



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director John Garnica
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long
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
Zachary Plummer, UWCD

Public in Attendance

Joe Bellomo, City of Fillmore (virtual)
Christian Braudrick, Stillwater Science
Katie Brokaw, Brokaw Nursery LLC
Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Burt Handy (virtual)
Rachel Jones, UWCD (virtual)
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches-El Hogar (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Nancy Ojeda, DWR (virtual)
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 4:03 p.m.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 6 Directors were present: Fornoff, Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, Long and Meneghin.

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

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

Director Fornoff said they had their meeting a few days ago and will have their annual meeting on June 18. She also mentioned United Water's fees were a major topic at their meeting.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin said she is working with Professor Tom Dudley on watershed wide Arundo donax removal planning.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Garnica said well #7 rehabilitation is now completed and mentioned there is a high manganese level problem at that location.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Nothing to report.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Director Long said they are currently recruiting for a Fox Canyon Executive Director.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director reported on the Chiquita Canyon Elevated Temperature Landfill Incident and said DWR is now reviewing the Agency's final GSP grant reports.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel had nothing to report since the previous Board of Directors meeting of February 20, 2025.

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 February 20, 2025.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$14,060.87
DBS&A	\$10,091.00
Aleshire and Wynder LLP	\$ 939.00

3C Monthly Financial Report

The Board received the monthly financial report for the Agency.

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

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Annual Reports to California Department of Water Resources

Motion

The Board approved the Water Year 2023-2024 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources for the Fillmore subbasin and Piru subbasin.

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

4B Cienega Springs GDE Drought Refuge Pilot Project

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Stillwater Sciences and Daniel B. Stephens and Associates on the background for and development of the Cienega Springs Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Drought Refuge Study and provided 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.

4C Groundwater Modeling Scenarios Development Workshop

Workshop and 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 direction.

Receive and file, Director Kimball, Second, Director Meneghin. 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

- Fish Survey
- Arundo Discussion

6. ADJOURNMENT

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025**, or call of the chair

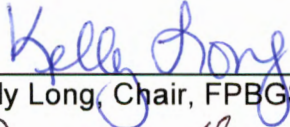
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I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of March 20, 2025.

ATTEST: _____


Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board