



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Special Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

City of Fillmore City Hall Council Chambers
250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93016,
23931 Crystal Lake Rd., Woodinville, WA 98077
and 306 San Gabriel, Morro Bay, CA

(Two Directors will be attending remotely pursuant to Government code section 54953)

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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. 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)

2A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of June 20, 2024.

2B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

DBS&A	\$46,026.08
Aleshire & Wynder	\$ 3,456.80
Fillmore Gazette	\$ 198.00

3. MOTION ITEMS

3A Adoption of Resolution 2024-05 Adopting the Amended Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Public Hearing and Motion

The Board will: 1) hold a public hearing to receive stakeholder comments on the final draft Amended Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Appendices, and 2) consider adoption of Resolution 2024-05 Adopting the Amended Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Appendices and directing the Executive Director to submit the adopted documents to the California Department of Water Resources, in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

3B Adoption of Resolution 2024-06 Adopting the Amended Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Public Hearing and Motion

The Board will: 1) hold a public hearing to receive stakeholder comments on the final draft Amended Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Appendices, and 2) consider adoption of Resolution 2024-06 Adopting the Amended Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Appendices and directing the Executive Director to submit the adopted documents to the California Department of Water Resources, in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

3C Transfer of Website Hosting and Maintenance Services to CV Strategies Motion

The Board will consider authorizing the transfer of website hosting and maintenance services to CV Strategies and authorize the associated professional services.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **July 18, 2024**, or call of the Chair.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at UWCD's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street in Oxnard during normal business hours.

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Approved: 
Board Chair Kelly Long

Posted: (date) July 8, 2024 (time) 2:30pm (attest) Eva Ibarra
At: <https://www.FPBGSA.org>

Posted: (date) July 8, 2024 (time) 2:35pm (attest) Eva Ibarra
At: <https://www.facebook.com/FPBGSA/>

Posted: (date) July 8, 2024 (time) 2:40pm (attest) Eva Ibarra
At: UWCD, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

Posted: (date) July 8, 2024 (time) 2:45 pm (attest) Eva Ibarra
At: Fillmore City Hall, 250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93016



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 4:00p.m.

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Director Albert Mendez

Staff in Attendance

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Steve O'Neill, legal counsel
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

Public in Attendance

Christian Braudrick, Stillwater Science
Beth Crockatt, Piru Citizen
Jesse Gomez (virtual)
Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Logan Hardison, Lu Peaera
Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)
Helen McGrath (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Sean Morris, Morris Ranch Co.
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD
Zachary Plummer, UWCD
Gus Tolley, DBS&A

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:01p.m.

Director Long called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Kimball led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 5 Directors were present: Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin. Director Mendez was absent.

1C Public Comments

Director Long asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. A resident of the City of Piru expressed her concern over the Chiquita Canyon Landfill incident and asked for support in finding out what the status is on the issue. Director Long suggested that the County of Ventura Office of Emergency Services' website would be a good source of information, as it is regularly updated with the latest on the incident.

1D Approval of Agenda Motion

Director Long asked Executive Director Emmert if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Emmert responded with saying yes, staff recommended reordering the motion items to consider the Amended GSPs prior to considering the groundwater extraction fees. Director Long then asked for a motion with the requested modification .

Motion to approve the modified agenda, Director Fornoff; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

2. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board.

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson reported the Fillmore Pumpers Association had their annual meeting this week and are concerned over rise in groundwater fees.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff said Piru Pumpers Association stakeholders met and are also concerned over groundwater fees rising, and stated she was reappointed as representative of the GSA.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin said Friends of the Santa Clara River and others are supporting Jacqui Irwin in forwarding wildlife corridors bill for funding through Wildlife Conservation Board. She said Friends of the Santa Clara River is hosting restoration sites tour on June 21st and will be highlighting the new monitoring wells near the East Grove GDE and the Sisar Creek project.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez was absent.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said United Water reluctantly approved groundwater extraction fees increases, driven by regulatory-driven and human safety-driven capital improvement project's needs, and he hopes rates will stabilize as United applies for grants and loans to offset the costs of the projects.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long reported the County has now approved their budget and is working on recruiting a Public Works Director. She said the County is coordinating with Los Angeles County on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill incident and said you can visit the County OES website to obtain the latest information.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director said the Agency has now received grant reimbursement payments from DWR, with only the 10% retention outstanding.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel said Indian Wells Valley GSP's were approved by DWR; parties have filed adjudication challenging the GSA and its GSP. He also said the courts should rely on GSP findings for Bennett's 5560 Bill, and mentioned the supreme court ruled the taxation proposition should not be on the ballot, as it is not simply an amendment to the constitution.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided an informational update on the Agency's groundwater sustainability planning and reporting activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of May 16, 2024. Mr. Tony Morgan provided slides regarding GSP updates and workplan.

