



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2019
City Council Chambers, Fillmore City Hall
250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

MINUTES

Directors Present

Director Kelly Long, Chair
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Glen Pace
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Director Lynn Edmonds
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer

Staff Present

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Wayne Lemieux, legal counsel
Kris Sofley, clerk of the board

Public Present

Emilio Cervantes, Jr., Newhall Land and Farming (NLF)
Dan Detmer, United Water Conservation District (UWCD)
Jesse Gomez, NLF
Dr. Zachary Hanson, UWCD
Tim Moore, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A)
Steve Zimmer

1. **Call to Order – First Open Session 5:06p.m.**
Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:06p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Chair Long led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Directors Roll Call**
Chair Long reported that Director McFadden was attending his son's wedding in Alaska and Director Edmonds was out of town. Directors Pace, Kimball, Long and Meneghin were in attendance.

4. Public Comments

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Chair Long asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Ms. Sofley said there were no changes.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Kimball; Second, Director Pace. Voice vote: four ayes (Kimball, Long, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed/none abstained; two absent (Edmonds, McFadden). Motion carries 4/0/2.

6. Director Announcements/Board Communications

Information Item

Director Meneghin informed the Board that Friends of the Santa Clara River and Stillwater Sciences were submitting projects for potential grant funding, with a focus on groundwater-dependent ecosystems.

Director Kimball announced that the Fillmore and Piru Pumpers' Associations were meeting on June 11 at Veterans Memorial Building in Fillmore and invited the Directors to attend.

7. Executive Director Update

Information Item

Mr. Emmert addressed the Board, reporting that Erin Gorospe and the finance team at UWCD had been working hard to get credit statements, invoices and letters of explanation out to all of the Fillmore and Piru Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) rate payers. He reported that all documents had been mailed, and that examples were included in the Board agenda package.

He reported that good progress is being made on groundwater model development overall, that the geological component has been completed, and that UWCD staff is working to input the geological information into the model. He stated that once the geological information input is completed, then staff will begin work on developing the numerical model. Mr. Emmert stated that staff will provide the Agency Board with a presentation in the near future.

Mr. Emmert said that staff was in the process of creating the first grant progress report and invoice for submittal to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). He stated that the first report and invoice preparation is taking some time, as the period covered

extends back to the agency's formation in mid-2017, in order to capture all grant-refundable activities. He said that staff is working with DWR representative Eduardo Pech to rework some of the tasks to create better cash flow for the Agency. He said the Agency has done its best to respect the ratepayers request for a level and consistent rate, but when grant tasks impact cash flow, the Board may have to consider different options.

He also suggested the possibility of a Special Board meeting between now and June 20 to prepare for a Budget workshop.

Regarding the basins' boundary modification, staff are preparing another round of letters to "new family members," introducing them to the FPB GSA and requesting registration of wells with either UWCD and/or the County of Ventura for those whose well information is not available. Staff hasn't received any responses as yet.

Mr. Emmert said he received an email from Kate English requesting the Agency send a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regarding the Agency's concerns with oilfield activities near the Sespe Aquifer. He said that the Agency sent a letter to the California State Water Resources Control Board regarding this issue in February of 2018. He said he would be glad to prepare a similar letter to the USEPA.

Director Kimball said he reviewed the letter and credit issuance documents from Erin Gorospe and thought she had done a great job, that everything is clearly expressed. He said that it obviously took a lot of work and that he was impressed. Mr. Emmert said that staff had received questions from two owners of large production wells in the white area east of Santa Paula, and that invoices would be pro-rated for those new ratepayers, based on well pumping for the period of March 2019, when the new basin boundaries were approved by DWR, through Jun 30, 2019.

8. **Legal Counsel Update**

Information Item

Mr. Lemieux said that he had no update for the Board.

9. **Groundwater Sustainability Plans Development Update**

Information Item

Tim Moore of Daniel B. Stephens and Associates apologized to the Board on behalf of Tony Morgan who was unable to attend the meeting due to a shoulder injury. He said that formats for stakeholder engagement were being developed by Dave Ceppos which Board members and/or the public may be interested in reviewing. He also reported the Groundwater Resources Association was holding its Second Annual Groundwater

Sustainability Agency (GSA) Summit in Fresno on June 5 and 6, and that DWR staff would be making presentations updating participants on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). He said Mr. Morgan is on the association's Discussion/Planning board and there are some scholarships available for groundwater sustainability agency board members who are unable to afford to attend.

Chair Long asked if UWCD staff would be attending the event and Mr. Detmer said not to his knowledge.

Mr. Detmer said that staff is continuing to work on the development of the groundwater flow model and that the District's new employee, Dr. Zachary Hanson, was working on the software model and that it's all "coming along."

Mr. Detmer also informed the Board that he had recently been elected as the president of the Groundwater Resources Association California Central Coast chapter and that John Lindquist is its new treasurer. He said it was an active agency which sponsors four to six conferences a year, including a three day event in Sacramento in October covering a wide range of topics. He added that if anyone was interested in knowing about the events he would be happy to share information.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items, Director Pace, Second, Director Meneghin. Director Meneghin recused herself from voting on the Minutes as she was not in attendance at the previous Board meeting. Voice vote: three ayes (Kimball, Pace, Long) on 10A; none opposed/one abstained (Meneghin); two absent (Edmonds, McFadden). On items 10B and 10C, voice vote: four ayes (Kimball, Long, Meneghin, Pace), none opposed/none abstained; two absent (Edmonds, McFadden) Motion carries 4/0/2.

10A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board Meeting of April 18, 2019.

10B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving the following invoices for payment this month:

OMLO	March 2019 Services	\$440. –less credit of \$206.50 =
		\$233.50

10C Monthly Financial Report

The Board will receive a monthly profit and loss statement and balance sheet for the FPB GSA from UWCD's accounting staff.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11A AUDITOR PROPOSAL REVIEW AND SELECTION

Motion

Mr. Emmert reminded the Board of staff's first attempt at securing proposals for auditing services yielded no results. By partnering with Mound Basin GSA, the Agency received several proposal this time around. Mr. Emmert, along with UWCD Chief Financial Officer Joseph Jereb and Senior Accountant Erin Gorospe reviewed and ranked each of the proposals resulting in the chart submitted with the staff report and recommendation of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott (RAMS), who were the most qualified and second least expensive. RAMS has also served as the auditor for the District for the past few years, but due to District policy requiring a change of auditors every few years, this would be the firm's last year working with UWCD. Bryan Bondy, executive director for the Mound Basin GSA reported that the MBGSA Board approved RAMS at its Board meeting earlier today.

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a service contract on behalf of the Agency with staff's recommended auditing firm, Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott (RAMS), Director Kimball; Second, Director Pace. Voice vote: four ayes (Kimball, Long, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed/none abstained; two absent (Edmonds, McFadden). Motion carries 4/0/2.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

None

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Chair Long requested Mr. Emmert draft a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Sespe Aquifer to present for Board approval at the next meeting.

Director Meneghin suggested that the next GSP update include a schedule and a report demonstrating that the team is on track. Mr. Moore said he would communicate that to Mr. Morgan.

Budget for FY 2019-20

Reappointment of Chair Long by the County Board of Supervisors at the June 20, 2019 Board meeting. (new term will run July 2019 through June 2021)

Reappointment of Director Meneghin by the Environmental consortium at the June 20, 2019 meeting. (new term will run July 2019 through June 2021)

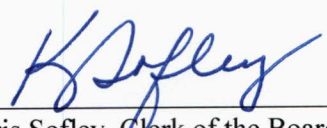
Reappointment of Director Kimball by the Fillmore Pumpers Association at the June 20, 2019 meeting. (new term will run July 2019 through June 2021)

ADJOURNMENT 5:30 p.m.

The Board will adjourn to the next Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019 or call of the Chair.

ATTEST: 
Kelly Long, Chair, FPB GSA Board of Directors

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 May 16, 2019.

ATTEST: 
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 16, 2019 @ 5:00pm

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