



Board of Directors Meeting

December 17, 2020

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Directors Present

Director Kelly Long, Chair
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin
Director Glen Pace

Staff Present

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Steve O'Neill, legal counsel
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

Public Present

Lisa Ballin, CSUS/DBS&A
Bryan Bondy, Fillmore and Piru Pumpers Associations
Frank Brommenschenkel
Dan Detmer, UWCD
Burt Handy
Dr. Zachary Hanson, UWCD
Debbie Jackson
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Patrick O'Connell, DBS&A
Dr. Jason Sun, UWCD
Ambry Tibay, UWCD
Steven Zimmer

1. Call to Order - First Open Session 5:00p.m.

Vice Chair McFadden called the meeting to order at 5p.m.

1A. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair McFadden asked Director Kimball to lead us in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B. Directors Roll Call

Roll call: (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); five present.

1C. Public Comments

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments; none were offered.

1D. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Motion to approve the agenda, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed; Motion carries 5/0.

2. Director Announcements/Board Communications

2A Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Information Item

Director Kimball reported the Fillmore Pumpers Association had its regular Board meeting on December 8. They discussed putting forward a strawman for the Sustainable Management Criteria for subsidence. He also mentioned Stakeholders were pleased with the Board and consultants listening to their comments, and felt they were being listened to and responded to. All very positive feedback.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Information Item

Director Pace stated he would like to echo what Director Kimball reported and mentioned that the Agency is receiving good participation at its workshops and meetings; Piru Pumpers Association continues to encourage Stakeholders to attend Agency's meetings and workshops in order to be well informed.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Information Item

Director Meneghin reported Environmental Stakeholders had a meeting on December 9 with a few stakeholders in an effort to garner comments on the information provided by TNC at the SMC workshop with regards to the dieback they saw related to groundwater dependent ecosystems. She also mentioned they had seen a presentation from Christopher Kibler, a UCSB graduate student who is doing work related to groundwater levels near GDEs that were impacted during the recent drought and requested Mr. Kibler present at our January 2021 Board Meeting, as it might be beneficial in providing guidance for SMC's for minimum thresholds for groundwater dependent eco-systems. They also had a discussion on outlining what they would like to be considered in the SMC development, regarding GDE'.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Information Item

New representative from City of Fillmore will be appointed in January 2021.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Information Item

Vice Chair McFadden – nothing to report.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Information Item

Chair Long reported the County received its first COVID-19 vaccines and had its Board Meeting regarding the Ordinance on farming industrial hemp, which was passed with a quarter mile boundary or buffer zone to protect sensitive sites and no hemp farming permissible in the Tierra Rejada area. She added this may be helpful for farmers to know. Chair Long mentioned Board Commissions are up in January, although she does not anticipate being removed from this Agency.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

Executive Director Anthony Emmert reported numbers of receivables were heading in a positive direction and provided an update on the Agency's grant progress. Mr. Emmert also mentioned the Groundwater Flow Model validation has now been completed, and the target date for draft documentation is January 2021. The first forward-looking model run has been completed and results are now being reviewed. Mr. Emmert continues to coordinate with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency regarding modeling assumptions and future scenarios, and shared information with the Board regarding the anticipated future discharge from Valencia and Saugus wastewater plants. Mr. Emmert also mentioned items that would be added to next month's Board meeting agenda.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel Steve O'Neill reported that he continues the dialogue with the County of Ventura regarding alternatives to pursue for collections, including the use of nuisance abatement processes and JPA authorities. He also mentioned CEQA applicability to projects and provided some insight on the Indian Wells litigation. Mr. O'Neill also suggested the Board may want to consider the implementation of a waiver policy to establish more efficient process for administering ratepayers' requests for waivers and/or exemptions.

2D. GSP Consultant Update
Information Item

Mr. Tony Morgan, representing DBS&A, made a presentation to the Board (see slides). Lisa Ballin recapped the third Stakeholder Workshop held on December 9 and provided positive feedback.

Mr. Tony Morgan requested the Board look at the schedule to determine a date that can be used for its next Stakeholder Workshop regarding Sustainable Management Criteria, which will be discussed in item 4F. Mr. Morgan mentioned he has a draft memo for subsidence to be reviewed before it is released and provided a brief status on the Monitoring Wells project.

Director Meneghin asked Mr. Morgan about monitoring wells and if the request for proposal would be re-visited. Mr. Morgan explained the plan for monitoring wells and stated he will be bringing back the RFP to the Board and will have legal counsel review all documentation.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3A Approval of Minutes

The Board will consider approving the Minutes from the Board Meeting of November 19, 2020.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving the following invoices for payment:

United Water Conservation District	\$20,357.57
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3C Monthly Financial Report

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

Motion to approve, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Pace. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); Motion carries 5/0.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for Blake, Leslie Accounts 100-00620-00 and 100-00815-01

Motion

The Board considered Leslie Blake's request to waive late fees and interest in the amount of \$67.20.

Motion to approve waiver, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed; Motion carries 5/0.

4B Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for JC Morris Properties

Motion

The Board considered JC Morris Properties' request to waive late fees and interest in the amount of \$213.43.

Motion to approve waiver, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed; Motion carries 5/0.

4C Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for McConica II, John R

Motion

The Board considered John R. McConica II's request to waive late fees and interest in the amount of \$60.53.

Motion to approve waiver, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed; Motion carries 5/0.

4D Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for Mejia, Yolanda

Motion

The Board considered Yolanda Mejia's request to waive late fees and interest in the amount of \$11.81.

Motion to approve waiver, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: five ayes (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace); none opposed; Motion carries 5/0.

4E. Ad Hoc Committees Workloads and Directors Assignments

Motion

The Board considered the current and anticipated workloads of its Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Ad Hoc Committees and its Sustainable Management Criteria Ad Hoc Committee and considered changes to assignments of Directors to the various Ad Hoc Committees. Executive Director Emmert summarized the need for replacement of Director Meneghin while she is on leave.

Director Meneghin stated she felt this would be a good opportunity for the City of Fillmore to fill in for her participation while she is away or as an alternate member.

Director Kimball mentioned this would be a good introduction for the newly appointed representative for the City of Fillmore.

Chair Long suggested the position stay open for now and then be offered later, on a different agenda item.

No motion was made for this item.

4F. Consider Date for Next Stakeholder Workshop

Motion

The Board considered possible dates for the next Stakeholder Workshop.

Mrs. Ballin discussed the Stakeholder Workshop and suggested February 2021, as a possible date for workshop, instead of January as previously mentioned. This would make more sense as the Future Model runs will be completed. This will be presented to the Board at the January Board Meeting.

Director Pace stated February would be best, as by then we should also have input from Environmental and Pumpers Association with data that will help with that discussion.

No motion was made for this item.

4G. Sustainable Management Criteria

Motion

The Board received a report from Mr. Morgan on the development of the Agency's Draft Sustainable Groundwater Management Criteria and asked the Board and public to provide comments and recommendations. Mr. Patrick O'Connell presented (see slides)

Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, and Directors Meneghin and Kimball

requested clarification on data provided, regarding the basin stress test slides. Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Tony Morgan provided an explanation for all questions.

Mr. Tony Morgan provided an additional presentation to the Board. (see slides)

Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Director Meneghin and Mr. Bryan Bondy, consultant for the pumper's associations, all voiced their opinions and concerns on data provided on the presentation from Mr. Morgan regarding vegetation and NDVI Trend data. Mr. Morgan provided answers to most questions and for other inquires he stated it would be considered in future.

Executive Director Emmert asked Mr. Morgan what the next step is, and Mr. Morgan said to take into consideration how to parse out the surface water, groundwater interacting type variables. Mr. Morgan mentioned he is looking forward to Mr. Kibler's information and to then get with Stillwater and review how its information can be added to his analysis and come back to the Board with revised SMC's for his strawman. He also mentioned he anticipates he should have the model runs out of United to see how the groundwater levels are looking like by the end of January, which will help with his process.

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

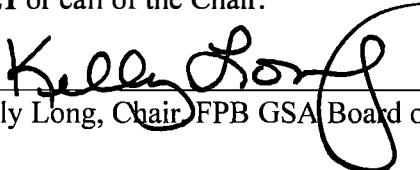
FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- Policy on authority for late fees
- Chris Kibler Presentation
- Stakeholder Workshop discussion
- GDEs discussion
- Pumpers to potentially offer an alternative strawman with the review of the Technical Memo on Subsidence.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 p.m.

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 7:09p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **January 21, 2021** 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 December 17, 2020.

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ATTEST:  _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board