



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

City of Fillmore City Hall Council Chambers

250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

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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. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board.

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

County of Ventura Member Director Update

2B Executive Director Update Information Item

The Executive Director will provide an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of April 17, 2025.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel will provide an informational update on Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Board of Directors meeting of April 17, 2025.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates will provide an informational update on the Agency's groundwater sustainability planning activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of April 17, 2025.

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 will consider approving the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of April 17, 2025.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$21,373.64
DBS&A	\$ 5,843.00
Naumann Family Farms	\$ 1,342.58
Aleshire & Wynder	\$ 915.80

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4A Watershed Update

Motion

The Board will receive a presentation from United Water Conservation District staff on the status of the Santa Clara River watershed water resources.

5. MOTION ITEMS

**5A Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and Budget
Motion**

The Board will receive a presentation from staff on the major Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan items and associated estimated costs and provide comments and directions.

6. FUTURE ITEMS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next **Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2025**, 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) May 12, 2025 (time) 3:40 p.m.
At: <https://www.FPBGSA.org>

(attest) Eva Ibarra

Posted: (date) May 12, 2025 (time) 3:45 p.m.
At: <https://www.facebook.com/FPBGSA>

(attest) Eva Ibarra

Posted: (date) May 12, 2025 (time) 3:50 p.m.

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: UWCD, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard

Posted: (date) May 12, 2025 (time) 3:55 p.m.

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: Fillmore City Hall, 250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director John Garnica
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long
Director Candice Meneghin (arrived 4:30)

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Nyvee DeLeon, UWCD(virtual)
Matt Drunner, Stillwater Sciences
Evan Lashly, UWCD
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)
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 4:01 p.m.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 5 Directors were present: Fornoff, Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, and Long. Director Meneghin 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 with yes and requested motion item 4B be moved after 4D. Director Long then asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda with the requested change, Director Garnica; Second, Director Kelly Long. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, and Long) 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

Director absent.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Garnica said the City of Fillmore has approved the new well.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball provided an update on the District's extensive CIP budget, associated revenue needs and proposed groundwater rates. He stated that the District is considering the option for a potential future bond measure to spread out the cost of the CIP budget. He also provided an update on the Freeman Diversion project.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Director Long said the County is working on raising funds for an Arundo donax removal program for the County, primarily due to the extreme fire hazard that it creates.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director reported groundwater payments are due on April 30. He provided a status report on AB-1520 that will align groundwater data collection with the SGMA requirements. He stated that DWR staff provided helpful comments on the final grant report and Agency staff have amended the report and resubmitted to DWR for consideration. He thanked Chair Long for sharing the County of Ventura's report on the status of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Incident

and will provide an update for the Board in the near future. He stated that he will be providing a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and Budget presentation at the May 2025 Board meeting. He finalized his update with a mention of a possible early June Special Board Meeting to consider the budget and groundwater fees for the next fiscal year.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel provided an update on various legislative bills that could affect the Agency.

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

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3A Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of March 20, 2025.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

DBS&A	\$13,819.00
United Water Conservation District	\$13,101.25
Stillwater Sciences	\$12,084.00
Aleshire and Wynder LLP	\$ 650.70

3C Monthly Financial Report

The Board received the monthly financial report for the Agency.

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

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Biological Data Gaps East Grove GDE Initial Survey and Study Plan

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Stillwater Sciences and United Water Conservation District on the East Grove Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Initial Survey and Study Plan and provided comments and direction.

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.

4B Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Plan Development

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates on the Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Plan development and provided comments and direction.

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

4C Budget Amendment

Motion

The Board approved of a mid-year budget amendment.

Motion to approve with removal of rebranding and logo cost, Director Garnica, Second, Director Jackson. Voice vote: 6 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

4D Website Services

Motion

The Board approved the website services with CV Strategies.

Motion to approve without rebranding and logo option, Director Garnica, 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

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 6:07pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 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 April 17, 2025.

