 per acre foot but in 2021, will be reduced to \$4 per acre foot providing short term loans and grants are secured to cover monitoring well construction costs.

Mr. Emmert said Board and community input is invaluable and staff will take direction; post the budget on the Agency's website; publish notices twice in local newspapers before the July 18 Regular Board meeting and will be available to answer questions and will continue to refine detailed estimates for both the budget and groundwater extraction rates.

Chair Long asked if there were any other comments or considerations.

Director Meneghin asked about the pumper who couldn't pay the assessment.

Mr. Emmert said the main problem was that the Agency didn't have an extraction fee in place for the period it was billing and that DWR said the Agency couldn't do that, so that is why the Agency is now holding legal public hearing including proper notice of fee being effective as of July 18, 2019.

Director Meneghin asked if additional grants were secured, would that lower the assessment. Mr. Emmert said that could be done. Chair Long added that the Board wants to help the public understand the budget and be totally transparent in its process.

5. ADJOURNMENT 5:09p.m.

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 5:09p.m. to the next Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019 or call of the Chair.

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair, FPB GSA Board of Directors

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Special Board of Directors meeting and Budget Workshop of June 24, 2019.

ATTEST: _____
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2019 @ 4:00pm

City Council Chambers, Fillmore City Hall

250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

Name: Bobby Mummari

Name: _____

Organization: mvp farms

Organization: _____

Phone: 805 444 8059

Phone: _____

E-mail: bobby@mvpfarms.com

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Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Check Detail
July 15, 2019

<u>Type</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
Bill Pmt -Check	11043	07/15/2019	County of Ventura IT Services Department	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(40.00)
Bill Pmt -Check	11044	07/15/2019	Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc.	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(22,931.71)
Bill		06/20/2019		52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	9,573.34
Bill		06/20/2019		52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	13,358.37
TOTAL					22,931.71
Bill Pmt -Check	11045	07/15/2019	Olivarez Madruga Lemeiux O'Neill LLP	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(2,391.00)
Check	11046	07/15/2019	200-01580-00 - Morris Partnership	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(17.63)
Check	11047	07/15/2019	200-00150-00 - LT Farm	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(771.29)
Check	11048	07/15/2019	200-01790-00 - Petit Ranch	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(2,576.53)
Check	11049	07/15/2019	200-01800-00 - Petit Ranch	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(2,437.46)
Check	11050	07/15/2019	100-00220-00 - Rancho Adobe	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(818.13)
Check	11051	07/15/2019	200-00110-00 - AMPAC Morris	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(2,033.79)
Check	11052	07/15/2019	200-02240-01 - Morris Properties	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	(54.53)
				TOTAL CHECKS	(34,072.07)



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Item No. **10C Consent Calendar**

DATE: **July 15, 2019 (July 18, 2019 Meeting)**

TO: **Board of Directors**

SUBJECT: **Monthly Financial Report**

SUMMARY

The Board will receive the monthly financial report for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency).

BACKGROUND

UWCD accounting staff has prepared financial reports based on the Agency revenue and expenses for the month of June, 2019. Please note that these are preliminary year-end reports and there will be additional accruals posted during the year-end close, including accrual of groundwater revenue and consultant expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Attachments: June 30, 2019 P/L Budget Performance
 June 30, 2019 Balance Sheet

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Profit and Loss Budget Performance
July 2018 through June 2019 - Preliminary

