



**Fillmore and Piru Basins**  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday**  
**August 20, 2020 - 5:00p.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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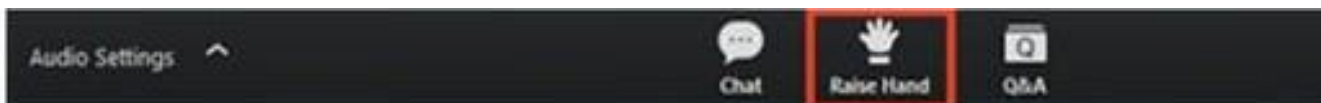
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## **AGENDA**

### **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 Member  
Director Update**

**County of Ventura Member 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 July 16, 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 July 16, 2020, including clarification of Ventura County's well construction moratorium and authorities provided to the Agency.

**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 July 16, 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 July 16, 2020, the Special Board Meeting of July 2, 2020 and the Board Meeting of June 18, 2020.

**3B Approval of Warrants**

The Board will consider approving the following invoices for payment:

Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc	\$33,250.43
Olivarez Madrugal Lemieux O'Neill, LLP	675.50
United Water Conservation District	20, 209.27

**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.

**4. MOTION ITEMS**

**4A Consider Letter of Support for Ventura County Resource Conservation District's Application for a California Department of Conservation Grant to Fund Regional Resiliency Coordinator**

**Motion**

Receive report from staff on the proposed grant-funded Regional Resiliency Coordinator and consider a letter of support for the Ventura County Resource Conservation District's application for a California Department of Conservation grant to fund the proposed program for the period 2021 to 2024.

**4B Consider Releasing Agency's Database Information for the Development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans to the Public**

**Motion**

The Board will consider approving the release of the Agency's database information for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans to the public.

**4C Consider Date for next Stakeholder Workshop and approve revised Stakeholder Workshop Schedule**

**Motion**

The Board will consider possible dates for the next Stakeholder Workshop and will review, provide direction, and consider approving the revised Stakeholder Workshop Schedule.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**5A Annual Reporting System**

**Information Item**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will provide a presentation to the Board regarding the requirements of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act's Annual Reporting System.

**5B Monitoring Wells**

**Information Item**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will provide a presentation to the Board regarding the data gaps which can be filled by construction of monitoring wells.

**5C Future Conditions - Information Needs**

**Information Item**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will discuss with the Board the information needs specific to the development of future conditions scenarios to be included in the Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

**5D Sustainable Management Criteria**

**Information Item**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will present the preliminary results of the Sustainable Management Criteria ad hoc committee's efforts to establish the potential metrics, minimum thresholds, and measurable objectives to be used to assess undesirable results within the context of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

**FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board will adjourn to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **September 17, 2020** or call of the Chair

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Approved:   
Board Chair Kelly Long

Posted: (date) August 17, 2020 (time) 2:30 pm (attest) Eva Ibarra  
At: <https://www.FPBGSA.org>

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Posted: (date) August 17, 2020 (time) 2:30 pm (attest) Julie Latshaw  
At: Fillmore City Hall, 250 Central Avenue, Fillmore CA 93015

Posted: (date) August 17, 2020 (time) 2:30 pm (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**

Lisa Ballin, CSUS/DBS&A  
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 CBI 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 Board met last week and considered a budget for FY 2020-21. The board voted to have staff review the budget and come back with a proposal that would include no increases and assessment for pumpers. The reason for modifying the proposed budget are the constraints and challenges for assessment payers caused by the COVID-19 situation.

He said he also want to mention Lake Piru was in the path of the Lime fire. He told Mr. Emmert he had seen some spectacular pictures of the Elizabeth fire 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 is a very good photographer, and the District gets the benefits of both of those talents.

### **County of Ventura Director Update**

Chair Long thanked United for the use of the water to fight the fire and added that the photos of the firefighters 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 26th and then public wedding ceremonies. She stressed that the big thing is the use of 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.covid19.ca.org) 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 members 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 Minjares 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, the agency had over \$164,000 in 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. He stated that there are still 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 also having collection problems with, may need some added encouragement. He stated that he will be speaking with the Vice Chair and Treasurer McFadden regarding options. 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 policy.

Chair Long said she would add that to a future 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 prepare 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 has recently received reimbursement payments from DWR, but that Mr. Pech said due to the timing of when the invoices were submitted, the agency should not expect those payments 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 Madrugá 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 recent workshop. To remind the Board and any visitors, the main change in the work plan and budget 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 Sun 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 two basins were in fairly good shape and that surface water and groundwater is integrated in this area. He stated that the integration leads to challenges in modeling.

Director Meneghin asked if the model has the capacity to run scenarios with sub daily flows. Mr. Detmer said that the model did not. He said that pumping records are reported in six months periods and are then converted to monthly periods. He said that if you would want to develop a site-specific model, they might be able to do that. He stated that the pumping influences are going to be overwhelmed by the available water in these very large basins.

Director Meneghin stated that there has been concern with groundwater pumping impacting surface flow on the nearby Ventura River, and if the model does not have the capacity to run sub-daily flows, that we will need to address this potential concern and impact through another mechanism/form of analysis.

Mr. Detmer stated that by looking at recovery of individual wells where 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. When considering the streambed elevation, 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 effects at a tighter scale rather than by time or space, again when everything is being averaged over 2000 feet along that stream, there are 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 if 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 the area there doesn't yield a lot of groundwater, for example, and 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 management area you have to create a boundary and then you have a step change in management criteria and management objectives across that non-physical boundary, so you may want to think carefully about creating specific areas that you are either inside or outside, 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, which has many shallower well, and other areas with deeper wells, 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 stakeholders 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. However, he then asked if the agency has done any investigations of any extraction facilities, as data gathered during investigations should 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



## **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



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 16, 2020**  
**via ZOOM**  
**MINUTES**

**Directors Present**

Director Kelly Long, Chair  
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer  
Director Tim Holmgren (joined the meeting at 5:15pm)  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Glen Pace  
Director Candice Meneghin

**Staff Present**

Anthony Emmert, executive director  
Steve O'Neill, legal counsel  
Kris Sofley, clerk of the board

**Public Present**

Lisa Ballin, CSUS/DBS&A  
Bryan Bondy, Fillmore and Piru Pumpers Associations  
Frank Brommschenkel  
Matt Freeman  
Debbie Jackson  
Dr. Zachary Hanson, UWCD  
Tim Moore, DBS&A  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A  
Dr. Jason Sun, UWCD  
Richard Tate  
Roy Thun  
Jim Thurber  
Steve Zimmer

**Call to order 5:03p.m.**

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m.

**First Open Session**

**1A Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair McFadden led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance



**1B Directors Roll Call**

Clerk of the Board took roll, five Directors were in attendance (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin) and two were absent (Pace, who had stepped away from his computer during roll call, and Holmgren, who joined the meeting later at 5:15p.m.).

**1C Public Comments**

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments or questions for the Board. None were offered.

**1D Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

Chair Long asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Vice Chair McFadden asked that the Minutes (Item 3A) be removed and addressed separately.

Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 3A from the Consent Calendar, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Kimball. Roll call vote: four ayes (Kimball, McFadden, Meneghin, Long); none opposed; two absent (Holmgren, Pace). Motion carries 4/0/2.

**2. Updates**

**2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:**

Oral Reports from the Board

**Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Kimball reported that the Fillmore Pumpers Association had held its monthly Board meeting. At that meeting, the Association's consultant, Bryan Bondy, had expressed a desire to see things sooner rather than later regarding the FPBGSA's GSP planning and preparation. Mr. Bondy understands that the consultants (DBS&A and UWCD) may not want to share work before it is finished and the membership had a robust discussion regarding the availability of information. Director Kimball said that he reminded members that the GSP is not set in stone and the GSP submitted initially will be the first of many drafts. He added that he wants to keep the dialogue open and remind consultants that the work can be evolutionary

**Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Pace echoed Director Kimball's comments and said he used that discussion to remind pumpers that it is important to attend the FPBGSA meetings and that the FPBGSA Board is very interested in getting feedback for its GSPs preparations

**Environmental Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Meneghin reported that she participated in the Greater Ventura County Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) Webinar on June 19,

2020. She said there were 112 registrants and since it was added to the Watershed Protection District's website, the video has had over 100 views. Director Meneghin also participated in the FPBGSA Stakeholder workshop on June 25 and will be attending the first FPBGSA ad hoc Management Criteria Development Committee meeting tomorrow morning.

#### **City of Fillmore Member Director Update**

Director Holmgren was not in attendance yet to provide an update.

#### **United Water Conservation District Director**

Vice Chair McFadden said that he was sure everyone had heard of the tragedy at Lake Piru as it was all over the news and that he did not have anything more to report.

#### **Update County of Ventura Director Update**

Chair Long reported her participation in the County's Planning Committee meeting today, a meeting with APAC regarding industrial hemp; a seminar regarding grants for inactive wells; COVID-19 is still going strong and testing continues in Piru, Fillmore and Santa Paula, education efforts are also being made, reaching out to packers and agricultural workers. She added that it looks like many in the County will be continuing to work from home for a bit longer and that there is still a great deal of work to do in combatting COVID-19.

Vice Chair McFadden added that he would like to compliment the Ventura County Ag Commission for its efforts to keep the community safe. He said that the commission has provided surgical and N95 masks for pesticide use and has distributed many masks throughout the community which has been very helpful.

Chair Long agreed, adding that Santa Paula Hospital, the Ag Commission and Logrando Bienestar are getting personal protection equipment out to the communities, encouraging testing, providing physical and mental health services and economic assistance. They are really getting stuff done, she said.

Director Meneghin echoed this statement adding that these groups are distributing COVID-19 pamphlets, training and screening and more and doing a really great job.

Chair Long did add that 216 farmworkers in the County have tested positive for the corona virus and Vice Chair McFadden said that many are taking advantage of the doctors who have volunteered to provide training and/or hold classes for farmworkers. Chair Long said that they just did a press conference with Limoneira that went very well.

**2B Executive Director Update**  
**Information Item**

Executive Director Emmert, seeing that Director Holmgren had joined the meeting, asked him to provide his update to the Board at this time.

Director Holmgren thanked him, but said he had no updates for the Board.

Executive Director Emmert reported that outstanding receivables had gone down slightly, from \$80,182 on July 8 to \$65,647. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) was still reviewing its outstanding invoice for the Fillmore Fish Hatchery. He stated that he had been unable to reach out to the Agency's contacts at DFW and would continue to follow-up. Executive Director Emmert suggested that at an agenda item to review outstanding invoices and collections may be agendized at a future Board meeting, as Vice Chair McFadden requested.

Executive Director Emmert said that the Agency had received grant reimbursement payments for its first three invoices and was expecting payment of invoice four within the next few weeks. He also stated that staff was preparing the next progress report and invoice which was due on August 15, 2020.

He reported that UWCD continues to work on the groundwater model and calibrations continue to improve and that Mr. Detmer would provide any answers to questions later in the agenda.

**2C Legal Counsel Update**  
**Information Item**

OMLO's Steve O'Neill was in attendance as Legal Counsel for this evening's meeting and thanks Scott Nave for his assistance during Mr. O'Neill's absence. Mr. O'Neill said that now that he was "back in the neighborhood" he was looking forward to participating in the Agency's meetings on a more regular basis. Other than that, he had no updates for the Board.

**2D GSP Consultant Update**  
**Information Item**

Tony Morgan, representing Daniel B Stephens & Associates, delivered a presentation to the Board (see attached powerpoint). Mr. Morgan confirmed that tonight's Board discussions would address a technical review of the County's well moratorium, the water budget and future conditions which contribute to the planning and development of the Agency's GSPs. He added that next month the Board will address annual reporting systems and that in September, the discussion will focus on data

gaps analysis and the role of monitoring wells as part of the GSPs. Mr. Morgan provided a list of reference or background materials for the Board's education in preparing for these discussions and asked if he could ask the Board a question. Mr. Morgan said at a past meeting, there had been discussion regarding the database system release and that the Board would advise constituents at the stakeholder workshop. Then Mr. Morgan asked if the Board is comfortable with this information being released now.

The Clerk of the Board and Legal Counsel both reminded Mr. Morgan that that discussion was not agendized for Board direction and the Clerk of the Board said that she would add it to the next Board meeting agenda as a motion item. Director Kimball asked if a motion item is needed for the Board to approve the release of the information and the Clerk responded yes, it is required.

### 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**

As noted earlier, Vice Chair McFadden asked to pull the Minutes from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion. Director Kimball said he had changes to the last paragraph on page 8 and began looking through the Minutes. Vice Chair McFadden said that he would like to suggest the Minutes get rolled over to the next meeting thereby providing adequate time for Board members to review the Minutes fully and send their changes to the Clerk of the Board. Item 3A, the Minutes from the June 18, 2020 Board meeting and the Minutes from the July 2, 2020 Special Board meeting will be moved to the August Board meeting agenda.

#### **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.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items 3B, 3C and 3D, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Pace. Roll call vote: six ayes (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0.

**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**

Executive Director Emmert explained that the Agency had received a solicitation or proposal package from the Ventura County Resource Conservation District which is looking to get input on a potential grant-funded regional sustainable groundwater management watershed coordinator. He explained that the grant is available to critical basins and the coordinator position would be shared between the GSAs and the Watersheds. He said that he, Director Meneghin and Mr. Bondy had been included in a discussion that determined the Resource Conservation District would administer the grant, if awarded, with a part time person reporting to Jaime Whiteford. He explained that the position would work to enhance GSAs' activities, such as stakeholder outreach and public education, and would be available in Spring or Summer of 2021 and would provide coordination between and support to the regional groundwater sustainability agencies over the period 2021 – 2024.

Mr. Morgan said that in 2021, the Agency would be writing GSP drafts for public comments, incorporating those comments into the GSPs in the fall and wrapping up everything in the GSPs in December for submission in January 2022.

Executive Director Emmert said that the grant is through March 2024 and that the position was envisioned as someone to help with coordination and implementation, shared with the Watershed Coalition, helping to do outreach to disadvantaged communities, inventorying the existing water resources projects and providing links to pertinent websites. He stated that the position's efforts could be focused in the period following the GSPs submissions. He continued, saying the position could monitor and implement programs, coordinate inter-basin meetings, support projects and programs and, as Director Meneghin has suggested in the past, assist

with identifying new grant opportunities and submissions. Executive Director Emmert said if the Board wished, he could draft a support letter and bring it back to the Board for approval at the August meeting.

Vice Chair McFadden said he had concerns about keeping the GSA as a grass roots effort and had concerns about giving stakeholder control to an outside agency. He also asked about hidden costs and if there needed to be budget adjustments to accommodate this position. He said that he did not believe in doing something because you can, but because it serves a useful purpose.

Director Kimball asked if there was a copy of the grant that he could review. Executive Director Emmert said he would send Director Kimball the package and on page two of the staff report he had outlined the role of the position. He added that there was no local match requirement, and the Department of Conservation was funding the grant from earlier voter propositions. He then asked if the Board thought it would be helpful to have assistance in grant applications and added that perhaps the agency needs to be further along in its plans, like in a year or a year and a half from now.

Director Meneghin said that another role for this coordinator among GSAs could be the ecological processes, gap analysis and that the position could write grant applications and pursue grants on behalf of the GSAs.

Bryan Bondy said that the Upper Ventura River GSA as well as the Mound Basin GSA, but primarily the Upper Ventura River, had been analyzing the grant opportunity and shares many of the concerns, especially that this person could be perceived as a spokesperson for the GSA during critical GSP public comment periods. He said that he welcomes support on grants, but requiring a coordinator to broker competing demands of the GSAs for grant money would be challenging.

Chair Long asked if there was a job description for this regional management coordinator and asked specifically what they would be doing and said she thought the Board needed more information before it could decide.

Executive Director Emmert said that the RCD is essentially asking for ideas from the GSAs as to what would be helpful. He said there seems to be more concerns than enthusiasm, and perhaps the Agency does not want help or would prefer to delay assistance until later.

Chair Long said the one opportunity – to educate people on SGMA, and stakeholder engagement, was already being handled by the consultants,

and she thought the Agency should be cautious in handing over the education of the community to another party.

Director Kimball said that with all the time and effort put into stakeholder outreach and engagement, he felt that effort needs to come from the Board itself and not someone speaking for the Board. He said Mr. Bondy makes a valid point about representation too. Does this person speak for Fillmore Piru Basin GSA or Fox Canyon GMA and if they work for all the GSAs isn't that pulling the focus from FPBGSA?

Director Pace said he thought it seems odd to get a grant to hire someone to look for more grants. He added that it may be more problematic and may cause more challenges as this person would not be under direct control by this Agency. He said he did not see the benefit in hiring someone.

