



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 15, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**Directors Present**

Director Kelly Long, Chair  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Candice Meneghin  
Director Glen Pace  
Director Christina Villaseñor

**Directors Absent**

Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary

**Staff Present**

Anthony Emmert, Executive Director  
Steve O'Neill, Legal Counsel  
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board

**Public Present**

Lisa Ballin, CSUS/DBS&A  
Dan Detmer, UWCD  
Carole Fornoff  
Emma Griffe  
Rachel Laenen, Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association, Piru Basin Pumpers Association  
Albert Lambie  
Ben Lewis  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A  
Patrick O'Connell, DBS&A  
Steve Slack, CDFW  
Leta Spencer  
Dr. Jason Sun, UWCD  
Richard Tate  
James Thuber  
Gilead Wurman  
Steven Zimmer, FivePoint

**1. Call to Order – First Open Session 5:00 pm**

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**1A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Long led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1B. Directors Roll Call**

Roll call: (Chair Long, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); five Directors present. Vice Chair McFadden absent.

**1C. Public Comments**

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments; none were offered.

**1D. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion**

Motion to approve the agenda, Pace; Second, Villasenor. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chair Long, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Vice Chair McFadden absent. Motion carries 5/0/1.

**2. UPDATES**

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

Oral Reports from the Board

**Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Kimball reported the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association had a joint Board meeting with the Piru Pumpers Association on Tuesday, July 13, where they discussed reviewing the GSP and Stakeholder meetings. He also stated they had other discussions that he will share later as the topics occur on the agenda for this meeting.

**Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Pace echoed the same as the Fillmore Pumpers Association with the mention of also sharing the Association's discussions as topics occur on the agenda. Director Pace also stated that he would recommend couple of future agenda item, including clarification of the County Well Moratorium.

**Environmental Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Meneghin reported that Friends of Santa Clara River has been engaged in the Disadvantaged Community outreach program for the Watershed Coalition of Ventura. She shared that preliminary disadvantaged communities survey results will be presented at the July 22 Santa Clara River Watershed Committee meeting that Laura Shellenbarger coordinates through the County. Director Meneghin also mentioned the Ventura County Watershed Protection District is taking comments for the Environmental Impact Report documents for its Santa Clara River Levee improvement project, and that the comment period will close on July 27. She wanted to highlight Friends of the Santa Clara River comments regarding the FEMA Levee upgrade requirements and said there is an opportunity for multi-benefit projects to collaborate on water replenishment goals. She said she mentioned this mainly for Executive Director Emmert to keep track of

projects as they come available and to provide comments. Director Meneghin also mentioned that on September 9 she will be presenting on the GSAs of Ventura County at the Santa Clara Steelhead Coalition and mentioned this is another opportunity to reach out to environmental stakeholders to encourage and invite comment and provide feedback on the draft GSPs during the 60-day comment period and encourage workshop participation. She also mentioned she circulated a Community Environmental Council Agricultural Resilience paper for Ventura County that calls out water and energy infrastructure needs, which she shared with the Board.

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

Director Villasenor reported that Mountain View apartments are now taking applications for affordable housing. She also reported that the Fillmore Equestrian Center, located at the Santa Clara River and Highway 23, has been undergoing a grading project. The previous operator assumed that the work would begin immediately and brought in a large amount of dirt, and that dirt has worked its way into the riverbed, so the city is now seeking assistance from Ventura County Environmental Health Department to remove it.

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

Chair Long reported the County is working with the Governor's Office to get the County included in the Governor's emergency drought declaration, in an effort to gain access to state funding for supplemental water. She also mentioned the \$6 billion dollar broadband bill has passed.

## **2B Executive Director Update**

### **Information Item**

Executive Director Anthony Emmert provide an update on preparation of grant progress report nine and invoice nine, which are due on August 15, 2021. He stated that the Agency is also continuing the research and coordination in preparation for a potential grant agreement amendment. He also mentioned that United's groundwater modeling efforts are ongoing and the documentation for the expanded model domain and future runs for the FPBGSA have been completed. He stated that the report for the update period is in progress, with a draft sent to expert panel members for their review and input. Mr. Emmert also reported he met with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy, and the University of California at Santa Barbara researchers on July 12, 2021, regarding the Fillmore Fish Hatchery and Cienega Springs Restoration Properties. He reported that the group discussed the Agency's proposed new monitoring well locations. He stated that there was agreement on the general locations for the wells. He stated that there was general support for

Agency's proposed partnership for the restoration project and that a good discussion occurred, but a follow-up meeting is pending.