	<u>Jul '18 - Jun 19</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income			
40001 · Groundwater Extraction Charge	208,476.48	473,850.00	44.0%
41000 · Grant Revenue			
41001 · State Grants	0.00	101,808.00	0.0%
Total 41000 · Grant Revenue	0.00	101,808.00	0.0%
47000 · Other Revenue			
47001 · Late Fees	2,411.11		
47012 · Returned Check Charges	5.00		
Total 47000 · Other Revenue	2,416.11		
Total Income	<u>210,892.59</u>	<u>575,658.00</u>	<u>36.64%</u>
Gross Profit	210,892.59	575,658.00	36.64%
Expense			
52200 · Professional Services			
52230 · Prof Svcs - Grant Solicitation	0.00	0.00	0.0%
52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	260.17	500.00	52.03%
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep			
52251 · Prof Svcs - UWCD GW Services	15,087.00		
52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	28,656.25		
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep - Other	0.00	160,609.00	0.0%
Total 52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep	43,743.25	160,609.00	27.24%
52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting	6,045.39	34,000.00	17.78%
52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	7,120.92	30,000.00	23.74%
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	27,387.76	30,000.00	91.29%
52290 · Prof Svcs - Other	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 52200 · Professional Services	84,557.49	255,109.00	33.15%
52500 · Legal Fees			
52501 · Legal Counsel	11,368.00	67,600.00	16.82%
Total 52500 · Legal Fees	11,368.00	67,600.00	16.82%
53000 · Office Expenses			
53010 · Public Information	281.00	17,521.00	1.6%
53020 · Office Supplies	194.36	10,000.00	1.94%
53026 · Postage & Mailing	401.02	4,000.00	10.03%
53040 · Membership Dues	0.00		
53060 · Computer Software	40.00		
53110 · Travel & Training	2,799.16		
Total 53000 · Office Expenses	3,715.54	31,521.00	11.79%
53500 · Insurance			
53510 · Liability Insurance	2,077.67	2,500.00	83.11%
Total 53500 · Insurance	2,077.67	2,500.00	83.11%
70000 · Interest & Debt Service			
70120 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 70000 · Interest & Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.0%
70130 · Bank Service Charges	5.00		
80000 · AR Write-Offs - Bad Debt Exp.	0.05		
Total Expense	<u>101,723.75</u>	<u>356,730.00</u>	<u>28.52%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>109,168.84</u></u>	<u><u>218,928.00</u></u>	<u><u>49.87%</u></u>

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2019 - Preliminary

	<u>Jun 30, 2019</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Bank of the Sierra	250,181.87
Total Checking/Savings	<u>250,181.87</u>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	-110,354.19
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-110,354.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>139,827.68</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>139,827.68</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	25,362.71
Total Accounts Payable	<u>25,362.71</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>25,362.71</u>
Total Liabilities	25,362.71
Equity	
32000 · Retained Earnings	5,296.13
Net Income	<u>109,168.84</u>
Total Equity	<u>114,464.97</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>139,827.68</u></u>



Item No. **11A Information Item**

DATE: **July 18, 2019**

TO: **Board of Directors**

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Roles and Responsibilities of the GSA and its Board Members by David Ceppos

SUMMARY

The Board will receive an encore presentation on the Roles and Responsibilities of the GSA and its Board Members from David Ceppos, Associate Director of the California State University, Sacramento, Center for Collaborative Policy, and member of the Daniel B. Stephens & Associates groundwater sustainability planning team.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

No action is required at this time.

BACKGROUND

David Ceppos has a comprehensive background developing consensus based, stakeholder-driven, resource management processes. He additionally has considerable management and field experience in watershed planning, ecological assessment, hydrology, hazardous waste management, and habitat restoration. As a vital member of the DBS&A team, Ceppos is spearheading the development of the Agency's Stakeholder Communications and Engagement Plan and will advise on its implementation.



Item No. **12A Motion**
DATE: **July 18, 2019**
TO: **Board of Directors**
SUBJECT: **Request for Comment from Ventura County Public Works Department**

SUMMARY

The County of Ventura's Public Works Department has requested a comment from the FPB GSA on a Request for Waiver of Ventura County Water Well and Water Well Permit Prohibitions from the property owner at 1307 Bardsdale Ave, Fillmore, APN 046-0-211-080.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board provide the requested comment letter to the County.

BACKGROUND

Ventura County Ordinance Code Section 4826.1 prohibits issuance of permits for, and the construction of, new water wells within groundwater basins designated by the California Department of Water Resources as High or Medium Priority Basins. Section 4826.3 identifies specific circumstances under which the Public Works Agency (PWA) Director can consider granting a waiver:

A waiver of the water well and permit prohibitions in Section 4826.1 may be granted by the Director on a case-by-case basis, upon receipt of an application for a waiver and upon the Director's determination that the application demonstrates that:

- a. There are special circumstances or exceptional characteristics of the real property and groundwater which do not apply generally to comparable real property and groundwater conditions in the same vicinity, and that the granting of such waiver will not be detrimental to the condition of groundwater resources; or
- b. Strict application of the prohibition as it applies to the real property or its groundwater conditions will result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the purpose and findings of Ventura County Ordinance No. 4466 and that the granting of such waiver will not be detrimental to the condition of groundwater resources.

The PWA Director's policy is to request comments from the applicable Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) prior to making his determination on the waiver request.

PWA has received a request from Brianne McGrath for a waiver of the well prohibition to install a new domestic well at the subject property, which is within the Fillmore Basin. The property is served by the Elkins Ranch Water Company; however, Elkins Ranch is not able to provide a will-serve letter to enable the applicant to receive a building permit to construct a home on the property. The applicant's waiver request is attached.