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

ATTEST: _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board

Check Detail Report

Fillmore and Piru Basins, GSA

April 30, 2025

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	LINE DESCRIPTION	CLEARED	AMOUNT
Citizens Business Bank						
22283						
04/30/2025	Check	11267	100-00585-00 (INACTIVE)	Refund of Available Credit on Closed Account #100-00585-00 - Well #04N19W34L01S	Uncleared	-1,342.58
04/30/2025	Check	11267	100-00585-00 (INACTIVE)	Refund of Available Credit on Closed Account #100-00585-00 - Well #04N19W34L01S		1,342.58
22284						
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11268	Aleshire & Wynder LLP		Uncleared	-915.80
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11268	Aleshire & Wynder LLP			-915.80
22285						
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11269	United Water Conservation District		Uncleared	-
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11269	United Water Conservation District			21,373.64
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11269	United Water Conservation District			-
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11269	United Water Conservation District			21,373.64
22286						
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11270	Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc.		Uncleared	-5,843.00
04/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	11270	Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc.			-5,843.00



ITEM NO. 3C Consent Item

DATE: May 07, 2025 (for May 15, 2025, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

VIA: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

FROM: United Water Conservation District Finance

SUBJECT: Monthly Financial Report

SUMMARY

The Board will receive the monthly financial reports for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency).

BACKGROUND

United Water Conservation District accounting staff has prepared financial reports based on the Agency revenue and expenses for the month of April 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS:

April 31, 2025, Profit and Loss Budget Performance

April 31, 2025, Balance Sheet

Fillmore and Piru Basins, GSA
Budget vs. Actuals: FY_ 2024_2025 - FY25 P&L
July 2024 - June 2025

	JUL - SEP, 2024		OCT - DEC, 2024		JAN - MAR, 2025		APR - JUN, 2025		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income										
40001 Groundwater Extraction Charge		0.00	-32.40	0.00	461,310.79	344,500.00		344,500.00	\$461,278.39	\$689,000.00
47000 Other Revenue									\$0.00	\$0.00
47001 Late Fees	4,387.95				9,177.42				\$13,565.37	\$0.00
Total 47000 Other Revenue	4,387.95				9,177.42				\$13,565.37	\$0.00
Total Income	\$4,387.95	\$0.00	\$-32.40	\$0.00	\$470,488.21	\$344,500.00	\$0.00	\$344,500.00	\$474,843.76	\$689,000.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$4,387.95	\$0.00	\$-32.40	\$0.00	\$470,488.21	\$344,500.00	\$0.00	\$344,500.00	\$474,843.76	\$689,000.00
Expenses										
52200 Professional Services									\$0.00	\$0.00
52240 Prof Svcs - IT Consulting	1,783.20	1,250.01	1,293.20	1,250.01		1,250.01	409.98	1,249.97	\$3,486.38	\$5,000.00
52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep									\$0.00	\$0.00
52252 Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	22,539.43	21,908.33	1,349.00	0.00		0.00		0.00	\$23,888.43	\$21,908.33
5225A Professional Services Monitoring & Reporting									\$0.00	\$0.00
5225A - A1 Routine GW Monitoring	1,897.20	750.00	29.50	750.00	362.76	750.00		750.00	\$2,289.46	\$3,000.00
5225A - A2 Annual Reports & Online-Database		7,500.00	1,133.52	7,500.00	12,440.75	7,500.00	238.02	7,500.00	\$13,812.29	\$30,000.00
5225A - A3 Groundwater Data Gaps	535.55	9,249.99	238.02	9,249.99	9,249.99	9,249.99	578.71	9,250.03	\$1,352.28	\$37,000.00
5225A - A4 Biological Data Gaps	10,759.04	24,999.99	45,661.84	24,999.99	22,347.97	24,999.99	416.54	25,000.03	\$79,185.39	\$100,000.00
Total 5225A Professional Services Monitoring & Reporting	13,191.79	42,499.98	47,062.88	42,499.98	35,151.48	42,499.98	1,233.27	42,500.06	\$96,639.42	\$170,000.00
5225B Prof. Services- Dom Well Vulnerability									\$0.00	\$0.00
5225B - B1 Desktop Study	119.01	15,000.00	3,487.00	15,000.00	4,121.00	15,000.00	871.75	15,000.00	\$8,598.76	\$60,000.00
Total 5225B Prof. Services- Dom Well Vulnerability	119.01	15,000.00	3,487.00	15,000.00	4,121.00	15,000.00	871.75	15,000.00	\$8,598.76	\$60,000.00
5225C Prof. Services - Cienega Drought Project									\$0.00	\$0.00
5225C - C1 Needs Assessment & Concept	1,352.28	24,999.99	26,504.83	24,999.99	17,171.41	24,999.99	3,424.13	25,000.03	\$48,452.65	\$100,000.00
Total 5225C Prof. Services - Cienega Drought Project	1,352.28	24,999.99	26,504.83	24,999.99	17,171.41	24,999.99	3,424.13	25,000.03	\$48,452.65	\$100,000.00
5225D Prof. Services - GSP Updates									\$0.00	\$0.00
5225D - D1 GW Model Updates	1,753.54	32,499.99	9,651.58	32,499.99	10,404.10	32,499.99	10,259.02	32,500.03	\$32,068.24	\$130,000.00
Total 5225D Prof. Services - GSP Updates	1,753.54	32,499.99	9,651.58	32,499.99	10,404.10	32,499.99	10,259.02	32,500.03	\$32,068.24	\$130,000.00
5225E Prof. Svcs.- General Programs& Project Dvlpmnt									\$0.00	\$0.00
5225E - E1 Well Permit Review		8,750.01		8,750.01		8,750.01		8,749.97	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
5225E - E2 GW Export Eval & Policy Dvlp		7,500.00		7,500.00		7,500.00		7,500.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
5225E - E3 Gen. Support (board mts, grants, adv)	9,082.35	13,749.99	11,507.67	13,749.99	8,685.17	13,749.99	2,652.80	13,750.03	\$31,927.99	\$55,000.00
Total 5225E Prof. Svcs.- General Programs& Project Dvlpmnt	9,082.35	30,000.00	11,507.67	30,000.00	8,685.17	30,000.00	2,652.80	30,000.00	\$31,927.99	\$120,000.00
Total 52252 Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant	48,038.40	166,908.29	99,562.96	144,999.96	75,533.16	144,999.96	18,440.97	145,000.12	\$241,575.49	\$601,908.33
Total 52250 Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep	48,038.40	166,908.29	99,562.96	144,999.96	75,533.16	144,999.96	18,440.97	145,000.12	\$241,575.49	\$601,908.33
52270 Prof Svcs - Accounting	3,318.96	6,249.99	9,789.83	6,249.99	1,438.97	6,249.99	2,675.60	6,250.03	\$17,223.36	\$25,000.00
52275 Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd	2,814.71	6,249.99	2,212.72	6,249.99	1,496.84	6,249.99	927.39	6,250.03	\$7,451.66	\$25,000.00
52280 Prof Svcs - Executive Director	19,485.25	12,500.01	14,199.37	12,500.01	6,166.88	12,500.01	4,301.27	12,499.97	\$44,152.77	\$50,000.00
52290 Prof Svcs - Other	648.00	2,499.99	11,953.56	2,499.99	11.58	2,499.99		2,500.03	\$12,613.14	\$10,000.00
Total 52200 Professional Services	76,088.52	195,658.28	139,011.64	173,749.95	84,647.43	173,749.95	26,755.21	173,750.15	\$326,502.80	\$716,908.33
52500 Legal Fees									\$0.00	\$0.00
52501 Legal Counsel	1,855.70	7,500.00	7,751.80	7,500.00	8,536.60	7,500.00	915.80	7,500.00	\$19,059.90	\$30,000.00
Total 52500 Legal Fees	1,855.70	7,500.00	7,751.80	7,500.00	8,536.60	7,500.00	915.80	7,500.00	\$19,059.90	\$30,000.00
53000 Office Expenses									\$0.00	\$0.00
53010 Public Information		249.99		249.99		249.99		250.03	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
53020 Office Supplies	38.70	249.99	629.56	249.99	1.00	249.99	174.80	250.03	\$844.06	\$1,000.00
53026 Postage & Mailing	9.10	249.99	213.79	249.99	2.07	249.99	186.94	250.03	\$411.90	\$1,000.00
53110 Travel & Training	157.19	125.01	188.55	125.01	64.12	125.01	99.69	124.97	\$509.55	\$500.00
Total 53000 Office Expenses	204.99	874.98	1,031.90	874.98	67.19	874.98	461.43	875.06	\$1,765.51	\$3,500.00
53500 Insurance									\$0.00	\$0.00
53510 Liability Insurance			2,487.42						\$2,487.42	\$0.00
Total 53500 Insurance			2,487.42						\$2,487.42	\$0.00
70130 Bank Service Charges	135.00	135.00		135.00		0.00		0.00	\$135.00	\$270.00
Total Expenses	\$78,284.21	\$204,168.26	\$150,282.76	\$182,259.93	\$93,251.22	\$182,124.93	\$28,132.44	\$182,125.21	\$349,950.63	\$750,678.33
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$-73,896.26	\$-204,168.26	\$-150,315.16	\$-182,259.93	\$377,236.99	\$162,375.07	\$-28,132.44	\$162,374.79	\$124,893.13	\$-61,678.33
Other Expenses										
Depreciation	2,574.99	2,574.99	2,574.99	2,574.99	2,574.99	2,574.99	858.33	2,574.99	\$8,583.30	\$10,299.96
Total Other Expenses	\$2,574.99	\$2,574.99	\$2,574.99	\$2,574.99	\$2,574.99	\$2,574.99	\$858.33	\$2,574.99	\$8,583.30	\$10,299.96
NET OTHER INCOME	\$-2,574.99	\$-2,574.99	\$-2,574.99	\$-2,574.99	\$-2,574.99	\$-2,574.99	\$-858.33	\$-2,574.99	\$-8,583.30	\$-10,299.96
NET INCOME	\$-76,471.25	\$-206,743.25	\$-152,890.15	\$-184,834.92	\$374,662.00	\$159,800.08	\$-28,990.77	\$159,799.80	\$116,309.83	\$-71,978.29

Fillmore and Piru Basins, GSA

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2025

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10000 Bank of the Sierra	486,990.91
10100 Citizens Business Bank	1,202,260.41
Total Bank Accounts	\$1,689,251.32
Accounts Receivable	
11000 Accounts Receivable	503,516.31
Total Accounts Receivable	\$503,516.31
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds	24.12
12900 Clearing Account	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$24.12
Total Current Assets	\$2,192,791.75
Fixed Assets	
Fillmore Piru Monitoring Wells (4 Wells)	515,000.00
Accumulated Depreciation - Monitoring Wells (4 Wells)	-18,883.26
Total Fillmore Piru Monitoring Wells (4 Wells)	496,116.74
Total Fixed Assets	\$496,116.74
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,688,908.49
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 Accounts Payable	28,132.44
Total Accounts Payable	\$28,132.44
Other Current Liabilities	
20001 Advance from County of Ventura	0.00
California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Payable	0.00
Out Of Scope Agency Payable	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$28,132.44
Total Liabilities	\$28,132.44
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	515,000.00
32000 Retained Earnings	2,029,466.22
Net Income	116,309.83
Total Equity	\$2,660,776.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,688,908.49



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Item No. **5A Motion**

DATE: May 11, 2025 (for May 15, 2025, meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and Budget**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will receive a presentation from staff on the major Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan items and associated estimated costs and provide comments and direction.

BACKGROUND

During the current Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the Agency's primary activities included:

1. Amended GSPs. Board approval and July 16, 2024, submittal of amended groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) in response to "incomplete" findings from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in January 2024, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). DWR approved the amended GSPs in March 2025.
2. Annual Reports and Groundwater Database. The Agency prepared and submitted the Annual Reports for its two basins for the 2023-2024 water year and updated its online groundwater database, as required by SGMA.
3. Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant. Additionally, the Agency worked with DWR to amend and finalize all invoices, deliverables and final reports associated with the Agency's \$1.5 million dollar groundwater sustainability planning grant.
4. East Grove GDE Biological Data Gaps. Initial biological surveys of the East Grove Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) area to better understand the "uses and users" of this important area of interconnected groundwater and surface water at the west end of the Fillmore subbasin.
5. Cienega GDE Drought Refuge Study-Pilot Project. Development of a study plan and pilot project prospectus in the Cienega GDE located at the Piru-Fillmore subbasins boundary area to determine whether artificial irrigation could help a portion of the vegetation in the area survive during long or severe droughts and serve as a refuge for sensitive species that use the area.
6. Groundwater and Surface Water Modeling. Established a new break-out of the Regional Groundwater Flow Model for the valley groundwater basins with a much tighter grid to facilitate future evaluation of the interaction between groundwater and surface water; updated groundwater and surface water data for the past several years to update the model; and developed modeling scenarios.
7. Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Evaluation and Policy Development. Developed framework for evaluation of vulnerability of existing shallow domestic wells to future droughts.
8. Groundwater and Surface Water Data Gaps. Identified the key groundwater and surface water data gaps and began development of a plan to address them.

9. Well Permit Review Process Development. Development of a well permit review process that complies with California Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23 and is complimentary of the Agency's GSPs was halted after the Governor lifted the drought emergency for the County of Ventura in September 2024, thereby ending the well permit review requirements.
10. Export Policy Development. Due to the Governor's actions to lift the drought emergency, the Agency also halted its related effort to evaluate water exports from the basin and to develop a water export policy.

These were the most significant achievements and associated expenditures for the current fiscal year.

For the upcoming 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, major scope of work items for the Agency include:

- Annual Reports and Update of Online Groundwater Database – Preparation of annual reports for the period October 2024 to September 2025, as well as keeping current the online groundwater database. Annual reports will be due to DWR by 01 Apr 2026. (Estimate \$33,000)
- Groundwater Data Gaps – Develop updated technical memorandum addressing groundwater and surface water data gaps and plan to address them. This work will progress through the fiscal year. (Estimate \$30,000)
- East Grove GDE Biological Data Gaps. Biological surveys of the East Grove Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem (GDE) area to better understand the “uses and users” of this important area of interconnected groundwater and surface water at the west end of the Fillmore subbasin. (Estimate \$100,000)
- Sespe Creek Confluence with Santa Clara River Data Gaps. Surface water and groundwater monitoring, along with initial biological surveys of the Sespe Creek-Santa Clara River confluence area to better understand the hydrology and “uses and users” of this area commented on by National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. This work to progress through the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Estimate \$15,000)
- Cienega Springs Study-Project Entitlements & Grant Funding – Complete development of study plan-pilot project prospectus, including cost estimates, for a study-pilot project to improve the recovery of the Cienega area following periods of drought, in conjunction with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Santa Clara River Conservancy, the University of California, Santa Barbara, and The Nature Conservancy. The primary focus of work for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 will be developing the access agreements and partnerships for the project, CEQA compliance, and applying for grant funds for the construction. This effort will progress through the fiscal year, with the goal of having the next phase ready for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. (Estimate \$100,000)
- Domestic Well Drought Vulnerability Evaluation – Address known data gap by gathering and analyzing well construction and maintenance information on the shallowest of production water wells and evaluate vulnerability to multiple-year droughts utilizing updated groundwater model. This work will progress through the fiscal year. (Estimate \$80,000)
- Refine Surface Water and Groundwater Models – Complete updates of the regional groundwater model and address known data gaps, to better characterize surface water flows by stream reach and analyze groundwater pumping's effects on surface water flows and shallow production wells. This work will occur through the fiscal year. (Estimate \$65,000)

- Annual Subsidence Evaluation – Utilize data gathered by California Department of Water Resources on subsidence and develop technical memorandum, which will support the amended GSPs. This work will progress through the fiscal year, as the data becomes available. (Estimate \$18,000)
- Five-Year Periodic Evaluations. Preparation of Five-Year Periodic Evaluations for the Agency's two basins. The evaluations are due to DWR in January 2027. The work will proceed through the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and into the next fiscal year. (Estimate \$115,000)
- Amendment of Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Development of Programs/Projects – Development of updated GSPs addressing recommended corrective actions from DWR. The updated GSPs will be submitted to DWR in January 2027, along with the Periodic Evaluations. The work will proceed through the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and into the next fiscal year. (Estimate \$150,000)
- As-Needed Technical Support. General support from Agency's technical team (DBS&A, Stillwater Sciences, UWCD) on unanticipated efforts to address new laws or regulations; meeting attendance, etc. (Estimate \$90,000).
- Policies Update – Review and update the Agency's bylaws/policies, with focus on compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards. (Estimate \$20,000)
- Well Permitting Review Process – on hold – not expected to progress during Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- Export Policy – on hold – not expected to progress during Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The Agency's staff and consultant team is scheduled to meet with DWR staff on May 12, 2025, to review the Agency's proposed activities in response to DWR's recommended corrective actions. Based upon that meeting and subsequent meetings, the Agency may amend its scope of work, schedule and budget. Staff anticipates bringing the draft Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to the Board for consideration at a special meeting in early June 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Motion: Provide comments and direction on the draft Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and Draft Budget.

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Fornoff:

Director Garnica:

Director Jackson:

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director Meneghin: