



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director John Garnica (left at 5:07 pm)
Director Brian Hauss
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Director Kelly Long

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

Luis Busso, DBS&A (virtual)
Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)
Brian Zahn, UWCD (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:07p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. 4 Directors were present: Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, and Meneghin. Director Long was 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 (Garnica, Jackson, Kimball, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/1.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

2A Oath of Office and Seating of New Director

Ceremonial

The Clerk of the Board administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board member Brian Hauss.

3. UPDATES

3A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board.

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson said the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association Board of Directors had their board meeting where they elected new board members.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

No update.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin stated she was re-elected to continue representing the environmental stakeholders.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Garnica said he met with United Water's General Manager Mauricio Guardado. He said they had a very informative discussion on potential funding options for the Santa Felicia Dam.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said United's groundwater extraction fees are slightly under \$200 and explained that the drivers for the increase are the required capital projects.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Director was absent.

3B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director provided an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of May 15, 2025. He said CA AB-1520-Omnibus bill will change definition of water year for Water Conservation

Districts to align with SGMA reporting requirements. He said DWR approved amended final grant report and staff has uploaded it to the grant's portal, if approved, DWR will be releasing the final \$131,000. He finalized his update with saying staff are working on grant post-performance reports.

3C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel Christine Carson provided an informational update on Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Board of Directors meeting of May 15, 2025, including an update on AB 1413.

3D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided an informational update on the Agency's groundwater sustainability planning activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of May 15, 2025. Tony Morgan said he coordinated with United regarding future modeling, assisted with the Agencies' work plan and budget, and uploaded information to DWR's portal.

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 May 15, 2025.

4B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

DBS&A	\$49,102.18
United Water Conservation District	\$20,732.07
Stillwater Sciences	\$15,940.27
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$ 1,277.30
CV Strategies	\$ 1,254.50
The Fillmore Gazette	\$ 216.00

4C Monthly Financial Report

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

Motion to approve Consent Calendar, Director Gamica; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Garnica, Hauss, Jackson, Kimball, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5A Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Groundwater Extraction Fee and Adoption of Resolution 2025-01.

Public Hearing and Motion

The Board agreed to move the presentation from Item 5B on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plan and Budget before Item 5A. The Board then conducted a public hearing to receive stakeholder comments regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fee of \$13 per acre-foot and adopted Resolution 2025-01 setting the proposed extraction fee to become effective on July 1, 2025

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

5B Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and Budget and Adoption of Resolution 2025-02

Motion

The Board approved adoption of Resolution 2025-02.

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

5C Task Orders with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Motion

The Board approved Task Orders Numbers DBSA-FY26-01, DBSA-FY26-02, DBSA-FY26-03, DBSA-FY26-04, DBSA-FY26-05, DBSA-FY26-06, DBSA-FY26-07, DBSA-FY26-08, DBSA-FY26-09, and DBSA-FY26-10 with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. for as-needed technical and planning support services for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 period.

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

5D Payment Plan for Outstanding Groundwater Extraction Charges

Motion

The Board approved request from Jennifer Trinidad for a payment plan for outstanding groundwater charges totaling \$6,659.34 and to waive the associated late fees and interest in the amount of \$1,956.45 at the completion of payment plan.

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

5E Waiver of Late Penalties and Interest for Sun Pacific

Motion

The Board approved waiving late fees and interest in the amount of \$1,660.55 for Sun Pacific c/o Jose Mari. The Board requested a policy be implemented for future waivers.

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

6. FUTURE ITEMS

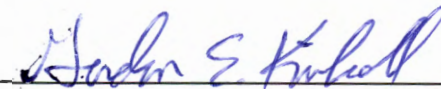
Late Fees Waiver Policy

7. ADJOURNMENT


Director Kimball adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 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 June 19, 2025.

ATTEST:


Gordon Kimball, Vice Chair, FPRGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board