FISCAL IMPACT

none

ATTACHMENTS

A: Letter requesting comment from County of Ventura Public Works Department

B: Request for Waiver of Well Prohibition and Well Permit – Brianne McGrath

Proposed Motion: "Motion to provide a letter in support/opposing Ms. McGrath's request for a waiver of the County's well prohibition."

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote: Director Edmonds :

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director McFadden:

Director Meneghin:

Director Pace:

July 1, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Kelly Long, Chair
Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Post Office Box 1110
Fillmore, CA 93016

Jeff Pratt
Agency Director

Central Services
Joan Araujo, Director

Engineering Services
Christopher Cooper, Director

Transportation
David Fleisch, Director

Water & Sanitation
Joseph Pope, Director

Watershed Protection
Glenn Shephard, Director

Subject: **Request for Comment**
Request for Waiver of Ventura County Water well and
Water Well Permit Prohibitions
1307 Bardsdale Ave, Fillmore, APN 046-0-211-080

Dear Chair Long:

Ventura County Ordinance Code Section 4826.1 prohibits issuance of permits for, and the construction of, new water wells within groundwater basins designated by the California Department of Water Resources as High or Medium Priority Basins. Section 4826.3 identifies specific circumstances under which the Public Works Agency (PWA) Director can consider granting a waiver:

A waiver of the water well and permit prohibitions in Section 4826.1 may be granted by the Director on a case-by-case basis, upon receipt of an application for a waiver and upon the Director's determination that the application demonstrates that:

- a. There are special circumstances or exceptional characteristics of the real property and groundwater which do not apply generally to comparable real property and groundwater conditions in the same vicinity, and that the granting of such waiver will not be detrimental to the condition of groundwater resources; or
- b. Strict application of the prohibition as it applies to the real property or its groundwater conditions will result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the purpose and findings of Ventura County Ordinance No. 4466 and that the granting of such waiver will not be detrimental to the condition of groundwater resources.



Kelly Long, Chair
July 1, 2019
Page 2 of 2

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PWA has received a request from Brianne McGrath for a waiver of the well prohibition to install a new domestic well at the subject property, which is within the Fillmore Basin. The property is served by the Elkins Ranch Water Company; however, Elkins Ranch is not able to provide a will-serve letter to enable the applicant to receive a building permit to construct a home on the property. The applicant's waiver request is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 650-4083 or Kim.Loeb@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



Kimball R. Loeb, CEG, CHG
Groundwater Manager
Watershed Protection

Enclosure: Waiver Request, May 31, 2019

cc: Brianne McGrath (via email)

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From: **Brianne McGrath** mcgrath.brianne@gmail.com
Date: **May 31, 2019 at 11:15:01 AM**
To: mcgrath.brianne@gmail.com

RECEIVED ..
County of Ventura

JUN 03 2019

PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
Central Services Department

May 31, 2019

Jeff Pratt
County of Ventura
Director Of Public Works
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1600

Subject: Request for a waiver of Ordinance 4468 to allow drilling a water well at 1307 Bardsdale Avenue, Fillmore. Assessors Parcel Number 046-0-211-080.

Dear Mr. Pratt,

Our property referenced above is a 2.66 acre parcel zoned Agricultural Exclusive (A-E 40 acres). Due to its small size it isn't a large enough property to have sufficient crops to pay for itself.

Hence the only viable use of the property is to have a home on it. There was a home there built in 1908 that burned around 2005, if I recall correctly. We bought the property in 2012 since it adjoins our property on Simi Street. The property currently gets water from Elkins Ranch Water Company and has since anyone can remember. Which is a very old water company that gets its water from a spring in Grimes Canyon.

In order to submit plans to the Building and Safety Department-we are required to have Public Works Land Development approve our Water Will Serve letter from Elkins Ranch. The problem is that Elkins Ranch isn't an approved Water Company and hence will not approve their Water Will Serve letter.

I was instructed by Barbara Council to request a waiver per Sec. 4826.3. Section A states "There are special circumstances or exceptional characteristics of the real property and groundwater which do not apply generally to comparable real property and groundwater conditions in the same vicinity and that the granting of such waiver will not be detrimental to the condition of groundwater resources".

I believe our situation complies with the above in that our property currently gets water from Elkins Ranch, and that drilling a water well will not increase the amount of water consumption on our property or affect groundwater. The special circumstances is that without being able to drill a water well - we won't be able to construct a home on our parcel, which is one of the few remaining parcels without a home on it. This will enable us to have a reasonable use of our property.

Thanks for considering my request.


