



**Fillmore and Piru Basins**  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

**SPECIAL Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Directors Present**

Director Kelly Long, Chair  
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair  
Director Tim Holmgren  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Glen Pace

**Directors Absent**

Director Candice Meneghin

**Staff Present**

Anthony Emmert, executive director  
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

**Public Present**

Lisa Ballin, CSUS/DBS&A  
Bryan Bondy, Fillmore and Piru Pumpers Associations  
Christian Braudrick, Stillwater Science  
Katie Brokaw  
Frank Brommschenkel, Frank B. & Associates  
Emilio Cervantes, Fivepoint Newhall  
Guy Cole, Cole Ranch  
Dan Detmer, UWCD  
Matt Freeman  
Barb Fillicks  
Carole Fornoff, Westchester/Global AG  
Burt Handy  
Dr. Zachary Hanson, UWCD  
Kris Helm, Independent Water Resource Consultant  
Debbie Jackson, Brokaw Ranch Company  
Scott Klittich  
Rachel Laenen, Fillmore & Piru Basin Pumpers  
Bill Lindsay, Beans Ranch LLC & Snabe LLC  
Russell Marlow, CalTrout  
Victor Mellon, Beans Ranch LLC  
Manuel Minjares  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A  
Patrick O'Connell, DBS&A  
Brisa Romero, One Step A La Vez  
Clete Saunier, City of Santa Paula Public Works  
Kat Selm, The Nature Conservancy  
Mary Shore  
Steve Slack, CDFW  
Jeffrey Steinberg  
Dr. Jason Sun, UWCD  
Ambry Tibay, UWCD  
Christopher Veitch  
Gilead Wurman  
Steven Zimmer

**Call to Order 5:00 pm**

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**1A Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Long lead everyone to the pledge allegiance.

**1B**

**Directors Roll**

Chair Long asked the Clerk to call roll. 5 Directors were present (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Pace.) Director Meneghin was absent.

**1C. Public Comments**

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments

Kat Selm from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of Ventura County voiced her concern over the future dewatering of groundwater dependent ecosystems, such as what occurred during the most recent drought and shared a link in the meeting chat regarding guidance framework from TNC.

**1. MOTION ITEMS**

**2.A Sustainable Management Criteria**

**Motion**

The Board received a presentation from representatives of Daniel B. Stephens & Associates on the Agency's "Straw Man" Draft Sustainable Groundwater Management Criteria (SMC) and provided comments and recommendations regarding developing the Agency's Draft SMC for further analysis during the groundwater sustainability planning process. Mr. Tony Morgan presented (see slides).

Mr. Patrick O'Connell also presented slides regarding the use of historical data to evaluate the groundwater level minimum thresholds and measurable objectives.

Chair Kelly Long asked about the groundwater levels and well screen. Mr. Morgan explained the reasoning for the draft minimum thresholds and measurable objectives.

Vice Chair McFadden asked about how the draft minimum thresholds and measurable objectives would work with wells with multiple screened sections and aquifer zones A B & C. Mr. Morgan explained that the draft minimum thresholds and measurable objectives would still work with multiple-screened wells and for the three aquifer zones. He stated that Mr. O'Connell had evaluated over three hundred wells to see what effects would occur.

Mr. Tony Morgan read all questions in the public chat and provided feedback and clarifications as requested.

Vice Chair McFadden requested clarification on the clay layers of concern regarding the potential for subsidence. Mr. Tony Morgan explained that some areas in the Fillmore Basin do have clay layers that might compress during future drawdowns of water levels, so subsidence is a concern that must be addressed in the groundwater sustainability plans. He stated that he is confident that subsidence can be adequately addressed, with the help of the Board.

Mr. Tony Morgan reviewed all listed questions on the public chat and provided answers and made clarifications on all the questions.

Chair Kelly Long stated the SMC Matrix shown on the screen by Mr. Tony Morgan is only a draft and is the first time seen by the Board, and therefore input from stakeholders and the Board is very important. Chair Long then opened the discussion to the Board.

Vice Chair McFadden made comments and voiced his concerns regarding subsidence, groundwater elevations, and groundwater storage reduction.

Chair Kelly Long stated her concerns on the current information used for the SMC development.

Director Kimball explained the purpose of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the need for GPS stations in key locations to obtain subsidence measurements and not base subsidence SMC on historical water levels information. Director Kimball also suggested the Board needs to be careful to avoid setting minimum thresholds that will be overly restrictive on pumpers during future drought periods.

Director Pace explained that we can now use the model to obtain more data driven decisions going forward and not just base the decision on historical data. He encouraged that team to utilize the model as soon as possible to test the draft SMC. Director Pace also mentioned the idea of pushing back the administrative draft, because of time restraints, and felt that more time working on the SMC would be more useful than preparing early administrative drafts of the plans.

Chair Kelly Long encouraged more discussion from stakeholders.

Chair Kelly Long asked Mr. Tony Morgan if he had any questions for the Directors. Mr. Morgan stated that feedback and comments are what he wanted from this discussion with Board regarding the Strawman Draft SMC. Mr. Morgan reminded the Board that the current analysis is based on historical data sets and that all new projections on future conditions will be added to the model and then future scenarios will be run to test the effects of the draft SMC.

Chair Kelly Long mentioned the draft of the Strawman will be available on the website and stated this is only a draft and not mandated. Chair Long opened it up for public comment and mentioned the public can type their questions in the chat. None were offered.

Vice Chair McFadden stated he would like for the Board to meet as a whole Board on the SMC Matrix for further definition and encouraged Stakeholders to send in their comments and questions.

Brian Bondy stated the Board might consider holding back on the idea of an administrative draft to allow time and space for the best development of the SMC.

Director Kimball requested Mr. Tony Morgan to bring up the slide regarding the schedule. Director Kimball voiced his thoughts on how he feels things should be proceeded and mentioned the idea of removing the administrative draft.

Executive Director Tony Emmert stated legal counsel was not in attendance but stated a technical draft that is made available to Board members is a public document and agreed with others that spending more time on developing good quality SMC is important, and that the Agency can hold back on the administrative draft.

Chair Kelly Long asked Mr. Tony Morgan if they are able work on the draft groundwater sustainability plans. Mr. Morgan stated yes, but the subjects discussed during this meeting

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are going to be the meat of the document. Chair Long asked that Stakeholders tell their friends about the Agency's discussions on SMC, as it is extremely important to obtain their feedback.

Vice Chair McFadden stated he supports Director Kimball's suggestion to direct staff and consultant to look at the groundwater sustainability planning timeline and adjust it to give more time to develop the SMCs and refine them.

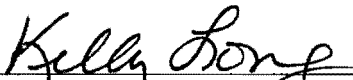
Chair Kelly Long also mentioned the letter dated October 13, 2020 from the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association and the and Piru Basin Pumpers Association addressing the SMC development process.

Motion to approve to receive and file, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Kimball. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Holmgren, Kimball, Long, McFadden, Pace), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0. Director Meneghin absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **November 19, 2020** or call of the Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kelly Long, Chair, FFB 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 November 4 2020.

ATTEST:

  
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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board