



**Special Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Directors in Attendance**

Director John Garnica  
Director Brian Hauss (virtual)  
Director Debbie Jackson (virtual)  
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  
Martin Koczanowicz, legal counsel  
Zachary Plummer, it staff

**Public in Attendance**

Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)  
Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)  
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Raches-El Hogar (virtual)  
Heather Merenda (virtual)  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)  
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)  
Brian Zahn, UWCD (virtual)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Director Long called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**1A Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Long led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1B Directors Roll Call**

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

Motion to allow Director Jackson to attend virtually due to medical reasons.  
Motion to approve, Director Kimball; Second, Director Garnica. Voice vote: 4  
ayes (Garnica, Hauss, Kimball, and Long) none opposed. Motion carries  
unanimously 4/0/2.

**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 no and Director Long then asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Garnica; Second, Director Kimball. Voice vote: 6 ayes (Garnica, Hauss, 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**

Director Jackson had nothing to report.

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

Director Hauss reported the Piru Pumpers met on September 16, where they updated their bylaws and set their assessment.

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

Director Meneghin reported Friends of the Santa Clara River hosted Coastal Cleanup Day on September 20, where 30 volunteers assisted in the cleanup. She said The Lions Club will assume responsibility in the future.

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

Director Garnica said United Water Conservation District presented at their council meeting.

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

Director Kimball said United Water released from Santa Felicia Dam for groundwater recharge of Piru, Fillmore, and Santa Paula basins and diversion at Freeman for Oxnard basins recharge. He said United was able to find use of silt removed from Santa Clara River stormflows, to be used for construction fill material. He also mentioned United will be having their annual summit on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Director Long had nothing to report.

### 2B Executive Director Update

#### Information Item

The Executive Director provided an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of August 21, 2025. Executive Director Emmert provided an update saying United's staff were delayed in their modeling work for the Agency by their need to provide technical information and testimony in the *OPV Coalition versus Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency* litigation. He said the valley basins model is now substantially complete and calibrated. He said modeling staff will now focus on setting up the scenarios. He also mentioned

the effect AB-1520 bill will have on the Agency. He said DWR may soon release approximately \$131,000 retention from the planning grant, and mentioned staff are working on post-performance reports for the grant with DWR's guidance. He said staff are preparing additional policies for social media and amending bylaws. He finished his update saying staff distributed groundwater statements in mid-September, that are due in mid-October and said they met with DWR regarding GSP and annual report questions in September.

**2C Legal Counsel Update Information Item**

Legal Counsel said they assisted the Agency with policies and conflict of interest issues.

**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 August 21, 2025, as well as a preview of activities. He reviewed all activities they are working on and said they have been coordinating with DWR on various items.

**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 wants 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 August 21, 2025.

**3B Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$21,981.52
DBS&A	\$21,516.25
Solinst Eureka	\$ 3,798.00
CV Strategies	\$ 3,250.00
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$ 2,405.60

**3C 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 Long; Second, Director Kimball. Voice vote: 6 ayes (Garnica, Hauss, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin) none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0/0.

**4. MOTION ITEMS**

**4A Resolution 2025-03 Approving Proposed New Financial Policies and Corresponding Amendments to Bylaws**

**Motion**

The Board approved adoption of Resolution 2025-04 approving and adopting the following new financial policies and corresponding amendments to the Bylaws:

- Accounts Payable Policy
- Procurement
- Record Retention

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

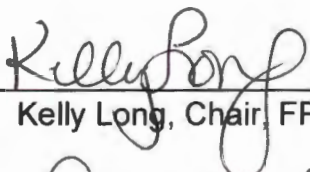
**5. FUTURE ITEMS**

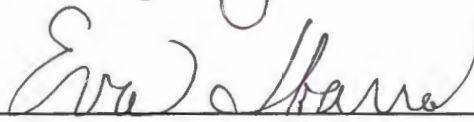
None were offered.

**6. ADJOURNMENT 4:58 pm**

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 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 Special Board of Directors meeting of October 2, 2025.

ATTEST:   
Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board