Brianne McGrath



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Item No. **12B Motion**

DATE: **July 18, 2019**

TO: **Board of Directors**

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution 2019-03, Adopting the proposed FY 2019-20 Budget and Resolution 2019-04, Establishment of Groundwater Extraction Rates for July 19, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

SUMMARY

The Board will open a PUBLIC HEARING on the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's proposed FY 2019-20 Budget and proposed Groundwater Extraction rates for July 19, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Agency staff will calculate billing based on two extraction rates: \$8.50 per acre foot for the period of July 1, 2019 through July 18, 2019; and \$12 per acre foot beginning on July 19, 2019.

During the Public Hearing, the Board will receive public comments and testimony regarding the proposed FY 2019-20 Budget and Groundwater Extraction Rates.

After hearing from the public, the Board may move to close the PUBLIC HEARING and proceed with consideration of Resolution 2019-03, approving the Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget for the FPB GSA; and consideration of Resolution 2019-04, approving the Proposed Groundwater Extraction rates.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2019-03, approving the proposed FY 2019-20 Budget; and adoption of Resolution 2019-04, approving the proposed Groundwater Extraction rates for the period of July 19, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND

According to the Agency's Bylaws: 7.2 BUDGET -- The Agency shall operate pursuant to an operating budget to be adopted prior to the beginning of each new fiscal year. JPAA, Art. 14, Section 1. The Agency shall endeavor to operate each year pursuant to an annually balanced budget so that projected annual expenses do not exceed projected annual revenues. Budget adjustments to the annual budget shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting occurring after January 1 of each calendar year. The Board may take action to amend the budget at other times if circumstances require more immediate action.

ATTACHMENTS

- A - Resolution 2019-03 Adopting FY 2019-20 Budget
- B - Resolution 2019-04 Establishing Groundwater Extraction Fee
- C - Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget
- D- Revised Multi-year Cash Flow Worksheet

Proposed Motion 1: "Motion to approve Resolution 2019-03, adopting the FY 2019-20 Budget."

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Roll call vote: Edmonds, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace

Proposed Motion 2: "Motion to approve Resolution 2019-04, establishing groundwater extraction rates at \$12 per acre foot for the billing period of July 19, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

Roll call vote: Edmonds, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace



**Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADOPTING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency), as the sole Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Fillmore and Piru basins; on July 18, 2019, approved the proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-20, commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as recommended by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the following activities were undertaken by the Agency:

1. A preliminary draft of the Agency's Fiscal Year ("FY") 2019-20 Budget Plan was shared with pumpers within the two basins (Fillmore and Piru) and the general public at a Public Budget Workshop on June 24, 2019;
2. The preliminary draft of the budget included a summary of fixed and variable costs and projected, fixed, variable and marginal rates;
3. The Agency held a Public Hearing regarding the FY 2019-20 Budget during its July 18, 2019, Regular Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc Budget and Rates committee reviewed and discussed:

1. The budget preparation process; and
2. The FY 2019-20 portion of the Budget Plan, including recommended revisions to the proposed FY 2019-20 Budget Plan and forward looking forecast since its initial June 22, 2019 submission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors carefully reviewed and considered the proposed FY 2019-20 Budget as originally submitted, along with the recommended revisions resulting from the above mentioned activities, at its Board Meeting on June 24, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby approves and adopts the FY

RESOLUTION No. 2019-03
(continued)

2019-20 Budget for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, as proposed to the Board of Directors on July 18, 2019.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 17 day of July, 2019.

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

Not in favor, Directors:

Absent, Directors:

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair, FPB GSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Edwin T. McFadden III, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer, FPB GSA Board
of Directors



**Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CHARGES AGAINST ALL PERSONS
OPERATING GROUNDWATER PRODUCING FACILITIES WITHIN
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are authorized to collect fees to fund the cost of preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including the preparation and amendment of a sustainability plan, investigation of groundwater conditions, compliance assistance, enforcement and program administration (California Water Code sec 10730); and

WHEREAS, the type of fees that can be imposed to fund the cost of preparing a GSP include permit fees, fees on groundwater extraction, and fees on other regulated activity; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), in consultation with the Agency’s Legal Counsel, determined that the charges adopted by resolution are exempt from further CEQA review under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(8) and California Code of Regulations section 15273 because the groundwater extraction charges are necessary and reasonable to fund the cost of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan and the related investigation of groundwater conditions, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, including a prudent reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has provided notice of the pending adoption of these fees through: publication of a notice in the Fillmore Gazette on July 4, 2019 and again on July 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Agency posted this information on the Internet Website of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the agency provided notice by email to all interested parties who filed a request for email notifications with the Agency; and

RESOLUTION No. 2019-04
(continued)

