



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 23, 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  
Dan Detmer, UWCD  
Burt Handy  
Logan Hardison  
Rachel Laenen  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A  
Patrick O'Connell, DBS&A  
Steve Zimmerman  
Gilead Wurman

**1. Call to Order – First Open Session 7:00 pm**

Kelly Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**1A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director McFadden led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1B. Directors Roll Call**

Roll call: (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villasenor);  
six 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, McFadden; Second, Meneghin. Roll call vote: six ayes (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villasenor); 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 held a membership meeting on September 14, where they discussed the draft GSPs and had a report from consultant Bryan Bondy on his observations and recommendations regarding the draft GSPs. The Associations will be sharing their comments with the consultants.

**Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Pace reported that the Piru Basin Pumpers Association also met on September 14 and echoed the same as that reported by the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association.

**Environmental Stakeholder Director Update**

Director Meneghin reported all of the representatives of the environmental organizations were invited by the Santa Clara River Steelhead Coalition to meet on September 9 and coordinate regarding developing comments and recommendations on the draft GSPs. She invited environmental stakeholders to participate in the stakeholder workshops. Director Meneghin also reported that she had formally called on U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as she felt their participation and commenting has been lacking. The agency has taken that message back and stated there seems to be a capacity constraint. Director Meneghin also mentioned that Friends of the Santa Clara River had hosted a Coastal Cleanup Day event at a new site in Fillmore, at Shiell's Park, where 44 people came out to help, and over 1,000 pounds of trash was collected. She also noted inland waters are in need of more attention than the coast and named a few other areas that are also being cleaned up.

**City of Fillmore Member Director Update**

Director Villaseñor reported she also participated in Coastal Cleanup Day event at Shiell's Park and was happy to see young people helping in the cleanup. She reminded the Board of the loss of Fillmore's Councilmember Ari Larson. She also mentioned that at the last City Council meeting, the sale of the City Towne Theatre to a group called Mud Turtle, a nonprofit performance organization, was approved.

### **United Water Conservation District Member Director Update**

Vice Chair McFadden reported United Water will be hosting its Summit for Water Sustainability 2021 on Thursday, October 14, and asked everyone to add it to their calendars.

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

Chair Long thanked everyone that attended the Coastal Cleanup Day events and mentioned the County is working with nonprofit organizations, city partners and private property owners in cleaning the watershed and helping with the homeless population along the Santa Clara River. She added that the cleanup effort started near the estuary and is working its way up the river. She mentioned that Supervisors LaVere and Ramirez are also engaged in this effort and other community clean-up efforts. She stated that the Board of Supervisors will be considering appointments to committees in the near future, including appointments to the groundwater sustainability agencies.

## **2B Executive Director Update**

### **Information Item**

Executive Director Anthony Emmert provided an update and mentioned staff is currently working on the Ground Water Planning grant Progress Report 10 and Invoice 10, which are due November 15. He said he continues working with the grant manager on an amendment that will provide a time extension for monitoring wells construction. He also mentioned a couple of the deliverables from United Water Conservation District regarding the regional groundwater model. He stated that staff continues to work on finalizing documentation on the model, and United has received the final report from the expert panel that has been overseeing the model development process. He stated that staff has incorporated earlier comments from the expert panel to make the model documentation more robust. Mr. Emmert said staff just sent out groundwater statements to the Agency's pumpers, for the period that ended on June 30. He also mentioned that Assembly Bill 361 passed regarding public meetings, and that along with the governor's executive orders, will allow the Agency to continue to have virtual meetings until January 2024, or the end of the state of emergency.

## **2C Legal Counsel Update**

### **Information Item**

Legal Counsel Scott Nave provided an update to the Board on the bill passed and reiterated information reported by Executive Director Emmert.

Chair Long asked Legal Counsel if we had to have something written on the agenda to continue the Agency's Zoom meetings. Mr. Nave stated he would work with Executive Director and Clerk of the Board if that is required.

## **2D GSP Consultant Update**

### **Information Item**

Mr. Tony Morgan of DBS&A provided an update on the schedule for the draft GSP documents public review periods.

Mr. Morgan reminded all that the Fillmore GSP comment deadline is coming to an end on October 9 and the Piru comment period deadline is set for October 23. He also mentioned the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Ground Water Committee met and discussed DWR funding efforts for a revised September budget 2021 for ground water activities. There is \$300,000,000 for the next couple of years being allocated for SGMA implementation. He also mentioned DBS&A will be attending a DWR webinar that will instruct consultants on how DWR would like documents uploaded.

Director Meneghin asked if the GSA can apply retroactively for the funding from DWR? Mr. Morgan stated he did not have the details of the grant; it was something he just wanted the Board to be aware of.

Chair Long asked Mr. Morgan to clarify that these state funds are not just for the Fillmore and Piru basins, but the money available is the entire state budget line item for SGMA implementation. Mr. Morgan said yes, it is the entire budget line item.

## **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 August 19, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting.

### **3B Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices.

- OMLO \$ 2386.00
- County of Ventura IT Services \$ 131.76

### 3C Monthly Financial Report

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

Motion to approve Consent Calendar with changes to the Minutes to show revisions to the Environmental report requested by Director Meneghin stating she will be sharing two letters from the Environmental Law Foundation and Department of Fish and Wildlife, McFadden; Second, Villasenor. Roll call vote: six ayes (Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Kimball, Meneghin, Pace, Villasenor); none opposed. Motion carries 6/0.

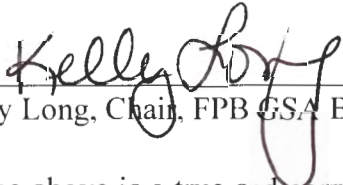
### FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Update on receivables.

**ADJOURNED: 7:33 pm**

Vice Chair McFadden adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, October 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 **September 23, 2021**.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board