



Special Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Burt Handy (virtual)
Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)
Hayley Luna (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 4:02p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Garnica led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. (Garnica, Hauss, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin) 6 Directors were present:

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

2. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

2A Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2026

Motion

The Board accepted nominations and elected officers for Calendar Year 2026.

Director Garnica requested to be nominated as Vice Chair of the Board, with Director Long as Chair, and Director Kimball as Secretary/Treasurer.

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

3. UPDATES

3A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board.

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson reported the Fillmore Pumpers Stakeholders have passed their budget and water rates will remain the same as previous calendar year.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Hauss reported the Piru Pumpers' Stakeholders passed their budget and rates.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin said Friends of the Santa Clara River and others formed a new open space advocacy group.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Garnica reported he participated in United's tour of their facilities and also mentioned Well #10 construction is currently underway.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said United conducts quarterly tours, the Santa Clara River water recharge project is ongoing, and United's budget development process is currently in progress.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Director Long said the County had a productive week in DC regarding water and disaster recovery. Senator Padilla's bill is out regarding water. She mentioned she attended the Santa Clara River Watershed Committee meeting and expressed the need for all to get involved.

3B Executive Director Update Information Item

The Executive Director provided an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Special Board of Directors meeting of October 2, 2025. Executive Director Emmert said modeling was delayed due to O-PV litigation, DBS&A will explain work items delayed at a later item. He also explained Cal. AB-1520 bill that changed the definition of water year for water conservation districts to align with SGMA reporting requirements. He said United staff will distribute groundwater statements in March 2026 for the second half of 2025. He finished his update with the mention of the plan to amend bylaws with aligning director's terms with typical terms of such agencies as the County, City, and District.

3C Legal Counsel Update Information Item

Legal Counsel provided an informational update on Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Special Board of Directors meeting of October 2, 2025. Christine Carson explained SB 827 bill that mandates new biennial financial and ethical training for local agency officials and department heads, effective January 1, 2026.

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 Special Board of Directors meeting of October 2, 2025. Directors and staff asked questions on items reviewed.

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 Special Board of Directors meeting of October 2, 2025.

4B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices

United Water Conservation District	\$15,491.29
DBS&A	\$ 5,624.00
CV Strategies	\$ 1,993.75
Stillwater Sciences Inc.	\$ 44.75

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

4C Monthly Financial Report

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

4D Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026

The Board received the Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5A Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Report

Motion

The Board received the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Report and provide comments and direction.

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

5B Receivables Report

Motion

The Board received a presentation from United Water Conservation District on the Agency's receivables, efforts to collect, and options for future actions, and provided comments and direction.

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

5C Annual Reports to California Department of Water Resources

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates summarizing the Water Year 2024-2025 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources for the Fillmore subbasin and Piru subbasin and provide comments and direction. Deadline to receive comments on annual report was set to March 9, 2026.

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

5D Shallow Domestic Wells Data Collection and Vulnerability Analysis

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Agency staff and Daniel B. Stephens and Associates on the Agency's efforts to identify and gather data on shallow domestic wells that might be vulnerable to future severe or prolonged droughts and provided comments and direction.

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.

4. FUTURE ITEMS:

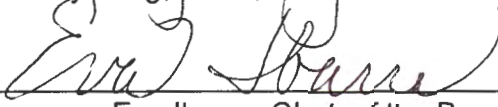
- a. How will the agency implement Cal AB-1520
- b. Collections – can agency publish names of delinquent customers
- c. Schedule for budget expenditures
- d. Billing/write-offs, 5-year plan.
- e. GSP timing/schedule

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Director Long adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm, to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026**, 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 February 26, 2026.

ATTEST: 
Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: 
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board