Director Meneghin said the Department of Conservation is funding the position to work outside the GSAs but in areas of coordination. She suggested that Executive Director Emmert circulate the job description and get feedback as to what the Directors would like to have this person do, how they would see the position supporting the Agency's consultants, for example.

Vice Chair McFadden said he thought Daniel B. Stephens was on top of it and personally, he could not support this motion tonight.

Chair Long agreed saying that the Board needs to see a job description and more information and will not consider the motion at this time.

Executive Director Emmert said he would circle back with the group considering the application and that the Board's comments were helpful. He said he would let them know this Board's preferences and perhaps there may be a need in the future. RCD has received input from other GSAs, and he will get that input and bring it back to the Board at the next meeting.

## **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5A Review of Ventura County Well Construction Moratorium Information Item**

UWCD's Dan Detmer presented an overview of the language, guidelines and restrictions contained in the Ventura County Well Construction Moratorium (see attached powerpoint). Among the points he covered were that in Ventura County, staff of the Groundwater Section of the Watershed Protection District have the authority to issue well permits. Fees are paid for the well permit, and county staff issues the conditions

under which a permit will be granted. Conditions include provision such as sanitary seals and screening multiple aquifers in confined basin settings. In response to drought conditions in Ventura County, Ordinance 4468 was adopted in December 2014.

Ordinance 4468 was intended to prevent increased groundwater use during times of drought but allows for replacement wells or alternative sources of water for existing uses of water. Replacement wells, or alternative sources of water for existing water uses are allowed. When permit applications are received by the County, it is the County's practice to notify the GSA for the basin where the parcel is located and ask that GSA for comments. After the GSA has completed and submitted their GSP to DWR, the County moratorium for new water use is lifted for that basin.

Following GSP adoption, 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 the 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 from the GSA.

Vice Chair thanked Mr. Detmer for the clarification. Director Kimball said that recession of the moratorium is not automatic, the Board of Supervisors has approval. Mr. Detmer clarified that according to the 2014 provisions, a few minor changes new sections were made and that he will get clarification on well permits for construction in high and medium ranked basins.

Director Meneghin said that the County makes stipulations and that Board can add to that. Mr. Detmer said that after the GSA submits its GSP, it is automatically excused from the moratorium for that basin, but he will seek clarification from the County to be sure.

Chair Long asked when we need to know this information by, and Mr. Detmer said when the Agency submits its GSP. Mr. Morgan added that there is an element in the GSP that needs to be made by the GSA. Mr. O'Neill said that he will follow up with the County's legal counsel for clarification.

Executive Director Emmert asked if the Agency is going to have its own rules incorporated into the GSP, which is what he recommends as the authority over these two basins.



Director Meneghin said that the Agency wants to make sure it is not liable for impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems if county permits are issued outside of the GSA's guidelines. Chair Long said that Legal Counsel will follow up on that and Mr. Detmer said he would send his information to Mr. O'Neill.

**5B Water Budget  
Information Item**

UWCD's Dr. Zachary Hanson presented information regarding the basins' Water Budget (see attached powerpoint). At the conclusion of his presentation, Chair Long thanked Dr. Hanson for providing the Board with very good information. Vice Chair McFadden asked if the presentation would be posted on the Agency's website and Dr. Hanson said, yes it would.

Director Kimball said he thought the presentation was brilliant and really showed the differences of the flows and how different each of the basins are. He added that Dr. Hanson's presentation was very impressive. Dr. Hanson said he wanted to help give the Board a clearer picture.

Chair Long asked if there were any more questions. Director Holmgren said the presentation delivered an intense amount of information which was very helpful to him and thanked Dr. Hanson for the education.

Bryan Bondy said that he did not have any comments on the conclusion or the numbers presented by Dr. Hanson but he doesn't have anything to review. He explained that his job (as a consultant for the pumpers' associations) is to review technical aspects. He said given the timeframe, and the lack of documentation for the model, how can he review and understand how the numbers were arrived at that are being presented as results and conclusions. Chair Long said he has 30 days from receipt of information to comment.

Mr. Bondy continued saying that there is a tremendous amount of information to review and 30 days is not enough for technical people to review and the sooner he can see the model documentation the better the process will go. He added that the Agency should learn from the lessons of Fox Canyon GMA. Chair Long asked Dr. Hanson, Mr. Detmer and Mr. Morgan if they had any comments.

Mr. Detmer said he understands Mr. Bondy's comments, but that Dr. Hanson was not providing result, but rather preliminary output. He said that United staff is rushing to calibrate the model, doing their best, but that it takes time. He said initially the calibration was to be finished by the end of the month, and implement a four-year validation period. The earliest

documentation will be available is three months from now, according to Mr. Detmer. He said that he understands Mr. Bondy's concerns, but he does not think he has an answer that will satisfy Mr. Bondy. He added that staff has been coordinating with Mr. Morgan and they are having workshops on the models specifically and that if the Board and Pumpers want staff to work with Mr. Bondy, they will do that.

Director Kimball said we need to look at this differently. He said staff need to do what is required to submit the draft GSP but as Mr. Detmer has said, the model isn't perfect, it needs review and comments from stakeholders, and the Agency doesn't quit listening to stakeholders with the GSP is submitted, but continues to improve the model over the next 40 years or more. Chair Long agreed and added that the model and GSP evolve. Mr. Detmer said that the evolution of the model, including periodic improvements, these are the timing elements that Mr. Bondy mentioned.

Mr. Morgan stated that staff is pushing the timeline to get the information into the GSP. When the model is where it needs to be, staff will come back to the board with that documentation. Tonight's presentation was a sneak peek, he said, to allow the Board to see what those numbers look like, to get the Board oriented to that type of presentation. Chair Long suggested that adding the word "preliminary" to the graphics in the presentation may help.

Director Pace said that this model informs all decision for the GSP for the next five years. If its good, good. Tonight's presentation was a "look under the hood," before the Board begins addressing concerns and that everyone needs to understand this is not final.

Director Meneghin asked what the grant schedule completion date for the groundwater model was. Mr. Morgan said now or 30 days ago, but we will catch up. Director Meneghin asked what happens when its three months. Mr. Detmer said that he hopes to come to the point in the very near future where calibration is good enough and expects that to be by the end of July. Then there is the validation period. If the Board prefers, staff will work with Mr. Bondy now, but documentation on the calibrated model will not be ready for a couple months.

Director Meneghin said that Mr. Bondy is not the only one that wants to review the model and the Board wants to give everyone enough time to review the documentation. She said she has raised concerns with DBS&A in comparing the grant schedule and has asked if the Agency is on track but three months behind is concerning. Mr. Morgan clarified that he said 30 days behind schedule to have working version of the groundwater

model, *not* the documentation. Written documentation comes later, he said.

Mr. Detmer said at the next workshop Director Meneghin will be able to review model demonstrations, but Mr. Bondy wants model files and UWCD staff need to allow people to have confidence in the model so they buy into results. He added that UWCD staff is sensitive to timing issues, but he is reluctant to publish documentation before the model is good to go.

Director Meneghin asked Mr. Detmer to report if the Agency is on track with the grant schedule and needs to be clear if it is lagging on critical issues. She said that the consultants need to adequately address concerns and not rush stakeholder input. Mr. Morgan said that Board would have heard from him if they were seriously behind.

Director Kimball said that we want to handle this differently from Fox Canyon GMA. Thirty to 60 days is not long enough for anyone to review. Fox Canyon GMA is still getting comments and reviews. This is important, this is complex, and maybe six months, maybe even a year is a more appropriate time span for review. The development of the GSP is continuous and review and discussion with stakeholders continues after the submission of the GSP. Mr. Detmer said he is focused on calibration and is not yet talking about the future.

Mr. Bondy said he is trying to avoid the same situation experienced by the Fox Canyon GMA. Addressing the tools before the Board decides about the GSP while technical advisors are still reviewing the tools. He said he is not criticizing; he just wants to learn from the GMA and make the process better. That is all. Chair Long said he asks the questions to understand how best to proceed. We want to make sure we do this right and that stakeholders are engaged, and we are doing are best to do that.

Director Kimball said that on the non-technical side, Fox Canyon GMA did outreach, workshops, presentations but did not have any interaction with stakeholders. With Fox Canyon, it felt like nobody was listening to the stakeholders and that its process was a good example of how NOT to do it. Chair Long added that is why we make sure we are communicating correctly. She thanked Mr. Bondy for speaking up and added "it's how we get there."

**5C Future Conditions  
Information Item**

Daniel B. Stephens and Associates' Tony Morgan presented information regarding the basins' future conditions (see attached powerpoint). He said

the presentation will help the Board understand what DWR means when it says, “future conditions,” including a wide variety of elements such as stakeholder input, regulatory input and Directors input.

Mr. Morgan said the GSP lays out the implementation steps over the next 20 years to achieve sustainability as well as the maintenance of that sustainability over the 30 years following that. Basically, it is looking ahead for the next 50 years anticipating changes in hydrology, land use and population growth, changes in water usage, amounts of precipitation, potential drought conditions, availability of supplemental water and so on.

Director Meneghin mentioned Newhall Ranch and that groundwater was the primary source of water for all the new homes being constructed and there needs to be consideration of imported water and interbasin flows. Mr. Morgan said he was arranging a meeting with Santa Clarita Valley GSA and its consultants to discuss what is happening at the basin boundary. He also said it was important that Santa Clarita, FPBGSA and Mound Basin GSA are consistent in the set of future conditions and that several scenarios are run to assure agreement for a consistent set of elements for future conditions. Director Meneghin said tracking status of releases from Pyramid into Piru Lake. Mr. Morgan said that future conservation releases are a future consideration.

Chair Long asked if the Agency needs a technical committee or could these decisions be brought to the board. Mr. Morgan replied that technical team cannot make all the decision. It is most expedient, he said, for the technical team to bring a straw man proposal forward, for review by the Board and stakeholders. Chair Long asked that documentation be available in advance of review, so the Board has adequate time to prepare for a good discussion.

Chair Long asked if there were any more questions or comments. None were offered. Executive Director Emmer said he would work with consultant to flush out as much as possible. Chair Long said she agreed with Director Meneghin regarding the importance of the timeline and GSP process remaining on schedule.

## **FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

Chair Long asked if the Board had any suggested topics for discussion at future Board meetings.

Clerk asked if the previously mentioned outstanding accounts receivables discussion is a motion item, Chair Long said yes. There is also a motion item regarding the release of the database information to the public and a motion item regarding the grant for the

GSA's coordinator and Legal Counsel will provide an update clarifying the issues on the County's well moratorium.

**ADJOURNMENT 7:33p.m.**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 7:33p.m. to the next Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 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 16, 2020.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA  
Check Detail  
August 14, 2020

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Original Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	11092	08/14/2020	Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc.	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-33,250.43
Bill Pmt -Check	11093	08/14/2020	Olivarez Madruga Lemeiux O'Neill LLP	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-675.50
Bill Pmt -Check	11094	08/14/2020	United Water Conservation District	10000 · Bank of the Sierra	-20,209.27
					<hr/> -54,135.20



**Fillmore and Piru Basins**  
*Groundwater Sustainability Agency*

**Item No.**        **3C Consent Calendar**

**DATE:**         **August 20, 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 July 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

Attachments:    July 31, 2020 P/L Budget Performance  
                         July 31, 2020 Balance Sheet

**Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Performance**  
 July 2020

	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
40001 · Groundwater Extraction Charge	0.00	540,000.00	
<b>41000 · Grant Revenue</b>			
41001 · State Grants	0.00	698,246.00	
<b>Total 41000 · Grant Revenue</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>698,246.00</b>	
<b>47000 · Other Revenue</b>			
47001 · Late Fees	0.00	0.00	
47012 · Returned Check Charges	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 47000 · Other Revenue</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,238,246.00</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,238,246.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>52200 · Professional Services</b>			
52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	0.00	980.00	
<b>52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep</b>			
52251 · Prof Svcs - UWCD GW Services	0.00	50,000.00	
52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	33,250.43	350,814.00	9.48%
<b>Total 52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep</b>	<b>33,250.43</b>	<b>400,814.00</b>	<b>8.30%</b>
52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting	0.00	10,000.00	
52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	0.00	10,000.00	
52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director	0.00	40,000.00	
52290 · Prof Svcs - Other	0.00	1,000.00	
<b>Total 52200 · Professional Services</b>	<b>33,250.43</b>	<b>462,794.00</b>	<b>7.18%</b>
<b>52500 · Legal Fees</b>			
52501 · Legal Counsel	675.50	20,000.00	
<b>Total 52500 · Legal Fees</b>	<b>675.50</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>3.38%</b>
<b>53000 · Office Expenses</b>			
53010 · Public Information	0.00	1,000.00	
53020 · Office Supplies	0.00	500.00	
53026 · Postage & Mailing	0.00	2,000.00	
53040 · Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	
53060 · Computer Software	0.00	0.00	
53110 · Travel & Training	0.00	4,000.00	
<b>Total 53000 · Office Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	
<b>53500 · Insurance</b>			
53510 · Liability Insurance	0.00	2,500.00	
<b>Total 53500 · Insurance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	
<b>70000 · Interest &amp; Debt Service</b>			
70120 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 70000 · Interest &amp; Debt Service</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
70130 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	
80000 · AR Write-Offs - Bad Debt Exp.	0.00	0.00	
81000 · Capital Expenditures	0.00	200,000.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>33,925.93</b>	<b>692,794.00</b>	<b>4.90%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-33,925.93</b>	<b>545,452.00</b>	<b>-6.22%</b>



# Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA

## Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2020

	<u>Jul 31, 20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 - Bank of the Sierra	300,084.21
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>300,084.21</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
11000 - Accounts Receivable	53,493.91
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>53,493.91</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>353,578.12</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>353,578.12</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
20000 - Accounts Payable	54,135.20
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>54,135.20</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>54,135.20</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	54,135.20
<b>Equity</b>	
32000 - Retained Earnings	333,368.85
Net Income	-33,925.93
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>299,442.92</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>353,578.12</u></u>



**Item No.**            **4A Motion**

**DATE:**            **August 13, 2020 (for August 20, 2020 meeting)**

**TO:**                **Board of Directors**

**SUBJECT:**        **Consider Letter of Support for Ventura County Resource Conservation District’s Application for a California Department of Conservation Grant to Fund Regional Resiliency Coordinator**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Board will consider a proposal by the Ventura County Resource Conservation District to provide a potential grant-funded Resiliency Coordinator to provide coordination between and gap-filling support to the regional groundwater sustainability agencies over the period 2021 to 2024, and consider a letter of support for the application to the California Department of Conservation for a Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Program Grant.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive report from staff on the proposed grant-funded Resiliency Coordinator and consider a letter of support for the Ventura County Resource Conservation District’s application for a California Department of Conservation grant to fund the proposed program for the period 2021 to 2024.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The California Department of Conservation (DoC) has 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. The maximum grant amount would be \$300,000 and would be 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. It is likely that the funds would be available in spring 2021, at the earliest. The Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRC) has agreed to be the local grant applicant and has requested support for the application package from the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency).

Securing a DoC grant for the proposed part-time Resiliency Coordinator for the greater Ventura County area (Ventura River watershed; Calleguas Creek watershed; Santa Clara River watershed, including the upper basin in the Santa Clara area) will provide for enhancement of the ongoing and future efforts of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Management Agency toward groundwater sustainability. The emphasis for the proposed Resiliency Coordinator will be on behind-the-scenes and gap-filling activities

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not currently being done by the region's groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs). If requested to participate in public outreach efforts and interagency coordination, the Resiliency Coordinator will emphasize that the GSAs and their Boards and staffs are leading the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) effort and the Resiliency Coordinator is not asserting independent authority, but is serving in a support role. The grant proposal will emphasize back-loaded activities, in order to maximize the assistance that can be provided to the GSAs during the implementation phase (after they submit their GSPs). The proposed activities include:

- Supporting existing groundwater sustainability agencies' efforts to coordinate between basins and developing ways to enhance inter-basin coordination
- Enhancing communication of groundwater sustainability agencies with difficult-to-reach stakeholders, including disadvantaged communities
- Coordinating with and enhancing the efforts of existing Integrated Regional Watershed Planning (IRWMP) watershed coordinators (Santa Clara River Watershed Coordinator is shared between upper and lower Santa Clara River watershed regions, staffed by the County of Ventura; Ventura River Watershed Coordinator is staffed by the VCRCDC; Calleguas Creek watershed does not currently have a coordinator)
- Inventorying various existing or proposed water projects and programs in the region and providing regular status updates to groundwater sustainability agencies and watershed coordinators
- Identifying data gaps and supporting 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.
- Updating the Santa Clara River Enhancement and Management Plan to reflect current watershed conditions with an emphasis on groundwater sustainability efforts

The VCRCDC received the input provided by the Agency Board of Directors during its July 16, 2020 meeting and has incorporated the feedback into the scope of work for the proposed Resiliency Coordinator. The application is supported by the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (upstream basin) and staff has received no objections from representatives from the adjudicated Santa Paula basin. Staff recommends that Agency provide a letter of support for the grant application for a regional Resiliency Coordinator.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Letter to California Department of Conservation supporting grant application (supporting doc attached).

Proposed Motion:

1<sup>st</sup>: Director \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Voice/Roll call vote: Director Holmgren: Director Kimball: Director Long:  
Director McFadden: Director Meneghin: Director Pace:

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Addressee

5/29/20

Dear/Honorable/Etc

The Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) provides this letter of support for the Ventura County Resource Conservation District's (District) proposed regional Resiliency Coordinator for Ventura County, for consideration for funding under the Sustainable Groundwater Watershed Coordinator Grant Program. The Agency believes that the District's proposed grant-funded efforts will dovetail with and enhance the Agency's efforts to achieve sustainability of its groundwater basins and coordinate its activities with other regional agencies and stakeholders.

The Agency is a local groundwater sustainability agency representing the Fillmore groundwater basin and the Piru groundwater basin, located in the Santa Clara River watershed in Ventura County. The primary land use within the Agency's boundaries is agriculture. The agriculture within the Agency's boundaries utilizes groundwater as its primary water source. The City of Fillmore, population 15,566, and unincorporated community of Piru, population 2,063, are the primary urban areas within the service area, and both are 100% dependent upon groundwater as their water source. Both communities have been designated by the State as disadvantaged communities. Because of the dependence of water users on groundwater, the California Department of Water Resources has designated the basins as high priority. The Santa Clara River spans the center of the service area and supports numerous sensitive species, so the Agency's planning includes consideration of these important resources. The groundwater basin upstream of the Agency, the Santa Clarita Valley basin, is managed by the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and the basin downstream, the Santa Paula basin, is managed by Court adjudication. The coastal groundwater basins of the Santa Clara River watershed to the west are designated by the State as critical and are currently experiencing seawater intrusion, due to lingering effects of the recent drought. If the region's groundwater basins are to achieve their sustainability goals, coordination will be critical. The Agency feels that the proposed Resiliency Coordinator's activities will bolster coordination and cooperation between the various agencies of the Santa Clara Watershed regarding water management and potential future water projects, and will help the Agency's effectiveness in its efforts to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), in reaching its groundwater sustainability goals.

A major component of the Agency's efforts is stakeholder outreach. This effort has been complicated by restrictions necessitated by the State's Stay Safe at Home orders regarding COVID-19. The Agency feels that the public outreach assistance provided by the proposed Resiliency Coordinator will heighten the public's awareness of regional efforts on groundwater management, reinforcing that achieving groundwater sustainability is a shared goal. In particular, assistance with stakeholder outreach to disadvantaged community members and coordination with other similar outreach efforts to disadvantaged communities will bolster the Agency's efforts.

Our region has developed a collaborative network of stakeholders and this has been a tremendous asset to our organization. As we work towards realizing our sustainability goals, we're confident that a SGMA Coordinator will play an important role in helping us overcome the challenges ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of the District's proposal, *Resiliency for Ventura County* and I appreciate your support of our efforts.



**Item No. 4B Motion**

**DATE: August 13, 2020 (for August 20, 2020 meeting)**

**TO: Board of Directors**

**SUBJECT: Consider Releasing Agency’s Database Information for the Development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans to the General Public**

### **SUMMARY**

The Board will consider authorizing staff to release the Agency’s database information for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans to the public. The information in the database was acquired by the Agency from other public agencies, primarily from the State of California, County of Ventura, or the United Water Conservation District. Legal Counsel previously confirmed that the only information that the Agency cannot release is information obtained through an investigation. None of the information in the database was obtained through an investigation.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Board will consider authorizing staff to release the Agency’s database information for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans to the public.

### **BACKGROUND**

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. (DBS&A) has developed an online database platform that was presented via a live demonstration during the Agency’s Board of Directors meeting on May 21, 2020. The data contained in the database is being used to prepare the Agency’s groundwater sustainability plans. The database is intended to be the repository for the Agency’s data and is anticipated to be updated periodically as additional data are collected and become available for import.

The database will provide stakeholders and the public access to data used in preparation of the Fillmore and Piru basins groundwater sustainability plans and includes basic querying and trend analysis (time-series data charting) tools for public use. Currently the database includes, but is not limited to, the following layers and datasets:

- Well and Surface Water Monitoring Points;
- Water Quality (Groundwater and Surface Water);
- Groundwater Level;
- Groundwater Production;
- Department of Water Resources Well Completion Reports;
- Administrative Boundaries;
- Top Mapping;
- Datasets; and
- Surface Geology and Fault Mapping

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Agency legal counsel has previously confirmed to the Board that the release of the data complies with California statutory and regulatory codes. All data has been obtained from public sources, including the State of California, County of Ventura, and United Water Conservation District. The database does not contain data obtained through investigations. Release of the data is an important part of the open process of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts.

Proposed Motion:

1<sup>st</sup>: Director \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Voice/Roll call vote: Director Holmgren: Director Kimball: Director Long:  
Director McFadden: Director Meneghin: Director Pace:



**Item No. 4C Motion**

**DATE: August 13, 2020 (for August 20, 2020 meeting)**

**TO: Board of Directors**

**SUBJECT: Consider Data for Next Stakeholder Workshop and Approve Revised Stakeholder Workshop Schedule**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Board will consider possible dates for the next Stakeholder Workshop and will review, provide direction, and consider approving the revised Stakeholder Workshop schedule.

**BACKGROUND**

The Stakeholder Engagement and Communication Ad Hoc Committee has worked with the Agency's staff and consultant team to develop the agenda for the next Stakeholder Workshop, as well as a draft schedule for the subsequent Stakeholder Workshops.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Revised Stakeholder Workshops Schedule

Proposed Motion:

1<sup>st</sup>: Director \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Voice/Roll call vote: Director Holmgren: Director Kimball: Director Long:  
Director McFadden: Director Meneghin: Director Pace:



**Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA**  
**Revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan Stakeholder Workshop Schedule**  
**August 4, 2020**

The following list is subject to change based on the project schedule, stakeholder feedback, and the Board's discretion.

- **SGMA 101, Basin Setting, and Groundwater Modeling Overview – June 25, 2020** via Zoom
  - SGMA 101
  - Hydrogeological Conditions
  - Groundwater Model Overview
  - Water Budget
  - Technical Session: Groundwater Model
- **Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC) – October 1, 2020** (*pending Board approval*), via Zoom
  - Educate and obtain public input on draft criteria:
    - Sustainability goals
    - Undesirable results
    - Minimum thresholds
    - Measurable objectives
  - Financial Budget update
- **Groundwater Model and Water Budget (Historical and Current) – October/November 2020**, venue TBD
  - Groundwater Model Results
    - Historical Water Budget
    - Current Water Budget
  - Financial Budget Update
  - Technical Session
    - Groundwater Model Input Parameters (calibration quality, validation, sensitivity analysis)
    - Provide list of model input parameters
    - Expert panel review
- **Future Conditions, Potential Projects and Management Actions – December 2020**, venue TBD
  - Future Conditions
    - Review Assumptions (developed at prior Board Meeting combined with a Workshop)
    - Model Results (Water Budget without Projects or MAs)
  - Potential Projects and Management Actions
  - Financial Budget update
- **Public Draft GSPs – June 2021**, venue TBD
  - Review of Public Draft GSPs
  - Financial Budget update



**Item No.** 5A Informational Item  
**DATE:** August 13, 2020  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Daniel B. Stephens & Associates  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Reporting System

**SUMMARY**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will provide a presentation to the Board regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requirements for Annual Reporting to the California Department of Water Resources.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board will receive the presentation and ask questions or seek clarification accordingly.

**BACKGROUND**

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) statutes and regulations require each groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) to submit an Annual Report to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that summarizes the groundwater conditions in the basin and describes progress that the GSA has made towards achieving the sustainability goals included in its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Annual Report will then be reviewed by DWR staff to monitor how the implementation measures in the GSP are working in the groundwater basin.

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will review the SGMA Annual Report requirements with the Board of Directors.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts



**Item No.** 5B Informational Item  
**DATE:** August 13, 2020 (meeting August 20, 2020)  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Daniel B. Stephens & Associates  
**SUBJECT:** Monitoring Wells

**SUMMARY**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will provide a presentation to the Board regarding the data gaps that can be filled by construction of monitoring wells.

**RECCOMENDATION:**

Board will receive the presentation and ask questions or seek clarification accordingly.

**BACKGROUND**

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A) has prepared a Monitoring Program and Data Gaps Analysis Technical Memo that is currently in draft form and under internal review. A subsequent deliverable in the DBS&A scope of work for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) is a recommendation that identifies conceptualized potential locations and preliminary design considerations for new monitoring wells that could potentially fill data gaps that are present in the existing monitoring networks in the basins.

The Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Planning grant with the California Department of Water Resources includes partial funding for the design and construction of up to two monitoring wells. The Agency's budget anticipates the site selection of the wells, procurement of easements from property owners, and the preliminary design of the wells during the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and the construction of the wells at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Data obtained from these monitoring wells will help to inform the Agency's future management activities, Annual Reports to the Department of Water Resources, and future updates to its groundwater sustainability plans.

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will provide a presentation to the Board on the data gaps that can be filled by the construction of the monitoring wells.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts



**Item No.** 5C Informational Item  
**DATE:** August 13, 2020 (meeting August 20, 2020)  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Daniel B. Stephens & Associates  
**SUBJECT:** Future Conditions Information Needs

**SUMMARY**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will discuss with the Board the information needs specific to the development of future conditions scenarios to be included in the Agency's groundwater sustainability plans.

**RECCOMENDATION:**

Board will receive the presentation, ask questions and provide ideas on potential sources of information.

**BACKGROUND**

One of the major elements of a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) is the projection of the impact of the groundwater sustainability agency's (GSA) management strategies on the groundwater resources fifty years into the future. Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A) will provide the Board with specific data needs and request the assistance of the Board in identifying sources (e.g. organizations, persons, existing reports, existing plans, etc.) that may be able to offer information to satisfy the data needs.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts



**Item No.** 5D Informational Item  
**DATE:** August 13, 2020 (meeting August 20, 2020)  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Daniel B. Stephens & Associates  
**SUBJECT:** Sustainable Management Criteria

**SUMMARY**

Representative from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates will present the preliminary results of the Sustainable Management Criteria Ad Hoc Committee's efforts to establish the potential metrics, minimum thresholds, and measurable objectives to be used to assess undesirable results within the context of the groundwater sustainability plans.

**RECCOMENDATION:**

Board will receive a summary of the results of the Sustainable Management Criteria Ad Hoc Committee's efforts to date and plans to bring the Sustainable Management Criteria suggestions to a future stakeholder workshop.

**BACKGROUND**

The Agency's Sustainable Management Criteria Ad Hoc Committee has met with the Daniel B. Stephens & Associates team on several occasions to discuss how the Agency might approach the selection of metrics, minimum thresholds, and measurable objectives, in preparation for upcoming Stakeholder Workshops.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts