



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2022
5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Vice Chair McFadden
Director Kimball
Director Meneghin
Director Pace
Director Villaseñor

Director Absent

Chair Kelly Long

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Dan Detmer, UWCD
Eric Elliott, UWCD
Zachary Hanson, UWCD
Rachel Laenen, FPBPA and PBPA
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
James Thurber
Steve Zimmer, Five Point

1. Call to Order 5:02pm

Vice Chair McFadden called the Board Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Pace lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

1B Directors Roll Call

The clerk called roll. Five Directors were present (Kimball, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor). Chair Long was absent.

1C Public Comments

Vice Chair McFadden asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

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

2. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Kimball stated the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association Board of Directors had their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 12 and said their annual meeting is planned for June 10 via Zoom, where United Water will present and provide an update for pumpers.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Pace mentioned the Piru Basin Pumpers Association Board of Directors had a discussion on future Association officers and also representation for the GSA, as Director Pace will be resigning from his seat on the FPB GSA Board, with the completion of the sale of the water company.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported that on April 11, Dr. David Boughton presented to Santa Clara Steelhead Coalition regarding a new monitoring framework they have developed specific to Southern Steelhead. She also mentioned on April 12, they had a meeting with Stillwater Sciences regarding next steps for population studies and ties to SGMA. Director Meneghin said Friends of the Santa Clara River will be having an event for Earth Day entitled Dig-In at Oxnard College. She also said they continue to have volunteer days and took groups of seventh grade students to coastal area. She stated that they have been asked to reapply for the next granting cycle, as the program has been such a success. She also mentioned they have their next quarterly Board meeting next Sunday and are trying to get their Sisar Creek project funded for construction. Director Meneghin mentioned the biggest point of interest is the steelhead monitoring and would

provide an update on this issue as NMFS has provided comments on the GSPs to Department of Water Resources. NMFS does not support adopting the GSPs due to steelhead considerations, and surface water and groundwater inactions that have not been sufficiently addressed in the GSPs, which is concerning, and will await the decision from DWR.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Villaseñor provided an update from the last City Council meeting at which the City of Fillmore determined how it will be spending \$1.8 million of the \$3.7 million dollars from their allotted American Rescue Funds. She stated the City will be spending over half a million dollars of its funds on downtown enhancements and the reopening of the City's dog park, donating a van to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and donating to Girls and Boys Club. She also mentioned the Veterans Memorial District Board received a grant of \$2 million to rehabilitate the Memorial Building and make it an official site for shelter during emergencies.

Vice Chair McFadden stated he is happy to hear they will be investing in the improvement of the Memorial Building for the city.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director McFadden had nothing to report.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long was absent.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director provided an update and stated DWR has modified the grant invoice format to reflect the amended budget, and mentioned staff is currently working to prepare progress report and invoice 12 to submit to DWR by April 30 for reimbursement. Mr. Emmert also said he forwarded the Governor's Executive Orders N-7-22 Drought Actions to the Board, along with DWR's guidance document regarding the well permitting provisions of the Executive Order. He also said he will agendize this at the May's Board meeting to allow a more detailed discussion and mentioned that legal counsel will provide a brief verbal update during tonight's Board meeting.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel stated Executive Order N-7-22 requires written approval before well permits can be issued. Executive orders issued by the Governor exist on a temporary basis and stated the Indian Wells GSA has already issued a well construction prohibition and said he will be providing more information at the next Board meeting.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Mr. Tony Morgan provided an update and said they have submitted the Agency's annual reports to DWR, performed cleanup work on the monitoring wells network, and mentioned the public comments to DWR period ends on April 23. He also mentioned working on redacting well owners' personal information from well completion reports before posting to the online database.

Director Meneghin asked Mr. Morgan if anyone other than NMFS has opposed the adoption of the final GSPs. Mr. Morgan said, as of this afternoon, only one comment for Fillmore basin was received, and it was not NMFS. Mr. Emmert stated that CDFW has notified him that they would be submitting comments to DWR.

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 regular Board Meeting of March 17, and Special Board Meeting on March 24.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices

County of Ventura IT Services	\$847.93
Daniel B Stephens	\$23,945.97
UWCD	\$25,358.65

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

3D Subsequent Finding Regarding Continuation of AB 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Teleconferencing Requirements

The Board adopted Resolution 2022-06 continuing findings that the requisite conditions exist for remote teleconference meetings of the Agency's legislative bodies without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e).

Motion to approve consent calendar, Director Pace; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 5/0/1. Chair Long was absent.

4. MOTION ITEMS

Master Professional Services Agreement with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates and Task Order for Database Hosting Services

Motion

The Board approved a Master Professional Services Agreement with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for ongoing technical services to support the Agency's implementation of its Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Task Order Number 2022-01 for hosting the Agency's online groundwater database.

Motion to approve service agreement, Director Kimball; Second, Director Villaseñor. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 5/0/1. Chair Long was absent.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5A. Groundwater Monitoring Wells Project Status Report

Information

The Board received a presentation from United Water Conservation District staff on the Groundwater Monitoring Wells Project.

Director Meneghin said she had to re-cost a construction project and found the cost jumped 40 percent and wondered if staff was anticipating a cost hike for the wells, and how this will impact the budget. Associate Hydrogeologist Eric Elliott said staff has put out a loose request for bids that will help set approximate cost for the budget and he has used previous bids provided by from DBS&A to help guide what is expected. Director McFadden asked how deep will they be drilling on the East Grove site. Mr. Elliott stated approximately 800 feet. Director Kimball asked if the wells being planned will be built with plastic or steel casing? Mr. Elliott said they will be using PVC plastic casing. Mr. Morgan said he has been dealing with drillers and suggested the sooner staff issues the bids the better and made some suggestions for Mr. Elliott to keep in mind. Director Kimball said the sooner staff gets a contract, the sooner the project gets completed. Director McFadden said lots of complications have come out of the monitoring wells project.

Director McFadden announced he and his wife will be retiring this year and will be moving away from the basin, and therefore will not be running for re-election.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

None mentioned.

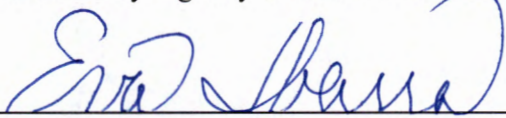
ADJOURNMENT 5:55 p.m.

Director McFadden adjourned the Board meeting at 5:55p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **May 19, 2022**, or call of the Chair.

ATTEST: 

Ed McFadden, Vice 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 April 21, 2022.

ATTEST: 

Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board