



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday
July 16, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

In accordance with the California Governor's Executive Stay at Home Order and the County of Ventura Health Officer Declared Local Health Emergency and Be Well at Home Order resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Fillmore City Hall is closed to the public. Therefore, the FPB GSA will be holding its Regular Board of Directors meeting virtually using the ZOOM video conferencing application.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order - First Open Session

1A Pledge of Allegiance

1B Directors Roll Call

1C 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.

**1D Approval of Agenda
Motion**

2. Updates

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

United Water Conservation District Director Update

County of Ventura Director Update

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director will provide an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board meeting of June 18, 2020.

2C 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 18, 2020.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates and UWCD will provide an informational update on Agency's GSP development activities since the previous Board meeting of June 18, 2020.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

3A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board Meeting of June 18, 2020 and the Special Board Meeting of July 2, 2020.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving the following invoices for payment:

County of Ventura – IT Services	\$ 40.00
Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.	26,273.34
Olivarez Madrugal Lemieux O’Neill, LLP	1,051.00

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

3D Labor Rates Change for United Water Conservation District Service Agreement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Board will receive an update on United Water Conservation District labor rates applicable to the professional services agreement with the Agency.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Consider Potential Grant-Funded Regional Sustainable Groundwater Management Coordinator Staffed and Administered by Ventura County Resource Conservation District and Provide Direction to Staff

Motion

The Board will consider a proposal by the Ventura County Resource Conservation District to provide a potential grant-funded regional sustainable groundwater management watershed coordinator to provide coordination between and support to the regional groundwater sustainability agencies over the period 2021 – 2024, and provide direction to staff.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5A Review of Ventura County Well Construction Moratorium Information Item

UWCD’s Dan Detmer will present an overview of the language, guidelines and restrictions contained in the Ventura County Well Construction Moratorium.

5B Water Budget

Information Item

UWCD's Dr. Zachary Hanson will present information regarding the basins' Water Budget.

5C Future Conditions

Information Item

Daniel B. Stephens and Associates' Tony Morgan will present information regarding the basins' future conditions.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **August 20, 2020** or call of the Chair

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Approved: 
Board Chair Kelly Long

Posted: (date) July 9, 2020 (time) 7p.m. (attest) Eva Ibarra
At: <https://www.FPBGSA.org>

Posted: (date) July 9, 2020 (time) 7:15p.m. (attest) Eva Ibarra
At: <https://www.facebook.com/FPBGSA/>

Posted: (date) July 10, 2020 (time) 10a.m. (attest) Julie Latshaw
At: Fillmore City Hall, 250 Central Avenue, Fillmore CA 93015

Posted: (date) July 9, 2020 (time) 7:30p.m. (attest) Eva Ibarra
At: UWCD, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030



Board of Directors Meeting
June 18, 2020
via ZOOM

MINUTES

Directors Present

Director Kelly Long, Chair
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer
Director Tim Holmgren
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Glen Pace
Director Candice Meneghin

Staff Present

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Scott Nave, legal counsel
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

Public Present

Bryan Bondy, Fillmore and Piru Pumpers Associations
Frank Brommenschenkel
Debbie Cervantes
Emilio Cervantes
Burt Handy
Dr. Zachary Hanson, UWCD
Rachael Laenen
Tim Moore, DBS&A
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Eddie Pech, DWR
Kris Sofley, UWCD
Jason Sun, UWCD
Steve Zimmer

Call to order 5:07p.m.

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:07p.m.

1A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Long asked everyone to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

1B. Directors Roll Call

Chair Long asked the Clerk to call roll. All six directors were present (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace)

1C. Public Comments

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

1D. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Chair Long asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None were mentioned.

Motion to approve the agenda, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Pace. Roll call vote: six ayes (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

2. Updates

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Kimball reported that the Pumpers held their annual meeting and provided members with a bit of an update on the GSA and encouraged members to attend the upcoming stakeholder meeting.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Pace echoed Director Kimball's statements and added that he was hopeful that next week there will be several pumpers in attendance at the stakeholder workshop.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported that she had attended the GRA GSA Summit on June 10 and 11 and that tomorrow she will be hosting a GW Dependent Ecosystem Webinar from 10-12. She added that there are over 50 people signed up to participate representing a nice spectrum of participants.