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3A Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of May 16 and May 30, Special Board Meeting minutes.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoice:

DBS&A	\$43,459.07
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3C Monthly Financial Report

The Board received the monthly financial report for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Motion to approve consent calendar, Director Kimball; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for Limoneira Company

Motion

The Board approved waiving late fees and interest in the amount of \$261.07 for the Limoneira Company.

Motion to approve, Director Long; Second, Director Jackson. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Long, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2. Director Kimball recused and left chambers while voting took place.

4B Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Groundwater Extraction Fee and Adoption of Resolution 2024-03 Public Hearing and Motion

The Board conducted a public hearing and received stakeholder comments regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fee of \$14 per acre-foot. Director Jackson recommended modifying Resolution 2024-03 setting the proposed extraction fee to \$13 per acre-foot to become effective on July 1, 2024.

Motion to approve amended resolution 2024-03 with the change to \$13 per-acre foot, Director Kimball; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

4C Groundwater Sustainability Plans Workshop

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates on the Amended Groundwater Sustainability Plans, received comments and questions from stakeholders, and provided comments and recommendations to Agency team. Discussions followed with staff, DBS&A and Board Directors.

Director Kimball said the executive summary emphasizes releases of treated water from Santa Clarita and de-emphasizes local natural and artificial recharge that could be misinterpreted. DBS&A said they will evaluate and modify executive summary for clarity.

4D Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff regarding the Agency’s anticipated scope of work and budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and provided comments. Director Jackson recommended modification of the draft budget to reflect the \$53,000 reduced revenue from the \$13 per acre-foot extraction charge just adopted, and for a reserve policy to be put in place. Sara Guzman, Finance Supervisor, said the Accounting department will send out a letter showing the rate increase from \$12 to \$13 per acre-foot to all customers.

Motion to approve amended Resolution 2024-03 with the change to \$13 per-acre foot and a reserve policy to be put in place, Director Kimball; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Send letters regarding Chiquita Canyon Landfill to agencies.

6. ADJOURNMENT 6:05 pm.

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **July 18, 2024**, or call of the Chair.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency’s Board of Directors meeting of June 20, 2024.

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board of Directors



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 20, 2024 @ 4:00pm

City Council Chambers, Fillmore City Hall

250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

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Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget & Fees
20 Jun 2024

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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



Monitoring & Reporting	\$170,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Groundwater Data Gaps• Data Collection Contract with County• Biological Data Gaps• Annual Reports & Online Database	


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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Analysis	\$60,000
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- Outreach to Well Owners & Data Gathering
- Update Online Database
- Analyze Vulnerability



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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN




Cienega Springs Drought Mitigation Project	\$100,000
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- Establish Project Team
- Assessment Needs
- Develop Project Concept
- Develop Project Alternatives and Feasibility
- Research Property Access and Permitting Requirements




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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN




Groundwater Sustainability Plans Update **\$130,000**

- **Modeling**
 - **Update the Regional Groundwater Model**
 - **Smaller Grid Size to Improve Discretion**
 - **Load Data for Most Recent Years**
 - **Calibration and Technical Memo**




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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



Groundwater Sustainability Plans Update (Continued)

- **Modeling (Continued)**
 - **Develop and Run New Scenarios**
 - **Quantify Surface Water Flow Reductions from Pumping**
 - **Quantify Surface Water Flow Increases from Supplemental Water**
 - **Other Scenarios Under Development**



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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WORK PLAN



General Programs & Projects Development	\$120,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Compliance (EOs Well Permit Reviews, Etc.) • Development of Management Actions (Export, Etc.) • Identification of Grant Opportunities & Applications • Governmental Advocacy Re Legislation & Regulations • Meetings Participation 	

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DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET



• Total Income		\$742,000
• Professional Services	695,000	
• Legal Fees	30,000	
• Office Expenses	3,500	
• Insurance	2,756	
• Bank Service Charges	270	
• Capital Expenditures	0	
• Total Expenses		731,526
• Depreciation		10,300
• Net Income		174

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DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET



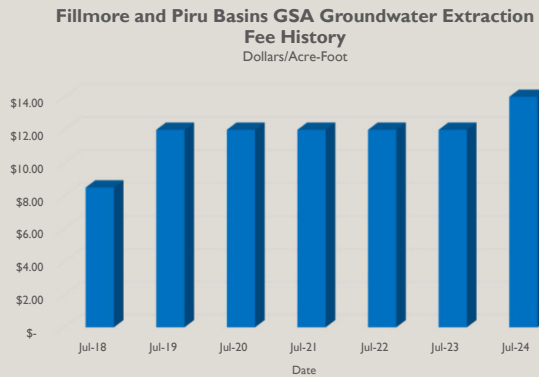
- **Ending Fund Balance – Minimal**
- **Pumping Projection – Lower Than Average**
- **Recommendations**
 - **Balanced Budget**
 - **Fee Increase**
 - **Establish Write-Off Policy for Uncollectible Receivables**
 - **Revisit Collection Strategy**

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GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FEE



- **Current: \$12.00 Per Acre-Foot**
- **Proposed: \$14.00 Per Acre-Foot**



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NEXT STEPS



- **Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Fee**
- **Consider Resolution Number 2024-03 Setting Groundwater Extraction Fee for Pumping Beginning on 01 Jul 2024**
- **Consider Resolution Number 2024-04 Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Fillmore and Piru Basins, GSA

Check Detail Report

July 2024

ACCOUNT	TRANSACTION ID	DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLEARED	AMOUNT
Bank of the Sierra								
	18919							
Bank of the Sierra	18919	07/08/2024	Bill Payment (Check)	11224	Aleshire & Wynder LLP	--	Uncleared	-\$3,456.80
Bank of the Sierra	18919	07/08/2024	Bill Payment (Check)	11224	Aleshire & Wynder LLP	--	--	-\$3,456.80
	18920							
Bank of the Sierra	18920	07/08/2024	Bill Payment (Check)	11225	Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc.	--	Uncleared	-\$46,026.08
Bank of the Sierra	18920	07/08/2024	Bill Payment (Check)	11225	Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc.	--	--	-\$46,026.08
	18921							
Bank of the Sierra	18921	07/08/2024	Bill Payment (Check)	11226	The Fillmore Gazette	--	Uncleared	-\$198.00
Bank of the Sierra	18921	07/08/2024	Bill Payment (Check)	11226	The Fillmore Gazette	--	--	-\$198.00



Item No. 3A Motion

DATE: July 5, 2024 (for July 9, 2024, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Adoption of Resolution 2024-05 Adopting Amended Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will: 1) hold a public hearing to receive stakeholder comments on the final draft Amended Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Appendices, and 2) consider adoption of Resolution 2024-05 Adopting the Amended Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Technical Appendices and directing the Executive Director to submit the adopted documents to the California Department of Water Resources, in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

DISCUSSION

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On January 18, 2024, DWR transmitted its findings and recommendations to the Agency. DWR determined that the two GSPs were incomplete, pursuant to Section 355.2(e)(2) of the GSP regulations. The two areas that DWR determined to be deficient were: 1) sustainable groundwater management criteria (undesirable results, minimum thresholds, and effects) associated with groundwater levels, and 2) must set preliminary sustainable management criteria for depletions of interconnected surface water associated with groundwater use. SGMA regulations provided the Agency with 180 days to address the deficiencies following notification from DWR. The Agency has until July 16, 2024, to adopt and resubmit the GSPs.

Agency staff and consultants subsequently coordinated with DWR SGMA staff, holding six technical consultation meetings. Subject matter covered during the technical meetings focused on developing better descriptions of the undesirable results, significant and unreasonable impacts, and potential Agency actions to address the impacts. Results of the meetings were discussed with the Agency

Board of Directors during regular Board meetings, and the Board provided feedback and direction to the Agency team. Following the technical meetings and consultation with the Board, the Agency’s consultant team prepared redline revisions of the Agency’s two GSPs.

The Agency posted the draft documents on its website on June 17, 2024, and sent an email to all known stakeholders informing them of the availability of the documents for review. On June 20, 2024, the Agency held a stakeholder workshop and received comments from the Board and stakeholders. In response to the verbal and written comments received, the Agency’s technical team revised the draft GSPs. On July 8, 2024, the Agency will post the final documents on its website and send an email to all known stakeholders informing them of the availability of the documents for review.

The California Water Code Section 10728.4 prescribes that GSAs may adopt or amend a GSP after holding a public hearing held at least 90 days after providing notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed GSP. The Agency provided notice of the planned public hearing to the County of Ventura and City of Fillmore on March 29, 2024, and received no requests for consultation from either agency. This public hearing was advertised by legal notice in the Fillmore Gazette on June 27, 2024, and July 4, 2024, as well as on the Agency’s website, and email notices were made to the Agency’s stakeholders.

The GSPs are now before the Agency’s Board for approval. The Board will hold a noticed public hearing on the Amended Fillmore Basin GSP, receive any final comments, and then consider adopting Resolution 2024-05.

The Amended GSPs will then be uploaded to the DWR’s SGMA Portal and will be available for statewide stakeholder comment.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impacts.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2024-05

Proposed Motion:

Adopt Resolution 2024-05 Adopting the Amended Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and directing staff to submit the adopted documents to the Department of Water Resources.

1st: Director _____ 2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Fornoff:	Director Jackson:	Director Kimball:
Director Long:	Director Mendez:	Director Meneghin:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADOPTION OF A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR
FILLMORE BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code section 10720 *et seq.*), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the Fillmore sub-basin (Sub-Basin) has been designated by DWR as a High-priority sub-basin of the Santa Clara River basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 4-004.05); and

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura, the City of Fillmore, and the United Water Conservation District elected on June 26, 2017, to become a GSA for the Sub-Basin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that all basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins and not subject to critical conditions of overdraft be managed by a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency filed an initial notification of its intent to develop a GSP for the Sub-Basin in accordance with Water Code section 10727.8 on September 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a hearing on December 16, 2021 for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering adoption of a GSP for the Sub-Basin; and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopted the Fillmore Sub-Basin GSP on December 16, 2021; and

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(continued)

WHEREAS, upon adoption of the GSP, the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA submitted the Fillmore Sub-Basin GSP to DWR for review, as per Water Code section 10733.4; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2024, DWR informed the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA that it found the Fillmore Sub-Basin GSP to be incomplete and the GSP must be amended and resubmitted within 180 days; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with DWR, the Board of Directors, and stakeholders, the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA prepared an Amended Fillmore Sub-Basin GSP (Amended GSP); and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a hearing on July 9, 2024, for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering adoption of an Amended GSP for the Sub-basin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

1. The foregoing is true and correct.
2. The Amended GSP, in the form presented this day to the Board of Directors and subject to any final non-substantive edits that may be made at the Executive Director's discretion prior to submittal to DWR, is hereby approved and adopted.
3. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.

We, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and current Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by resolution of the Board of Directors of said groundwater sustainability agency at a meeting thereof held on the 9th day of July 2024, by the following vote:

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-05
(continued)

Not in favor, Directors:

Absent, Directors:

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Albert Mendez, Secretary, Board of Directors



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Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Item No. **3B Motion**

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The Amended GSPs will then be uploaded to the DWR’s SGMA Portal and will be available for statewide stakeholder comment.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impacts.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2024-06

Proposed Motion:

Adopt Resolution 2024-06 Adopting the Amended Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and directing staff to submit the adopted documents to the Department of Water Resources.

1st: Director _____ 2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Fornoff:	Director Jackson:	Director Kimball:
Director Long:	Director Mendez:	Director Meneghin:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE FILLMORE AND PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADOPTION OF A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR PIRU
BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code section 10720 *et seq.*), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the Piru sub-basin (Sub-Basin) has been designated by DWR as a High-priority sub-basin of the Santa Clara River basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 4-004.06); and

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura, the City of Fillmore, and the United Water Conservation District elected on June 26, 2017, to become a GSA for the Sub-Basin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that all basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins and not subject to critical conditions of overdraft be managed by a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency filed an initial notification of its intent to develop a GSP for the Sub-Basin in accordance with Water Code section 10727.8 on September 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a hearing on December 16, 2021 for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering adoption of a GSP for the Sub-Basin; and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency adopted the Piru Sub-Basin GSP on December 16, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, upon adoption of the GSP, the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA submitted the Piru Sub-Basin GSP to DWR for review, as per Water Code section 10733.4; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2024, DWR informed the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA that it found the Piru Sub-Basin GSP to be incomplete and the GSP must be amended and resubmitted within 180 days; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with DWR, the Board of Directors, and stakeholders, the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA prepared an Amended Piru Sub-Basin GSP (Amended GSP); and

WHEREAS, Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a hearing on July 9, 2024, for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering adoption of an Amended GSP for the Sub-Basin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

1. The foregoing is true and correct.
2. The Amended GSP, in the form presented this day to the Board of Directors and subject to any final non-substantive edits that may be made at the Executive Director's discretion prior to submittal to DWR, is hereby approved and adopted.
3. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.

We, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and current Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Board of Directors of Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by resolution of the Board of Directors of said groundwater sustainability agency at a meeting thereof held on the 9th day of July 2024, by the following vote:

In favor thereof, Directors:

Abstain, Directors:

Not in favor, Directors:

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Absent, Directors:

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Long, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Albert Mendez, Secretary, Board of Directors



Item No. 3C Motion Item
DATE: July 5, 2024 (for July 9, 2024, meeting)
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Transfer of Website Hosting and Maintenance Services to CV Strategies

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board will consider authorizing the transfer of website hosting and maintenance services to CV Strategies and approve the associated professional services.

BACKGROUND

Current website hosting and maintenance services are provided by the County of Ventura Information Technology Services Department (County IT). County IT recently informed the Agency that it will need to increase its charges to the Agency from approximately \$1,000 per year to over \$8,000 per year, with no change in the scope of services. The proposed change in fees is effective July 1, 2024. County IT typically invoices once for the entire fiscal year. Staff recommends that the Agency consider changing to a different web hosting and maintenance provider as soon as possible.

Due to the timing and relatively low expenditure, staff recommends that the Agency not conduct a competitive process to select a new vendor, but to contract with CV Strategies. CV Strategies has been hosting and managing United Water Conservation District's (UWCD's) website for several years. CV Strategies' pricing is reasonable and UWCD has been satisfied with their services. The Mound Basin GSA is also transferring hosting of its website to CV Strategies.

As per the attached proposal, CV Strategies will charge a one-time \$1,000 website transfer fee and \$22 per month for ongoing website hosting. Rates for technical support are competitive. Staff recommends that the Board authorize the transfer of the website hosting to CV Strategies and authorize the associated professional services for website hosting and maintenance.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Agency's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget includes sufficient funds to cover the cost of the proposed scope of work.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – CV Strategies Proposal

Transfer of Website Hosting and Maintenance Services to CV Strategies

July 5, 2024

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Proposed Motion:

Authorize the transfer of website hosting and maintenance services to CV Strategies and authorize the associated professional services.

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Fornoff:

Director Jackson:

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director Mendez:

Director Meneghin:

June 21, 2024

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency
 P O Box 1110,
 Fillmore, CA 93016

Professional Services Proposal

OUTREACH STRATEGY	DESCRIPTION	NOT TO EXCEED COST
Website transfer	Transfer website to new third-party server with redundancy	\$1000
	Website hosting	\$22 per month
Subtotal		\$1264
Total Not to Exceed		\$1264

..... Rates for Communication Services

- » President - \$275/hour
- » Executives - \$250/hour
- » Directors - \$200/hour
- » Account Specialist/Design/Video/Photography - \$175/hour
- » Translator - \$125/hour
- » Support Staff - \$100/hour

..... Terms & Compensation

CV Strategies shall be paid for all hours and expenses accrued up to the date of termination. Hard costs incurred by CV Strategies will be billed to the client with a nominal service charge of 10% (not to exceed \$250 per item). This includes all anticipated hard costs such as printing, mailing, photography, video, advertising, etc. Required travel mileage will be billed at the published IRS rate. All services and hard costs will be billed monthly. Invoices should be paid in full upon receipt.

..... Agreed & Approved

 Name Signature

 Title Date