



**Fillmore and Piru Basins**  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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

**Directors in Attendance**

Director John Garnica  
Director Brian Hauss (virtual)  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Kelly Long (virtual)  
Director Candice Meneghin

**Directors Absent**

Director Debbie Jackson

**Staff in Attendance**

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

**Public in Attendance**

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 4:02 p.m.

**1A Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Garnica led everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1B Directors Roll Call**

The Clerk called the roll. (Garnica, Hauss, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin) 5 Directors were present: Director Jackson was absent.

**1C Public Comments**

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

**Vote on remote participation for Director Long and Hauss to attend virtually due to travel.**

Motion to approve, Director Garnica; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Garnica, Hauss, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously.

## **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: 5 ayes (Garnica, Hauss, 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**

Director Jackson was absent.

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

Director Hauss had no update.

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

Director Meneghin said she was re-elected by the environmental stakeholders group.

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

Director Garnica said replacement well is underway.

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

Director Kimball said United has completed 100 percent design for the Santa Felicia Dam Outlet Works replacement, with a cost of three hundred million, and ready to start construction by 2027.

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

Director Long said DWR has provided the subsidence guidance document and video.

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

#### **Information Item**

The Executive Director provided an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of June 19, 2025. Executive Director Emmert reported AB 1520 will change the definition of water year for WCDs to align with SGMA reporting requirements, approved in June. He said Senate Appropriations Committee to consider on July 18, 2025. He said as of July 14, 2025, United staff are developing a higher discretion groundwater model for the Agency. He also mentioned staff are working on post-performance reports for grant-funded monitoring wells, with the mention of DWR's release of approximately \$131,000 retention pending. He finalized his update saying he will be working on updating the Agencies' financial policies.

**2C Legal Counsel Update**

**Information Item**

Legal Counsel Christine Carson said AB 1413 has passed and provided an update on what it will mean to the agency.

**2D 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 June 19, 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 approved the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting of June 19, 2025.

**3B Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$58,912.18
DBS&A	\$10,653.70
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$ 1,446.00
Stillwater Sciences	\$ 1,051.00
The Fillmore Gazette	\$ 324.00

**3C Monthly Financial Report**

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

**3D United Water Conservation District Labor Rates**

The Board received the United Water Conservation District labor rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

#### 4. MOTION ITEMS

##### 4A Task Orders with Stillwater Sciences for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Scope of Work Motion

The Board approved Task Order Number SWS-FY26-01, with Stillwater Sciences, for as-needed technical and planning support services for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 period.

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

##### 4B Task Orders with United Water Conservation District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Scope of Work Motion

The Board approved Task Order Numbers UWCD-FY26-01, UWCD-FY26-02, and UWCD-FY26-03 with United Water Conservation District, for as-needed technical and planning support services for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 period.

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

##### 4C Financial Reserve Policy Development Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff on the development of a financial reserve policy and provided comments and directions.

#### 5. FUTURE ITEMS


The Board discussed future agenda items, including collections of receivables, resolution of future meetings conflicts, and inter-basin coordination.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Director Kimball adjourned the meeting at 5:06 pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, August 21, 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 July 17, 2025.

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

ATTEST:   
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board