Director Meneghin also stated that she had been contacted by the Consensus Body Institute to participate in the Fox Canyon GMA Stakeholder process. She said that she thought it would be helpful to learn from that process so that she could share information regarding the process with the FPBGSA Board. She added that the meetings were being facilitated by CDI and funded by DWR along with some technical assistant funding.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Holmgren said he had nothing to report.

United Water Conservation District Director Update

Vice Chair McFadden reported that UWCD had a board meeting last week at which time the Board were considering a budget for FY 2020-21. The board voted to have staff go back and review the budget and come back with a proposal that would include no increases and assessment for pumpers. Those who heard that are positive and the reason for that is the constraints and challenges that are being put on many pumpers by of the COVID-19 situation.

He said he also want to mention Lake Piru was in the cross hairs of the Lime fire. He told Mr. Emmert that there are some spectacular pictures of the Elizabeth fire too on the District's Facebook pages. Mr. Emmert said the District took advantage of Chief Water Operator John Carman's expertise, adding that Mr. Carman is not only the District's Chief Water Operator but he's a pretty darn good photographer, and the District gets the benefits of both of those talents. Director McFadden added that Mr. Carman operates a camera and drones well too.

County of Ventura Director Update

Chair Long thanked United for the use of the water to get that whole fire thing done and added that the photos of the fireman fighting the Lime fighter were amazing. She added that she was thankful the County can utilize those reserves in emergency situations.

Chair Long stated that Ventura County has been busy with COVID-19, and that personal services will open on Friday, followed by movie theatres on the 26 and public wedding ceremonies. She stressed that the big thing is the masks, adding that if you have public offices, meetings, home businesses -- wear a mask. She reminded people that current information is on the state's website [COVID19.ca.org](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19) or the County's website [venturacountyreopen.org](https://www.venturacountyreopen.org)

Chair Long also reported her participation as a panelist at the GSA summit and that she spoke about the Agency's stakeholder engagement process and how well it was going and how much the board member are involved in creating the engagement with stakeholders so that everyone understands what SGMA is and why it's important. She reported that there were over 140 participants for a conference that usually is a lot larger but because of COVID, people could not convene in one spot, but it was still a good event and organizers did a great job.

With regards to the meeting tomorrow that Director Meneghin mentioned, Manny Majares from her office and Von Sigmund an appointee from Fish and Wildlife, will both be attending. She said that they are going to have representation to make sure that we understand that process, too.

2B Executive Director Update **Information Item**

Mr. Emmert told the Board that he had a couple of nice things to report. At the beginning of the month on June 3rd, the agency had \$164,000 plus some change that was outstanding receivables and within the last couple of weeks that has now been reduced to a little over \$86,000, which is very good. The Groundwater outstanding charges went down from a little over \$101,000 to \$71,000 and there are still have a few pumpers who are behind, but staff is working on some strategies to try to catch them up. The Fillmore Fish Hatchery has paid some of its outstanding invoices and still has one outstanding invoice that is a little over

\$12,000, but staff will follow up with them again. He added that a few pumpers that have not paid anything, ones that United is having collection problems with too, may be helped along by speaking with the Vice Chair and Treasurer. He added that most of the pumpers are paying on time. He suggested that the Board may wish to form a small committee that works on collection processes or policy.

Chair Long said she would add that to the agenda. Vice Chair McFadden said that he, Mr. Emmert and Erin Gorospe should get together before the next meeting to chat. Mr. Emmert said that would be a good step and they could figure out how to tee it up for the whole board to discuss.

Mr. Emmert closed by saying the grant progress is moving along well and that the Agency's grant manager was participating via Zoom. He added that the Agency did receive payment for one of the invoices, and that Mr. Pech said due to the timing of when the invoices were submitted, the agency should those payments in the next fiscal year.

**2C Legal Counsel Update
Information Item**

Legal Counsel Scott Nave stated he had nothing to report.

**2D GSP Consultant Update
Information Item**

Mr. Tony Morgan of Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided a presentation updating the Board on the Agency's GSP development activities since the May meeting. (see attached)

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

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3A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board Meeting of May 21, 2020 and Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop of June 4, 2020

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving the following invoices for payment:

County of Ventura IT Services Department	\$ 40.00
Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.	45,643.17
Olivarez Madruga Lemeiux O'Neill LLP	1,023.50

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

Chair Long asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board of the public. No comments were offered.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Pace. Roll call vote: six ayes (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

4 MOTION ITEMS

4A Resolution 2020-02 Adopting Proposed and Revised FY 2020-21 Budget Motion

Mr. Emmert stated that this resolution is to adopt the budget that the Board reviewed and discussed during its workshop. To remind the Board and any visitors, the main thing was to move most of the construction of the monitoring wells into the first quarter of the next fiscal year.

Chair Long asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board or the public. No comments or questions were offered.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-02 approving the adoption of the proposed and revised FY 2020-21 Budget, Director Meneghin; Second, Vice Chair McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

Chair Long thanked everyone for their hard work and for making sure the Agency has a budget that is positive. Vice Chair McFadden also thanked everyone for all their hard work.

4B Payment Plan and Waiver of interest for Trinidad Account Motion

Mr. Emmert asked Ms. Gorospe to discuss this motion as she was more familiar with the account. Ms. Gorospe said the Trinidad family had a death in the family, and after the father died, his daughter, Jennifer Trinidad, was made aware of missed payments for the period that ended last year. Miss Trinidad is actively working to bring the account current and is asking the Board to approve a payment plan and waive the interest accrued on the account, which totals \$74.77.

Staff recommends the Board approve this request as Miss Trinidad came to the agency to ask for help in bringing the account current and staff believes that three payments over the next few months will get the family caught up and is a reasonable request.

Motion to approve the payment plan and waiver of \$74.77 in accrued interest for the Trinidad Family account, Director Kimball; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: six ayes (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5A Groundwater Model Review

Information Item

Dan Detmer, Dr. Jason Son and Dr. Zach Hanson participated in presenting an update on the groundwater model and answer questions from the Board and the public. (see attached)

Mr. Detmer mentioned that the basins were in fairly good shape and that surface water and groundwater is integrated in this area which is influenced by percolation rates.

Director Meneghin asked if the model has the capacity to run scenarios with sub daily flows. Mr. Detmer said he didn't think so. He said that might be different from pumping records which are reported in six months periods and are then converted based on estimates to monthly periods. He said that if you would want to develop a site-specific model, they might be able to do that. The pumping influences are going to be overwhelmed by the available water, he added, and we are not going to see dramatic drop down in these very large basins with a lot of groundwater flow in between channels.

Director Meneghin stated that there has been criticism of the nearby Ventura River and it might be a good idea to raise the questions and grab hold of those concerns.

Mr. Detmer stated that by looking at recovering individual wells so that there is a production well near those basin boundaries or near the GDE areas where we have very rapid recovery and modest draw down when the wells are operating, we know that the flux for that system is overwhelming, it's a good point that we will have to address.

Mr. Morgan stated that he does not think they will be able to use the regional model for that as they do not have that kind of discreet data on daily operation of wells and measurements of water levels and most wells.

Chair Long asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board or public.

Bryan Bondy emphasized that the scale of the model is important and there is a lot of talk about the streambed elevation and the challenges in simulating the surface water interaction. The streambed elevation is one factor that needs to remember a 2000 ft by 2000 ft model cell is averaging the groundwater elevation

across that whole 2000 by 2000 area. That is probably part of the challenge the modelers are having with the stream groundwater interaction. It has an average over a long area and the same concept of sizes needs to be thought about. Looking at affects at a tighter scale rather than be time or space, again everything is being average over 2000 feet along that stream, there's certain questions that the model no matter how well calibrated will not be suited to answer. Other tools may be needed for certain things.

Chair Long asked if there were any more questions or comments. None were offered.

**5B Management Areas
Information Item**

Daniel B. Stephens and Associates' Tony Morgan stated the intent of this presentation (see attached) is to orient the Board on what management areas are and what DWR expects you to do with them. How the GSP might use them, and under what conditions would they be potentially useful for application in the basins. DWR provides some definitions about management areas as they relate to groundwater sustainability plans.

Chair Long asked is this provides for management areas for only one of the deadly sins or does it provide for management areas for all six of them. Mr. Morgan replied that generally it is a management area that encompasses all. Chair Long asked if it is mandatory that the agency divide its plan into management areas and Mr. Morgan replied no, you can have no management areas if you like. The flexibility is just there that if you have some strange conditions in one area that makes it difficult to have sustainability achieved without severe impact on other parts of the basin, you can divide that problem into a management area.

Director Pace said it was his understanding that as you leave Piru and head up Piru creek towards the lake that area there doesn't yield a lot of groundwater for example, that might be an area where we might have a different management area. Mr. Morgan said that was a good point.

Director Kimball said he presumed that if you created a different page area you have to create a boundary and then you have a step change in management criteria and management objectives across that physical boundary, so you may want to think carefully about creating specific areas that your either inside, if there's a step change across where the physical conditions gradually change. Mr. Morgan said some of these situations we are dealing with, for example Bardsdale where there are shallower well areas around deeper wells around a step change would be more evident, so we will have to be careful where we draw the boundary and think about it seriously before we ink in where that is going to be, assuming we even want to do it. It may not be worthwhile doing it.

Vice Chair McFadden reminded the Board that they had received a warning from Mr. Bondy a few meetings ago to be very careful and judicious about making boundaries. He added that he can see a lot of potential complications such as the same property owner ending up straddling a boundary line for a single well supplying a whole property, which could be very complicated.

Chair Long asked if there are any more questions. Mr. Morgan said he wanted to clarify that based on what the Board heard from legal counsel regarding the database, the Agency is free to release the link to the database to the stakeholder now.

Chair Long asked legal counsel if that was correct and Mr. Nave said he didn't see a legal problem with sending the link out, but then asked if the agency has done any investigations of any extraction facilities, anything that can be kept from disclosure. Mr. Morgan said no, and Mr. Nave then stated that yes, the link can be sent out as it is all public information anyway. Vice Chair McFadden asked Mr. Nave if had enough time to review what's in the database to say that and Mr. Nave stated that if the information is what the agency has received on extractors or discovered on its own apart from an investigation, than yes it becomes public information. Vice Chair McFadden asked Mr. Emmert for his opinion and Mr. Emmert stated that as far as he knows, all the information that was provided for this database was either gained from UWCD's long standing record set or the County of Ventura and then asked Mr. Morgan to verify that was correct. Mr. Morgan stated for pumping that is correct. Director Kimball suggested that, given the stakeholder meeting next week, the Agency hold off on sending out the link until the Board can advise stakeholders of its database and sharing that information with the public. Director Kimball added that he thought it was a brilliant database and he would love to have it out there, and that he thinks after everyone sees it, they will agree that it is helpful. It is just building the trust.

Mr. Nave said that if you release the database information to the Directors in draft form, it can still be exempt from disclosure, but once something in final form is released to the Directors, it's immediately available to the public.

Chair Long asked if there were any more questions or comments. None were offered.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

How to handle late payments-finding people who are late; Data shared for wells to be made public. Chair Long asked Director Kimball if he wanted that to be an agenda item so that people would see that and Director Kimball said yes, we will let them know it's coming and given them an opportunity to think about it and ask about it and attend or join that meeting so they can see it so when it rolls out.

ADJOURNMENT 6:48p.m.

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:48p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **July 16, 2020** 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 18, 2020.

ATTEST: _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board

Item 2D - GSP Consultant Update

- Board Discussion Topics / Schedule
- Groundwater Model Update - Agenda Item 5A
- Management Areas Overview - Agenda Item 5B



Board Discussion Topics / Schedule

	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3
May-2020	Data Base Management System Update/Demo	GDEs	
Jun-2020	GW model update (UWCD)	Management Areas	
Jul-2020	Future conditions	Water budget (model files) (UWCD)	
Aug-2020	Annual Reporting System		

- Proposed technical topics for discussion at Board meetings
- Introduction to important elements in the GSP
- References to suggested reading materials (e.g., DWR Best Management Practices or Guidance Documents) - resources on flash drive



Item 5B - Management Areas

“Management area” refers to an area within a basin for which the Plan may identify different minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects and management actions based on differences in water use sector, water source type, geology, aquifer characteristics, or other factors.



Item 5B - Management Areas

§ 354.20. Management Areas

(a) Each Agency may define one or more management areas within a basin if the Agency has determined that creation of management areas will facilitate implementation of the Plan. Management areas may define different minimum thresholds and be operated to different measurable objectives than the basin at large, provided that undesirable results are defined consistently throughout the basin.



Item 5B - Management Areas



(b) A basin that includes one or more management areas shall describe the following in the Plan:

- (1) The reason for the creation of each management area.
- (2) The minimum thresholds and measurable objectives established for each management area, and an explanation of the rationale for selecting those values, if different from the basin at large.
- (3) The level of monitoring and analysis appropriate for each management area.
- (4) An explanation of how the management area can operate under different minimum thresholds and measurable objectives without causing undesirable results outside the management area, if applicable.

(c) If a Plan includes one or more management areas, the Plan shall include descriptions, maps, and other information required by this Subarticle sufficient to describe conditions in those areas.



Item 5B - Management Areas



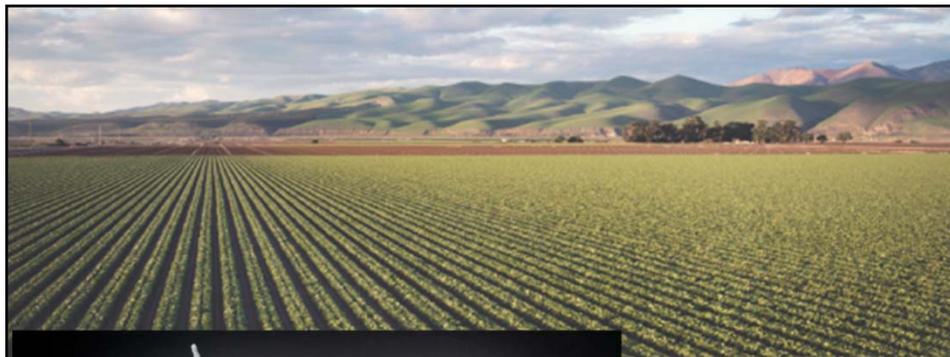
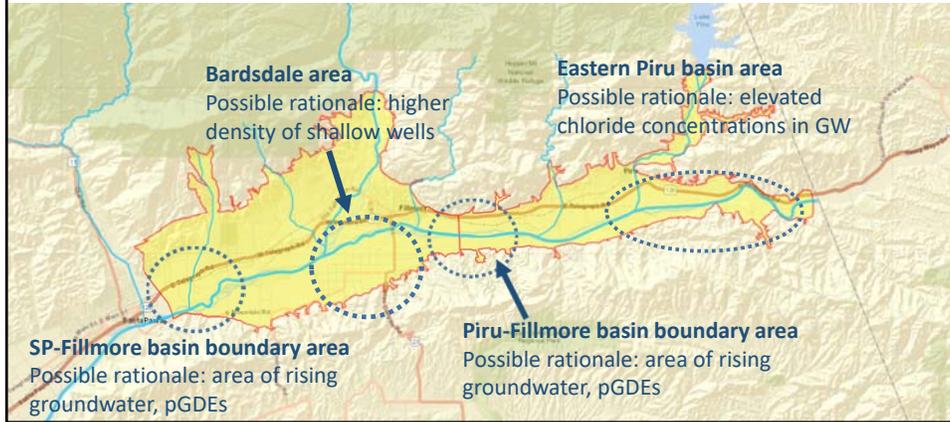
- Monitoring sites in each MA
- MO & MT can be different in each MA, but must be justified (rationale)
- Impact of MA on adjacent areas



Item 5B - Management Areas



EXAMPLES THE GSA MAY WANT TO CONSIDER:



ANY
QUESTIONS
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July 2020 Reference / Background Materials

Future Conditions

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Best-Management-Practices-and-Guidance-Documents>

- *Resource Guide - Climate Change Data and Guidance*
- *Guidance Document - Guidance for Climate Change Data Use During Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development*
- *BMPs - Water Budget, Modeling, Sustainable Management Criteria*

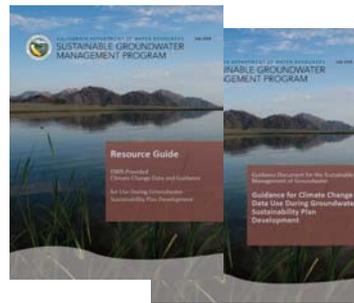


Regulations

§354.18(c)(2) Historical Water Budget Assessment

§ 354.18 e Water Budget

§ 354.28 c Minimum Thresholds

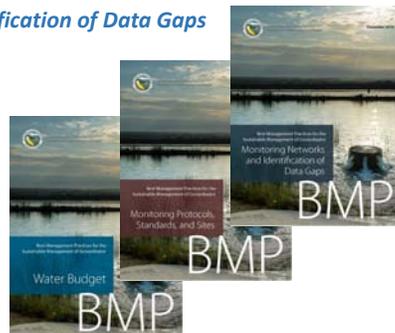


July 2020 Reference / Background Materials

Water Budget (GW model derived data)

<https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management/Best-Management-Practices-and-Guidance-Documents>

BMPs - Water Budget; Monitoring Protocols, Standards, and Sites; Monitoring Networks and Identification of Data Gaps



Regulations

§ 354.18 Water Budget

Subarticle 4 Monitoring Networks





Special Board of Directors Meeting

July 2, 2019

Via ZOOM

MINUTES

Directors Present

Director Kelly Long, Chair

Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer

Director Gordon Kimball

Director Glen Pace

Directors Absent

Director Tim Holmgren

Director Candice Meneghin

Staff Present

Anthony Emmert, executive director

Scott Nave, legal counsel

Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

Public Present

Erin Gorospe, UWCD

Tim Moore, DBS&A

Tony Morgan, DBS&A

Blake Petrucci

Kris Sofley, UWCD

Call to Order 5:10p.m.

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:07p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Long led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Directors Roll Call

Clerk of the Board called the roll. Four directors were present (Long, McFadden, Kimball, and Pace). Directors Holmgren and Meneghin were not present. Chair Long stated that four Directors comprised a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

3 Public Comments

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING Discussion of Resolution 2020-03 Establishing FY 2020-21 Groundwater Extraction Rates (July 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021) for the FPBGSA.

Motion

Executive Director Emmert stated the Agency adopted a budget for FY 2020-21 at its last regular Board meeting. He explained that the Agency needed to provide the public with 20 days notice to allow for public comments prior to adopting groundwater extraction rates for the new fiscal year, which is why the Special Board meeting needed to be called. Mr. Emmert reminded the Board that the proposed groundwater extraction rates for both basins is the same as it has been in the previous fiscal year -- \$12.00 per acre foot.

Vice Chair McFadden, a member of the ad hoc committee, stated that the committee recommends the Board continue to keep the rate the same as it has been, and recommends adoption of Resolution 2020-03 continuing with the assessment rate at \$12.00 acre foot.

Chair Long asked if anyone had any other comments or questions . None were offered. Chair Long asked if any of the Board members had any comments or questions. None were offered. Chair Long then asked the Clerk if the Agency had received any mail or emails containing public comments or testimony regarding the adoption of Resolution 2020-03. The Clerk replied that no communication from the public via mail or email regarding the adoption of the Resolution or rate setting had been received.

Chair Long asked for a Motion.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-03, establishing the FPBGSA groundwater extraction rate for July 2, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at \$12 per acre foot, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Pace. Roll call vote: four ayes (Long, Mcfadden, Kimball, Pace); none opposed; two absent (Holmgren, Meneghin). Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

5. ADJOURNMENT: 5:14pm

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 5:14p.m., thanking everyone for their time, to the next Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020 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 July 2, 2020.

ATTEST: _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Check Detail
July 9, 2020

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	11089	07/09/2020	County of Ventura IT Services Department	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	11090	07/09/2020	Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc.	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-26,273.34
Bill Pmt -Check	11091	07/09/2020	Olivarez Madruga Lemeiux O'Neill LLP	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-1,051.00
					<hr/> -27,364.34



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Item No. **3C Consent Calendar**

DATE: **July 16, 2020**

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 preliminary financial reports based on the Agency revenue and expenses for the month of June 2020.

Billing for the January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 groundwater extraction fees is still in progress and expected to be completed in September 2020. Therefore, revenue for that period is not yet included in the attached profit and loss budget report. In addition, some invoices covering services provided in FY 2019-20 have not yet been received, so all expenses for FY 19-20 are not yet included in the report. A revised report will be presented to the Board once the billing has been completed.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Attachments: June 30, 2020 P/L Budget Performance - Preliminary
 June 30, 2020 Balance Sheet - Preliminary

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Profit & Loss Budget Performance - Preliminary
July 2019 through June 2020

	<u>Jul '19 - Jun 20</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income			
40001 · Groundwater Extraction Charge	334,611.35	668,964.00	50.02%
41000 · Grant Revenue			
41001 · State Grants	74,975.39	154,485.32	
Total 41000 · Grant Revenue	74,975.39	154,485.32	48.53%
47000 · Other Revenue			
47001 · Late Fees	3,087.43	0.00	
47012 · Returned Check Charges	20.00	0.00	
Total 47000 · Other Revenue	3,107.43	0.00	
Total Income	412,694.17	823,449.32	
Gross Profit	412,694.17	823,449.32	50.12%
Expense			
52200 · Professional Services			
52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	504.34	980.00	51.46%
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep			
52251 · Prof Svcs - UWCD GW Services	129.93	25,800.00	0.50%
52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	264,367.05	242,914.00	108.83%
52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep - Other	0.00	0.00	
Total 52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep	264,496.98	268,714.00	98.43%
52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting	14,573.07	10,000.00	145.73%
52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	7,051.82	7,000.00	100.74%
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	21,426.58	42,000.00	51.02%
52290 · Prof Svcs - Other	550.00	0.00	
Total 52200 · Professional Services	308,602.79	328,694.00	93.89%
52500 · Legal Fees			
52501 · Legal Counsel	8,862.50	25,000.00	
Total 52500 · Legal Fees	8,862.50	25,000.00	35.45%
53000 · Office Expenses			
53010 · Public Information	341.00	1,000.00	34.10%
53020 · Office Supplies	16.46	500.00	3.29%
53026 · Postage & Mailing	388.02	2,000.00	19.40%
53040 · Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	
53060 · Computer Software	0.00	0.00	
53110 · Travel & Training	502.69	4,000.00	12.57%
Total 53000 · Office Expenses	1,248.17	7,500.00	16.64%
53500 · Insurance			
53510 · Liability Insurance	2,115.73	2,500.00	
Total 53500 · Insurance	2,115.73	2,500.00	84.63%
70000 · Interest & Debt Service			
70120 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	
Total 70000 · Interest & Debt Service	0.00	0.00	
70130 · Bank Service Charges	20.00	0.00	
80000 · AR Write-Offs - Bad Debt Exp.	0.00	0.00	
81000 · Capital Expenditures	0.00	100,000.00	
Total Expense	320,849.19	463,694.00	69.19%
Net Income	<u>91,844.98</u>	<u>359,755.32</u>	<u>25.53%</u>

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Balance Sheet - Preliminary
As of June 30, 2020

	<u>Jun 30, 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 - Bank of the Sierra	324,809.85
Total Checking/Savings	<u>324,809.85</u>
Accounts Receivable	
11000 - Accounts Receivable	59,936.05
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>59,936.05</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>384,745.90</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>384,745.90</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 - Accounts Payable	27,364.34
Total Accounts Payable	<u>27,364.34</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>27,364.34</u>
Total Liabilities	27,364.34
Equity	
32000 - Retained Earnings	265,536.58
Net Income	91,844.98
Total Equity	<u>357,381.56</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>384,745.90</u></u>

United Water Conservation District

FY 2020-21 Rates

Position	FY 20-21 Billing Rates	FY 19-20 Billing Rates	% Change
Accountant I	66.59	65.10	2.30%
Accountant III	76.39	74.46	2.59%
Accountant - Part-Time	41.31	-	
Administrative Assistant I	54.11	53.23	1.66%
Administrative Assistant II	56.85	-	
Assistant General Manager	184.97	180.51	2.47%
Associate Ecologist (Environmental Scientist)	102.72	101.10	1.61%
Associate Engineer (Engineer)	102.90	101.09	1.79%
Associate Hydrogeologist (Hydrogeologist)	102.49	100.83	1.64%
Associate Hydrologist	77.56	-	
Asst. Ecologist (Associate Environmental Scientist)	72.54	71.32	1.71%
Chief Engineer	154.18	151.28	1.92%
Chief Financial Officer	153.97	151.01	1.96%
Controller	120.51	119.42	0.92%
Environmental Services Manager	136.45	-	
Executive Assistant / Clerk of the Board	79.70	72.79	9.49%
Executive Administrative Coordinator/Clerk of the Board	94.69	-	
Hydrologist	88.38	86.93	1.68%
IT Administrator	90.21	88.12	2.36%
Senior Accountant	82.72	80.83	2.35%
Senior Hydrogeologist	114.41	111.58	2.54%
Senior Hydrologist	112.19	110.18	1.82%
Senior Hydrologist - Water Resources	102.77		
Sr. Hydrogeologist/Modeler	114.41	111.67	2.45%
Staff Hydrogeologist (Associate Hydrogeologist)	77.56	76.08	1.94%
Supervising Hydrogeologist	119.32	116.50	2.42%



Item No. 4A Motion

DATE: July 9, 2020 (for July 16, 2020 meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Consider Potential Grant-Funded Regional Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Staffed and Administered by Ventura County Resource Conservation District and Provide Direction to Staff

SUMMARY

The Board will consider a proposal by the Ventura County Resource Conservation District to provide a potential grant-funded Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator to provide coordination between and support to the regional groundwater sustainability agencies over the period 2021 to 2024, and provide direction to staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report from staff on the proposed grant-funded Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator and provide direction to staff regarding whether to support the grant application.