## **2C Legal Counsel Update**

### **Information Item**

Legal Counsel Steve O'Neill reported he has been working with Mr. Emmert on an amendment to the agreement with DBS&A and stated that Governor Newsom issued another executive order concerning telephonic meetings, effective October 1, when the Agency will go back to regular in-person meetings and mentioned the Brown Act restrictions that will apply.

## **2D GSP Consultant Update**

### **Information Item**

Mr. Tony Morgan of DBS&A provided updates on the schedule for the draft GSP document releases, Stakeholder Workshop dates and public review period.

## **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 considered and approved the Minutes from the Board Meeting of June 10 Special Board Meeting and June 17th, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting.

## **3B Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

- Daniel B. Stephens & Associates \$40,101.98
- United Water Conservation District \$37,510.30
- OMLO \$ 4,217.00
- Anthony A. Emmert. \$ 50.00

## **3C Monthly Financial Report**

The Board received the Agency's monthly profit and loss statement and balance sheet.

## **3D Labor Rates Change for United Water Conservation District Service**

### **Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

The Board received the United Water Conservation District labor rates document for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items with the addition of the word “mitigation” on page 3 of the June 10 minutes; Villasenor; Second, Pace. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chair Long, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; Vice Chair McFadden absent. Motion carries 5/0/1. MOTION ITEMS

#### **4A Amendment to Agreement with Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc. for Groundwater Sustainability Planning and Stakeholder Outreach Activities**

##### **Motion**

The Board considered authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc. for additional scope and budget to support groundwater sustainability planning and stakeholder outreach services.

Motion to approve Amendment No. 2 to the DBS&A Agreement, Pace; Second, Villasenor. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chair Long, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; Vice Chair McFadden absent. Motion carries 5/0/1.

#### **4B Standardized Management of the Fillmore and Piru Basins**

##### **Motion**

The Board considered adoption of Resolution 2021-05 establishing standardized management of the Fillmore and Piru basins.

Motion to approve adoption of Resolution 2021-05, Kimball; Second, Villasenor. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chair Long, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; Vice Chair McFadden absent. Motion carries 5/0/1.

#### **4C Groundwater Sustainability Plans Stakeholder Workshop**

##### **Motion**

The Board considered setting a date for a Stakeholder Workshop to receive comments on and answer questions regarding the public draft Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

Mr. Emmert, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Lisa Ballin and all Directors reviewed the comment letter template to be used for public comment with each providing

their feedback on what they thought worked best for both the public and DBS&A, keeping in mind the need to follow SGMA requirements.

Director Kimball shared a discussion from the Pumpers Association monthly meeting and stated they are suggesting that we have one Stakeholder Workshop in person, to get that personal interaction with everyone, during the day, and another via Zoom, at 5pm, in conjunction with our regular Board of Directors meeting. Director Kimball asked questions regarding availability of printed copies, as the files will be very large. Mr. Steve O'Neill stated we are not required to provide printed copies.

Motion to approve September 17, at 10 am for an in-person Stakeholder Workshop at Fillmore City Hall, and September 23 at 5pm for a Zoom Stakeholder Workshop, Meneghin; Second, Villasenor. Roll call vote: five ayes (Chair Long, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; Vice Chair McFadden absent. Motion carries 5/0/1.

### **FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

Agendize discussion of when/if the existing County well construction moratorium goes away, whether the Agency should develop its own well construction moratorium.

Can the GSA legally provide water directly to a private landowner from a potential new water supply project? Legal counsel to investigate this consideration.

Agendize discussion of future project development and selection - other project consideration.

Agendize discuss of hybrid meetings (both in-person and virtual).

### **ADJOURNED: 6:50 pm**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on **Thursday, August 19, 2021**, 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 15, 2021**.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board