



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director John Garnica
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 (virtual)
Phillip Hall, legal counsel
Zachary Plummer, it staff

Public in Attendance

Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Garnica called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Meneghin led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

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

1C Public Comments

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

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

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

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Jackson; Second, Director Meneghin.
Voice vote: 5 ayes (Garnica, Hauss, Jackson, Kimball, 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 reported that the Fillmore Pumpers Stakeholders met this week and expressed a need for an online system to pay their invoices. She also provided an update on the basin's status and noted that stakeholders are concerned about possible rising water rates.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Hauss reported the Piru Pumpers Stakeholders also met and have the same concerns as the Fillmore Pumpers.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported Ventura County has had their collaborative kick off and stated their first task will be economic analysis and fundraising.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Garnica reported that the City of Fillmore's well #10 is in process.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball reported that United's reporting structure will transition to a water-year basis in 2026. Budgeting efforts are currently underway, and several major CIP projects are in the funding phase. He also noted that the dam and lake are currently full, and that Castaic and Pyramid will begin releases for groundwater recharge. The projected recharge quantity is 100,000 acre-feet for the Oxnard Plain basins this water year. He concluded his update by stating that the Fillmore and Piru basins are continuing to fill.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

No report. Director Long was absent.

2B Executive Director Update Information Item

The Executive Director provided an informational update on Agency activities since the Special Board of Directors meeting held on February 26, 2026. Executive Director Emmert reported that the O-PV litigation caused delays in modeling; however, United staff have since completed, calibrated, and established the base-case scenario for the valley basins model. Development of alternative scenarios is ongoing. In March 2026, United distributed the Agency's groundwater statements covering pumping for the period of July through December 2025. Additionally, the Agency's auditor, RAMS, has completed its audit for fiscal years 2023 through 2025, and the results will be presented at the next Board meeting. He concluded his update by noting that he had contacted the Ojai Basin GMA to explore ways to support the Small GSAs Coalition in its advocacy for reducing the administrative burden associated with SGMA.

2C Legal Counsel Update Information Item

Legal Counsel reported no updates on the Agency's legal matters since the Special Board of Directors meeting on February 26, 2026.

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 Special Board of Directors meeting of February 26, 2026 (see slides).

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 Special Board of Directors meeting of February 26, 2026.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$29,743.54
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$ 1,463.20
DBS&A	\$ 1,426.00
Stillwater Sciences Inc.	\$ 925.50

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

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

4. MOTION ITEMS

**4A Write-Off of Uncollectible Receivable
Motion**

The Board approved the write-off of uncollectible receivables

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

**4B Annual Reports to California Department of Water Resources
Motion**

The Board approved the Water Year 2024-2025 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources for the Fillmore subbasin and Piru subbasin.

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

4C Proposed Amendments to Work Plan and Schedule

The Board received a presentation from staff and DBS&A on proposed changes to the Agency's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and Schedule. The Board received a presentation from staff regarding proposed revisions to the Agency's Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Work Plan and Schedule. Following the presentation, the Board discussed the proposed changes, provided comments, and offered direction to staff. One Director expressed disappointment with the progress achieved to date. Staff were directed to return at a future meeting with more detailed plans and implementation timelines.

5. FUTURE ITEMS

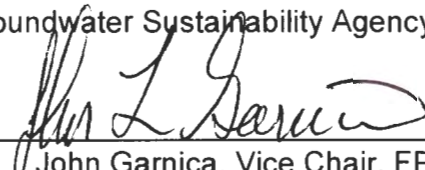
None mentioned.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Director Garnica adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m., to the next **Board Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 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 Board of Directors meeting of March 19, 2026.

ATTEST: _____


John Garnica, Vice Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board