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Conservation (DoC) has recently released a proposal solicitation package (PSP) for a grant program that would fund “watershed coordinators to develop, update, and implement watershed improvement plans consistent with Proposition 50 water bond funding requirements and to support implementation of related groundwater sustainability plans developed pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.” The DoC intends for the grant program to focus on high and medium priority basins. The basins in the Santa Clara River watershed have been designated by the California Department of Water Resources as high priority basins. Securing a DoC grant for the Ventura County area may provide for enhancement of the ongoing efforts of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Management Agency toward groundwater sustainability, and staff recommends that the Agency consider supporting a regional grant application. The maximum grant amount would be \$300,000 and available for up to three years, with no matching funds requirement. The grant applications are due on September 15, 2020, and DoC expects to announce awards in mid-Nov 2020. Allowing for several months for the development and execution of the grant agreements, it is likely that the funds would be available in spring 2021, at the earliest.

Over the past several weeks, discussions have occurred between multiple agencies regarding the potential benefits and costs to the Ventura County region of applying for this DoC grant. The major scope of work activities for the coordinator include:

- Supporting existing groundwater sustainability agencies' efforts to coordinate between basins and developing ways to enhance inter-basin coordination
- Coordinating with and enhancing the efforts of existing Integrated Regional Watershed Planning watershed coordinators (Santa Clara River watershed already has a watershed coordinator, staffed by the County of Ventura)
- Inventorying various existing water projects and programs in the region and providing regular status updates to groundwater sustainability agencies
- Identifying data gaps and developing projects to fill the gaps
- Supporting projects and programs developed by groundwater sustainability agencies through their groundwater sustainability plans
- Supporting the groundwater sustainability agencies' efforts to seek grant funding for their projects and programs
- Enhancing coordination between groundwater sustainability agencies and agencies with land use authority
- Enhancing communication of groundwater sustainability agencies with difficult-to-reach stakeholders, including disadvantaged communities.

The Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCD) has expressed a willingness to serve as the grant applicant on behalf of the agencies within the Ventura County region. If successful in receiving one of the DoC grant awards, the VCRCD would provide the coordinator services to the groundwater sustainability agencies in Ventura County and would serve as the grant manager and the fiscal agent. The VCRCD has asked the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Management Agency for input on the proposed scope of work for the coordinator, as well as a letter of support for the grant application. Dependent upon the feedback from the Agency Board of Directors at the July 16, 2020 meeting, staff will prepare a support letter for Board consideration at its August 20, 2020 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Proposed Motion:

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



Item No. 5A Information Item
DATE: July 9, 2020
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Dan Detmer
SUBJECT: Review of Ventura County Well Construction Moratorium

SUMMARY

In Ventura County, staff of the Groundwater Section of the Watershed Protection District have the authority to issue well permits and issue conditions under which a permit will be granted. In response to drought conditions in Ventura County, Ordinance 4468 was adopted in December 2014. When a permit application is received, County practice is to notify the GSA for the basin where the parcel is located and ask for comments.

RECCOMENDATION:

(none)

BACKGROUND

Ordinance 4468 was intended to prevent *increased* groundwater use during times of drought, but allows for replacements wells or alternative sources of water for existing uses of water.

After a GSA has completed and submitted their Groundwater Sustainability Plan to DWR, the County moratorium for new water use is lifted for that basin.

GSAs have the authority to place conditions on new wells and extractions. If FPBGSA chooses to place conditions on new wells, applicants will need approval from the GSA before the County will issue a well permit. If a GSA does not develop conditions following submittal of a GSP, the County will provide a copy of new well permits but will not request comments.



Item No. **5B Information Item**

DATE: **July 9, 2020**

TO: **Board of Directors**

FROM: **Zachary Hanson**

SUBJECT: **Water Budget**

SUMMARY

An update will be provided on United's progress related to water budget output from the ongoing development of a numerical groundwater flow model in the Piru, Fillmore and Santa Paula basins. United's staff is continuing to refine certain elements of the model, especially related to improving calibration for surface water flows. United will show examples of simulated water budgets in the Piru and Fillmore basins over the model calibration period years of 1985-2015, and briefly discuss how they compare with previously estimated values.

RECCOMENDATION:

(none)

BACKGROUND

United staff has been working in past months to expand the existing groundwater flow model up the Santa Clara River valley to include the Piru, Fillmore and Santa Paula basins. It is intended that the model be used for future forecasts relating to sustainability in the Piru and Fillmore basins.