



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 4:00p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director John Garnica (arrived at 5:01)
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long (arrived at 4:07)
Director Candice Meneghin

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Joe Bellomo, City of Fillmore (virtual)
Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches-El Hogar (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)
Nancy Ojeda, DWR (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 4:07 p.m.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 5 Directors were present: Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long and Meneghin. Director Garnica 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 Jackson; Second, Director Kimball. 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

Nothing to report.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Nothing to report.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Nothing to report.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director absent.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball mentioned United's diversions and invited the public to contact United Water for a tour of the Freeman Diversion.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Nothing to report.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director reported he had not received any updates from DWR regarding the amended GSP's and said staff is still working to complete final grant reports.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel reported he coordinated with staff regarding the meeting and other minor items.

2D 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.

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 Board of Directors meeting of January 16, 2025.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$29,573.37
Stillwater Sciences Inc.	\$11,088.75
DBS&A	\$10,469.75
Aleshire and Wynder LLP	\$ 6,946.00

3C Monthly Financial Report

The Board received the monthly financial report for the Agency.

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

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Waiver of Late Penalties and Interest for California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Motion

The Board approved waiving penalties and interest charges totaling \$4,586.27 for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for late payment associated with pumping from its Fillmore Fish Hatchery wells, State Well Numbers 04N19W33D03S, 04N19W33D04S, and 04N12W33D05S.

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

4B Annual Reports to California Department of Water Resources
Motion

The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates summarizing the Water Year 2023-2024 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources for the Fillmore subbasin and Piru subbasin and provide comments and directions.

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

4C Investment Program Development
Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff on investment options and provided comments and directions.

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

4D Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Plan and Schedule Quarter 2 Update
Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agency Work Plan and Schedule for Quarter 2 and provide comments and directions.

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

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

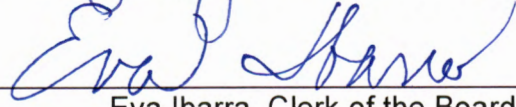
- Amend Bylaws
- Investment Policy

6. ADJOURNMENT

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 5:34 pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, March 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 February 20, 2025.

ATTEST: 
Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: 
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board