



**Fillmore and Piru Basins**  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 4:00p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Directors in Attendance**

Director Carole Fornoff  
Director John Garnica (Joined at 4:25)  
Director Debbie Jackson  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Kelly Long (came in 4:09pm)  
Director Candice Meneghin

**Staff in Attendance**

Anthony Emmert, executive director  
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board  
Patrick O'Connell, senior  
hydrogeologist  
Christine Carson, legal counsel

**Public in Attendance**

Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)  
Rachel Jones, UWCD (virtual)  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)  
Zachary Plummer, UWCD  
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)  
Brian Zahn, UWCD (virtual)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1A Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Long called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

**1B Directors Roll Call**

The Clerk called the roll. 5 Directors were present: Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long and Meneghin. Director Garnica absent. (Director Garnica joined the meeting at 4:25)

**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 one check not listed on the agenda under Warrants, although the check information was included in the packet posted for the meeting. Director Long then asked for a motion.

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

## **2. SEATING OF NEW DIRECTOR AND SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **2A Seating of New Member Director Appointed by The City of Fillmore Appointing a Council Member or Representative to the Board of Directors of The Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

#### **Information Item**

The Board welcomed John Garnica as the new Member Director appointed by the City of Fillmore, as its representative on the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board.

### **2B Election of Officers**

#### **Motion**

The Board accepted nominations and elected officers for 2025. Chair Kelly Long will continue as Chair, Vice Chair/Treasurer Gordon Kimball will continue as Vice Chair/Treasurer, and our new Director representing The City of Fillmore was elected as our new Secretary.

Motion to approve, Director Jackson; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

## **3. UPDATES**

### **3A Director Announcements/Board Communications:**

Oral Reports from the Board.

#### **Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Nothing to report.

#### **Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Nothing to report.

**Environmental Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Meneghin said the environmental stakeholders will be meeting next week.

**City of Fillmore Member Director Update**

Nothing to report.

**United Water Conservation District Member Director Update**

Director Kimball provided an update on releases, rates, grants and bond activity for United.

**County of Ventura Member Director Update**

Director Long reported that Santa Clara Valley was hit hard with many public safety power shutdowns during the recent fires, and said the County is actively working towards solutions to help alleviate these types of issues and will be requesting more water for future fires. She also said they now have a new Board Chair; Janice Parvin.

**3B Executive Director Update  
Information Item**

The Executive Director said he has not received any update from DWR regarding the review of amended GSP's, and mentioned staff is still working on finalizing grant reports. He said staff is also working on developing several financial policies for Board consideration and he expects to bring them forward at the upcoming Board meeting. He finalized his update saying there is potential for change in groundwater reporting dates.

**3C Legal Counsel Update  
Information Item**

Legal Counsel had nothing to report since the previous Board of Directors meeting of December 12, 2024.

**3D GSP Consultant Update  
Information Item**

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided an update on GSP activities completed, and future tasks that are scheduled to be completed.

**4. 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)

**4A Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of December 12, 2024. With the correction to the updates, in section 3, and changed Director Fornoff to nothing to report, from absent, and Director Jackson from nothing to report, to absent.

**4B Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

UWCD	\$21,778.33
DBS&A	\$20,998.00
Stillwater	\$13,554.50
Aleshire and Wynder	\$ 1,397.80

**4C Monthly Financial Report**

The Board received the monthly financial report for the Agency.

Motion to approve consent calendar, Director Garnica; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, Long and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

**5. MOTION ITEMS**

**5A Groundwater Modeling Scenarios Development**

**Motion**

The Board received a presentation from DBS&A on the draft scenarios to be included in the Agency's modeling in support of the development of its Five-Year Progress Report to the California Department of Water Resources and provided comments and directions.

**5B Reserve Policy Development**

**Motion**

The Board received a presentation from staff on the development of a financial reserve policy and provided comments and directions.

**5C Support for United Water Conservation District Groundwater Flow Model**

**Motion**

The Board approved a letter supporting the United Water Conservation District regional groundwater flow model.

Motion to approve, Director Jackson; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, and Long), 1 opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/1/0.

**6. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**


- Alignment of Terms
- Annual Reports

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025**, 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 January 16, 2025.

ATTEST:   
Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board