



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 17, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

**Directors Present**

Director Kelly Long, Chair  
Director Ed McFadden, Vice Chair/Secretary  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Candice Meneghin  
Director Glen Pace  
Director Christina Villaseñor

**Staff Present**

Anthony Emmert, Executive Director  
Scott Nave, Legal Counsel  
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board

**Public Present**

Lisa Ballin, CSUS/DBS&A  
Bryan Bondy, Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association, Piru Basin Pumpers Associations  
Dan Detmer, UWCD  
Rachel Laenen, Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association, Piru Basin Pumpers Association  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A  
Patrick O'Connell, DBS&A  
Eddie Pech, DWR  
Zachary Plummer, UWCD  
EJ Remson, TNC  
Steve Slack, CDFW  
Dr. Jason Sun, UWCD  
Ambry Tibay, UWCD  
Ed Williams  
Steven Zimmer, FivePoint

**1. Call to Order – First Open Session 5:00 pm**

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

**1A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Pace led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1B. Directors Roll Call**

Roll call: (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor);  
all Directors 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: six ayes (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0.

**2. UPDATES**

**2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:**

Oral Reports from the Board

**Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Kimball reported the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association had their annual meeting for all the legal items for the Associations and also had the Fillmore Board of Directors meeting where they discussed progress being made on the GSP, received an update from Bryan Bondy and discussed the SMCs.

**Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Pace reported that the Piru Basin Pumpers Association was the same as that of the Fillmore Pumpers Association.

**Environmental Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Meneghin reported that the updated Bulletin 118 is out for circulation and the Friends of the Santa Clara River has been participating in the non-government organization collaborative, which has been providing comments to DWR regarding groundwater management.

**City of Fillmore Member Director Update**

Director Villaseñor reported that the Fillmore City Council recently approved of \$1,000,000 for some long-needed infrastructure improvements, including some updates to water lines and sewer lines. She stated that the City of Fillmore is also researching potential American Rescue Plan Act funding for other City infrastructure improvements. For water, the Council did approve a new SCADA system, and Public Works Director David Smallwood provided her with an overview of the outdated system they have been using. She also mentioned Mr. Smallwood took her on a tour of the city of Fillmore and showed her how the water systems runs.

**United Water Conservation District Member Director Update**

Vice Chair McFadden stated he had nothing to report.

### **County of Ventura Member Director Update**

Chair Long reported the Supervisors are going through the budget process and requested people join on Monday for the budget hearings, via the website. She also stated that the Supervisors are working to secure potential funding from the State budget that is experiencing a surplus for County water supply resilience projects.

### **2B Executive Director Update**

#### **Information Item**

Executive Director Anthony Emmert provide an update stating that he, Tony Morgan, Patrick O’Connell, and Dan Detmer had a very good meeting with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other interested parties regarding potential drought mitigation measures. He stated that discussions centered on the state-owned properties surrounding the Fish Hatchery that are being earmarked for restoration projects, as discussed during the GSA’s recent SMC discussions. He mentioned the primary objective for that meeting was to make sure the new monitoring well locations are being coordinated with the state agency landowners, and to float the idea of the GSA enhancing the existing Cienega project. He stated that the discussions were positive, and that there was agreement regarding the siting of the monitoring wells, and good discussion regarding the potential use of an existing well to provide additional water to an area of the restoration site during future droughts.

Mr. Emmert mentioned that DWR requested clarifications on grant invoice and progress report number eight; staff has provided clarifications and will resubmit. He mentioned he will be requesting a grant budget modification and a potential extension of the grant term with grant manager Eduardo Pech. He also mentioned that United staff is continuing progress on the Regional Groundwater Model documentation, with a target completion date of June 30. He stated that United expects to send the documentation package to the expert panel in the near future and hopes to receive a response from the panel by July 28. He also mentioned the monitoring wells project is in progress with CEQA documents filed, site procurement is in progress, and bids for drilling are pending. Another item mentioned was a contract amendment for DBS&A.

### **2C Legal Counsel Update**

#### **Information Item**

Legal Counsel Scott Nave stated that at the last meeting Chair Long requested that legal prepare a memo stating whether the GSA had authority under SGMA to fund the removal of non-native vegetation. Mr. Nave stated the conditions under which the GSA would have the authority for plant removal

and stated that a memo was sent to the Board. All Board members were in agreement for posting the memo to the GSA website.

## **2D GSP Consultant Update**

### **Information Item**

Mr. Tony Morgan of DBS&A requested that all Board members provide him and Mrs. Lisa Ballin with a summary of any outreach and engagements that each Board member has had, any outside activities to be added to the list that is needed to complete the GSA. Mr. Morgan requested the list be sent by the first week of July. Mrs. Ballin explained the reason for the requested list and what information is requested. Mr. Morgan presented a slide showing the Tentative Schedule and a copy of the schedule that was sent to all Board members prior to the meeting, then he explained the schedule.

Chair Long asked if the notice of intent to adopt is set for July 30, and if that is going to work, as the Board meeting is set for July 15. Mr. Morgan said yes, that is fine. Chair Long also asked if the draft is being posted for public review, and if the GSA needs to set up a meeting for that. Mr. Morgan stated that the GSA can post it on the website and send out notification to all interested parties of the Draft GSP being available for review and public comment.

Director Meneghin asked if number 19 - projects, and management actions, are going to be discussed at the July Board meeting. Mr. Morgan said the only projects and management discussion the GSA will be having is the Board's election to do mitigation during drought periods and provide water to the Cienega project. Director Meneghin reiterated that she felt that the GSA Board needs to have a discussion regarding potential additional projects, including purchasing water, before the draft GSPs are published. Mr. Morgan stated the GSA could add it as a potential project, and it can be discussed once the draft goes out.

Director Kimball asked if one stakeholder meeting would be sufficient, just in case someone has a conflict and cannot attend, can they have an opportunity to attend a second one. Mrs. Ballin mentioned it was discussed, and as the two GSPs are similar enough that they can have one meeting but did not think of providing a second opportunity to attend a meeting. Chair Long suggested it be added as an item for discussion on the next agenda.

## **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 considered and approved the Minutes from the Board Meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting.

**3B Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

- Daniel B. Stephens & Associates \$39,075.93
- Daniel B. Stephens & Associates \$34,608.31
- OMLO \$ 3,698.50
- County of Ventura IT Services Dept. \$ 43.92

**3C Monthly Financial Report**

The Board received the Agency’s monthly profit and loss statement and balance sheet.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items, Vice Chair McFadden; Second, Director Villasenor. Roll call vote: six ayes (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0.

**4. MOTION ITEMS**

**4A Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Amendments**

**Motion**

Executive Director Emmert explained that the budget amendment approved by the Board during its May 2021 meeting was insufficient to cover the expected invoices being submitted by DBS&A, due to an error by staff. He stated that the budget amendment of \$150,000 before the Board would allow the Agency to pay the expected invoices for work completed to June 30, 2021.

Director Kimball asked if the \$150,000 was due to the extra meetings and extended discussions to work on SMCs, as was requested of the consultant. Mr. Emmert stated that, yes, the out-of-scope work was primarily extra analysis and public meetings associated with the SMCs development, and that the total out-of-scope work more like \$180,000.

Director Pace asked if staff are saying that the GSA went over \$180,000 on

public outreach, and what was the original numbers for outreach? Mr. Emmert stated he believes public outreach was estimated at \$50,000 and summarized where the money was spent.

Motion to approve, Director Villasenor; Second Vice Chair McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0.

**4B Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Groundwater Extraction Charge and Adoption of Resolution 2021-03  
Public Hearing - Motion**

The Board conducted a public hearing to receive stakeholder comments regarding the proposed groundwater extraction fee of \$12 per acre-foot and consider adoption of Resolution 2021-03 setting the proposed extraction fee to become effective on July 1, 2021.

Motion to approve, Director Pace; Second Vice Chair McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball Meneghin, Pace); none opposed. Motion carries 5/0. Director Villasenor had internet problems and unable to vote.

**4C Resolution 2021-04 Adopting Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget  
Motion**

Motion to approve adoption of Resolution 2021-04, adopting the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, Director Meneghin; Second, Vice Chair McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0.

**4D Monitoring Wells Project Authorization to Solicit Construction Bids  
Motion**

Director Meneghin asked if the GSA had finalized locations for the monitoring wells and if well locations impact the costs. Mr. Emmert stated that the GSA has prioritized the monitoring wells locations and intends to fit the project to the available funding. He stated that the GSA is prioritizing the monitoring wells at the Fish Hatchery/Cienega site, and the one by the East Grove/Willard Road area; those two locations are the highest priority for the monitoring wells. He added that the GSA has identified other existing shallow that could be used for monitoring with minor modifications for access, but staff is not soliciting bids for those. He added that the GSA will only move forward on the ones that it can complete easement documents for within the

grant schedule. Director Meneghin mentioned if there are any issues with the Willard/East Grove, there is a well that the GSA can get water levels from as a backup

Motion to approve authorizing staff to issue a request for bids for the construction of the Monitoring Wells Project, Director Kimball; Second, Director Pace. Roll call vote: six ayes (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0.

### **FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

Process for review of the draft GSPs; discuss the need for additional projects or management actions; discuss the Community Stakeholder meeting; discuss how Directors are to provide information back to staff and how the Board will review that information; process for re-election of Directors.

### **ADJOURNED: 6:06 pm**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on **Thursday, July 15, 2021**, or call of the Chair.

ATTEST:

  
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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 **June 17, 2021**.

ATTEST:

  
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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board