WHEREAS, the Agency made the data upon which the fee is based available to the public more than 20 days prior to the public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency that groundwater extraction charges should be levied pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that groundwater extraction charges shall be levied pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 as described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency does hereby affirm its establishment of a groundwater extraction charge of \$12 per acre foot. The GSA does hereby affirm its levy, assessment and fixing of this groundwater extraction charge in compliance with law against all persons operating groundwater producing facilities within the GSA Boundary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency has elected to bill for these groundwater extraction charges semiannually with billing periods covering January through June and July through December.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said meetings and public hearing, for purposes of calculating the groundwater extraction charge, the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby establishes the following methods to be used in computing with a reasonable accuracy the amount of water produced from a water-producing facility: (a) a permitted water flow meter; or (b) Edison electrical meter with such calculations made pursuant to the United Water Conservation District's Groundwater Extraction Reporting Policy adopted by its Board on May 15, 2013;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in levying groundwater charges within the GSA as set forth herein, the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency makes the following findings, based upon the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said meetings and public hearing:

- (a) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges will not exceed the funds required to provide the GSA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan and related administrative services.

RESOLUTION No. 2019-04
(continued)

- (b) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the groundwater charges are imposed.

We, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and current Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by resolution of the Board of Directors of said groundwater sustainability agency at a meeting thereof held on the 18th day of July, 2019, by the following vote:

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

Not in favor, Directors:

Absent, Directors:

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair, FPB GSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Edwin T. McFadden III, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer, FPB GSA Board of Directors

**Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Proposed Budget
FY 2018-19**

	FY 19-20 Annual Budget
Income	
40001 · Groundwater Extraction Charge	668,964.00
41000 · Grant Revenue	
41001 · State Grants	154,485.32
Total 41000 · Grant Revenue	154,485.32
Total Income	823,449.32
Gross Profit	823,449.32
Expense	
52200 · Professional Services	
52230 · Prof Svcs - Grant Solicitation	0.00
52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	980.00
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep	
52251 · Prof Svcs - UWCD GW Staff	25,800.00
52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	242,914.00
52260 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	7,000.00
52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting	10,000.00
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	42,000.00
52290 · Prof Svcs - Other	0.00
Total 52200 · Professional Services	328,694.00
52500 · Legal Fees	
52501 · Legal Counsel	25,000.00
Total 52500 · Legal Fees	25,000.00
53000 · Office Expenses	
53010 · Public Information	1,000.00
53020 · Office Supplies	500.00
53026 · Postage & Mailing	2,000.00
53110 · Travel & Training	4,000.00
Total 53000 · Office Expenses	7,500.00
53500 · Insurance	
53310 · Liability Insurance	2,500.00
Total 53500 · Insurance	2,500.00
70000 · Interest & Debt Service	
70120 · Interest Expense	0.00
Total 70000 · Interest & Debt Service	0.00
Total Expense	363,694.00
Net Income	459,755.32
Capital Expenditures	
81000 · Design & Construction - Monitoring Well	100,000.00
Total Capital Expenditures	100,000.00
Net Increase (Decrease in Fund Balance)	359,755.32

**Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Proposed Budget
FY 2018-19**

	<u>FY 19-20 Annual Budget</u>
<u>FY 19-20 Cash Flow Projection</u>	
Est. Beginning Balance 6/30/19	182,057.00
Cash Revenue	593,318.91
Cash Expenses	<u>463,694.00</u>
Est. Ending Balance 6/30/20	<u><u>311,681.91</u></u>



Item No. **12C Motion**
DATE: **July 18, 2019**
TO: **Board of Directors**
SUBJECT: **Cancelation of August Board Meeting**

SUMMARY

The Board will consider canceling its regular August 15, 2019 Board meeting and adjourning to its Regular scheduled September 19, 2019 Board meeting of call of the Chair.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board cancel its August 15, 2019 Board meeting

BACKGROUND

In an effort to accommodate summer vacation schedules and provide staff and consultants with additional time by alleviating the time to craft staff reports and Board materials, it is recommended that the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA Board of Directors cancel its regularly scheduled August Board meeting (August 15, 2019) and adjourn to its next regularly scheduled Board meeting of September 19, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action other than cost savings in staff time

Proposed Motion: "Motion to cancel the FPB GSA regular August 15, 2019 Board meeting and adjourning to its Regularly Scheduled September 19, 2019 Board meeting or call of the Chair."

1st: Director _____ 2nd: Director _____
Voice/Roll call vote: Director Edmonds : Director Kimball: Director Long:
Director McFadden: Director Meneghin: Director Pace: