



**Fillmore and Piru Basins**  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Directors in Attendance**

Director Carole Fornoff  
Director John Garnica  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Candice Meneghin

**Directors Absent**

Director Debbie Jackson  
Director Kelly Long

**Staff in Attendance**

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

**Public in Attendance**

Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)  
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches - El Hogar (virtual)  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)  
Nancy Ojeda, DWR (virtual)  
Bram Sercu, UWCD  
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**1A Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Fornoff led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1B Directors Roll Call**

The Clerk called the roll. 4 Directors were present: Fornoff, Garnica, Kimball, and Meneghin. Director Jackson and Director Long were absent.

**1C Public Comments**

Director Kimball asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. None were offered.

## **1D Approval of Agenda**

### **Motion**

Director Kimball asked Executive Director Emmert if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Emmert responded with no and Director Kimball then asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Garnica; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Kimball, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

## **2. UPDATES**

### **2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:**

Oral Reports from the Board.

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

Director was absent.

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

Director Fornoff said the Piru Basin Pumpers Association Board of Directors will have their annual meeting next month for election of officers.

#### **Environmental Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Meneghin said Friends of the Santa Clara River met on Saturday. She also mentioned the Agency has applied for water resiliency grant with the National Science Foundation.

#### **City of Fillmore Member Director Update**

Director Garnica said the City of Fillmore has approved the budget for well #10 and requested United share their presentation on the capital improvement program and potential funding options.

#### **United Water Conservation District Member Director Update**

Director Kimball said United will have their budget workshop next Wednesday that will include groundwater extraction fees for the coming year. He also mentioned United will be evaluating options available for financing for all or part of their capital improvement program.

#### **County of Ventura Member Director Update**

Director was absent.

### **2B Executive Director Update**

#### **Information Item**

The Executive Director reported groundwater fee payments for period July 1 through December 31 and provided a summary of outstanding receivables. He also provided an update on AB-1520 Bill, and said DWR staff are currently reviewing amended grant report. If DWR approves, they will be able to release

the final \$131,000 when funding is available. He said he has forwarded the memo from County RMA to Supervisors regarding the Chiquita Canyon Landfill and asked if the Board would like a motion item at a future meeting. He finalized his update with the mention of having a special board meeting on June 5 for fiscal year 2025-2026 budget and groundwater extraction fees adoption and said he will be meeting with DWR consultation group on recommended corrective actions.

## **2C Legal Counsel Update**

### **Information Item**

Legal Counsel said Bill SB-259 for remote public meetings would extend the allowable "Just Cause" until 2030.

## **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 April 17, 2025.

### **3B Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved 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 received the monthly financial report for the Agency.

Motion to approve consent calendar, Director Gamica; Second, Director Fomoff. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Kimball, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

#### 4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### 4A Watershed Update

###### Motion

The Board received a presentation from United Water Conservation District staff on the status of the Santa Clara River watershed water resources. Directors found the presentation very informative.

Receive and file, Director Garnica; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Kimball, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

#### 5. MOTION ITEMS

##### 5A Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and Budget

###### Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff on the major Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan items and associated estimated costs and provided comments and direction. Director Garnica requested a Sankey style chart to show the flow of items listed. Directors and staff discussed upcoming activities and made suggestions on what they felt is needed as next steps for the coming fiscal year.

Receive and file, Director Garnica; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Garnica, Kimball, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

#### 6. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

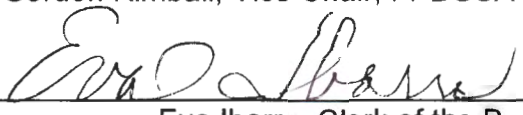
None

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Director Kimball adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, June 19, 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 May 15, 2025.

ATTEST:   
Gordon Kimball, Vice Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board