



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 4:00p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

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

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

Bill Ceja (virtual)
Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Burt Handy (virtual)
Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)
Rachel Leanen, Kimball Farms-El Hogar (virtual)
Brian Moniz, DWR (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD
Zachary Plummer, UWCD
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:06p.m.

Director Long called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Long 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. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Director Long asked Executive Director Emmert if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Emmert responded that there had been no changes to the agenda. Director Long then asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Meneghin; Second, Director Jackson. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and 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 that the Fillmore Pumpers Association finally met and reviewed and edited its bylaws.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff said Piru Pumpers Association stakeholders met and reviewed and edits its bylaws.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin said she has been confirmed as the continued representative for Fillmore Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. She also mentioned on June 27, the Santa Clara River Watershed Committee and Steelhead Coalition Group held a tour of key sites, and 30 people attended.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez was absent.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball had no update.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long reported there has been ongoing State advocacy efforts, and the County has had satisfactory results with the Publics Works hiring. She also provided an update related to Chiquita Canyon monitoring.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director reported groundwater statements for period January 1 through June 30, 2024, have been mailed out to customers, which will reflect the old \$12 AF rate. He also said

staff has completed the grant final financial report and is working on completing the final grant completion reports, with a target for completion of September 30. He also provided an update on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill incident, and asked if the Board would like to agendize an item on the subject. He completed his update proposing a Special Board meeting for early September to approve multiple task orders for DBS&A.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel reported he assisted Executive Director with Stillwater agreement and provided updates on pertinent legal cases that could be of interest to the Board.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Mr. Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided an informational update on the Agency's groundwater sustainability planning and reporting activities since the previous Special Board of Directors meeting of July 9, 2024. He said Department of Water Resources (DWR) has posted the Agency's GSP's for public comment and stated public comment deadline is set for December 31, 2024. He mentioned there are 9 task orders in progress, and said they are under budget on GSPs work.

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 approved the Minutes from the Special Board of Directors meeting of July 9, 2024.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$67,183.72
DBS&A	\$43,684.50
Solinst	\$ 1,897.20
County of Ventura IT Services	\$ 490.00

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

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

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Master Professional Services Agreement with Stillwater Sciences for As-Needed Technical Services

Motion

The Board approved a Master Professional Services Agreement with Stillwater Sciences for as-needed technical services to support the Agency's planning and implementation of its groundwater sustainability plans.

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

4B Task Order SWS-FY25-01 with Stillwater Sciences for East Grove Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Aquatic Study Plan

Motion

The Board approved Task Order Number SWS-FY25-01 with Stillwater Sciences for as-needed technical services to support the Agency's development of an aquatic study plan for the East Grove Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem through Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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

4C Task Order DBSA-FY25-01 with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for Water Year 2024 Annual Reports and Online Database Management

Motion

The Board approved Task Order Number DBSA-FY25-01 with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., for as-needed technical and planning support services for preparation of the Water Year 2023-2024 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources.

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

4D Task Order DBSA-FY25-02 with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for General Technical and Planning Support Services

Motion

The Board approved Task Order Number DBSA-FY25-02 with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., for as-needed general technical and planning support services.

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

4E Funds Transfer to Implement of Change of Banks to Citizens Business Bank

Motion

The Board authorized the transfer of funds from the Agency’s Bank of the Sierra account to the Agency’s new Citizens Business Bank account in the amount of \$1,000,000 to implement the change to the new bank.

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

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Chiquita Canyon Agenda Item
DBS&A Task Orders


6. ADJOURNMENT 5:13 pm.

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **September 19, 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 August 15, 2024.

ATTEST: 

Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: 

Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board