



Fillmore and Piru Basins *Groundwater Sustainability Agency*

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

City of Fillmore, City Hall Council Chambers, and via Zoom

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Gordon Kimball, acting chair
Director Brian Hauss
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Director John Garnica
Director Kelly Long

Staff in Attendance

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Phillip Hall, legal counsel (virtual)
Evan Lashly, environmental scientist
Jackie Lozano, sr. administrative assistant
Patrick O'Connell, senior hydrogeologist (virtual)
Zachary Plummer, IT staff

Public in Attendance

Marissa Caringella, UWCD
Matthew Drenner, Stillwater Sciences
Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Burt Handy (virtual)
Taylor Jones, UWCD (virtual)
Michael Miller (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Gordon Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Kimball led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll. (Hauss, Jackson, Meneghin, and Kimball) 4
Directors were present. Directors Garnica and Long were 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 if there were any changes to the agenda. None were offered and he asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Jackson; Second, Director Meneghin.

Voice vote: 4 ayes (Hauss, Jackson, Meneghin, and Kimbal) none opposed.
Motion carries 4/0/2.

2. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications

Oral reports from the Board.

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson reported she had no updates for the Board.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Hauss reported he had no updates for the Board.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin shared that its Environmental Stakeholder representatives had a collaborative meeting with Six Flags Magic Mountain staff to discuss which of their water resiliency projects would be selected to pursue. A project cost analysis would be developed to see what the financial implications would be for each of those key projects.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

City of Fillmore representative Director Garnica was not present during the meeting; nothing to report.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball shared that the recharge of the Oxnard basin delivered an estimated 82,000 feet of water this year which represented typical annual use for both Oxnard and Fox Canyon. Also, Piru Lake is full, and the current plan is to keep full and use remaining water for all releases; most of the water was delivered upstream out of Pyramid Lake.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

County of Ventura representative Director Long was not present during the meeting; nothing to report.

2B Executive Director Update Information Item

Executive Director Anthony Emmert provided an informational update on Agency activities since the last Board of Directors meeting held on March 19, 2026. Executive Director Emmert would report at a future meeting date:

- Investment in Cienega Pilot Project: Will return with an agendized report to discuss in further detail.
- Chiquita Canyon Landfill Concerns: Attending collaborative meetings and will share information as it becomes available.
- Possible Water Sampling at Fillmore Fish Hatchery: Although it was not recommended to invest money in drilling a well, Executive Director Emmert would bring back a report evaluating the possibilities.
 - Confirmed with the regional board they have taken up sampling there and would make the samples available to the Directors.
 - During discussions with CDFW, requested to frequent their sampling.

2C Legal Counsel Update Information Item

Legal Counsel reported no updates on the Agency's legal matters since the last Board of Directors meeting of March 19, 2026.

2D GSP Consultant Update Information Item

Representative Tony Morgan of Daniel B. Stephens & Associates provided an informational update and presentation on the Agency's groundwater sustainability plan (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

Motion

The Board will consider approving the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 19, 2026, at the next Regular meeting of June 18, 2026.

3B Approval of Warrants

Motion

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

UWCD	\$29,456.03
DBS&A	\$10,649.00
RAMS	\$ 6,615.00
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$ 148.80

3C Monthly Financial Report

Information Item

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

3D Audit Report

Information Item

The Board approved the Agency's Biannual Financial Audit for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 performed by Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott.

Motion to approve consent calendar except for item 3A, Director Jackson; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Hauss, Jackson, Meneghin, and Kimball) none opposed. Motion carries 4/0/2.

4. Motion Items

4A Waiver of Late Penalties and Interest from Quality Ag for Richardson Revocable Trust

Motion

The Board approved the waiver of late penalties and interest from Quality Ag for Richardson Revocable Trust.

Director Jackson requested that the Agency's financial policies be posted on its website.

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

4B Santa Clara River Watershed Committee

Motion

Executive Director Emmert will return with the memorandum of understanding and share more information including the investment amount for the Board to make an informed decision. No action was taken.

4C Biological Data Gaps East Grove GDE Status Report and Study Plan

Motion

The Board received a presentation from staff and Stillwater Sciences on the monitoring results, conclusions and potential next steps of the upcoming work. Board requested the following items: collect information to determine what the undesirable effects would look like; prepare and present a scope of work on the long-term monitoring plan and focused assessment work; focus on impacts of groundwater pumping, and the need to monitor in every

hydrological event or the period of when there would be a bigger impact; gathering data points and forecasting what's going on in all conditions which is part of developing plan (see slides).

Motion to receive and file, Director Meneghin; Second, Director Hauss. Roll call vote: 4 ayes (Hauss, Jackson, Meneghin, and Kimball); None opposed. Motion carries 4/0/2.

4D Domestic Wells Vulnerability

Motion

Mr. Morgan from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates presented on the Domestic Wells Investigation and Vulnerability Evaluation (see slides). No action was taken.

4E Recommended Corrective Actions

Motion

Mr. Morgan from Daniel B. Stephens & Associates provided a presentation on the California Department of Water Resources' Recommended Corrective Actions on the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plans (see slides). No action was taken.

5. FUTURE ITEMS

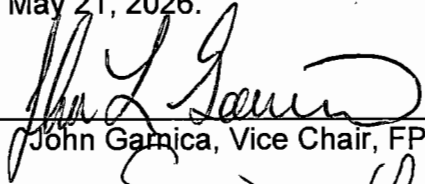
None mentioned

6. ADJOURNMENT

Director Kimball adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m., to the next Board Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026, or call of the chair.

I certify that the above is true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors Regular Meeting of May 21, 2026.

ATTEST:


John Garnica, Vice Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board