

**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2022
5 p.m.
MINUTES**

Directors Present

Director Kelly Long, chair
Director Ed McFadden, vice chair/secretary/treasurer director
Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin
Director Glen Pace
Director Christina Villaseñor

Staff Present

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

Public Present

Lisa Ballin, DBS&A, consultant
Frank Brommenschenkel
Dan Detmer, UWCD
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Jason Sun, UWCD
James Thurber
Gus Tolley, DBS&A
Steve Zimmer, Five Point

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:03 pm

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Villaseñor asked everyone to join her in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

Chair Long asked the clerk to conduct roll call. Directors Kimball, Chair Long, Vice Chair McFadden, Director Meneghin, Director Pace, and Director Villaseñor were 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, Director McFadden; Second, Director Meneghin.
Roll call vote: six ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor);
none opposed; motion carries unanimously 6/0.

2. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

2A Board of Directors Selection of Officers

Motion

The Board accepted nominations and elected officers for Calendar Year 2022.

Chair Long nominated Vice Chair McFadden as Vice Chair, and herself, as Chair.

Legal Counsel Steve O'Neill mentioned Vice Chair McFadden is also Secretary and Treasurer. Chair Long requested that her motion be amended by addition of Vice Chair McFadden as Secretary and Treasurer as well as Vice Chair.

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

3. UPDATES

3A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Information Item

Oral Reports from the Board

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Kimball stated the Fillmore Pumpers Associations Board of Directors had their meeting on January 11, and discussed United's request for quarterly meters readings. One suggestion was made to have an application on their phones that would allow the user to take a picture and tie it to the specific meter and forward it to United, saving the user lots of time and effort.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Pace reported on behalf of the Piru Basin Pumpers Association, which also held its Board of Directors meeting on the 11th, and echoed the comments of Director Kimball. He stated that the Associations were waiting on the GSA's

calendar for 2022, so that they could establish their meetings for 2022 ahead of the GSA meetings.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin provided an update and stated the California Water Commission has a supported groundwater trading and has put forth a draft white paper, with public comments due by February 28. GDE's and disadvantage communities are highlighted in this document, which is pending March 2022 approval. The last of twelve remaining critical basins GSPs are due for approval by DWR tomorrow. She also said Las Posas GSPs were approved last week. Director Meneghin also mentioned Friends of the Santa Clara River is in discussion with a contractor to the County of Ventura's Integrated Regional Water Management program, for round three of Water Talks. The group went back to the disadvantaged communities that they had contacted in round two and will be developing projects with those communities around water needs.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Villaseñor reported she has been reelected to continue for another year as City Council Representative for the City of Fillmore and stated she is very happy to be part of this agency as she has learned so much this past year. She also said the City will be installing a generator behind the senior center and are planning on also adding a generator to the Veterans Memorial Center, and mentioned the City will be adding a memorial tree for Ari Larson in front of Fillmore City Hall, which was adopted at the Council's last meeting. Director Villaseñor said the City Council will now be meeting twice a month at City Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Vice Chair McFadden had nothing to report, and mentioned he is very happy with the much-needed rain and stated the area received just under eighteen inches and wells water levels are recovering well due to the groundwater recharge.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long stated that the County of Ventura had nothing to report.

3B Executive Director Update

Information Item

Executive Director Anthony Emmert reported staff is preparing the Groundwater Sustainability Planning grant progress report 11 and invoice 11, which are due on February 15, 2022. He also mentioned groundwater statements from July through December are now being prepared and will be mailed out in February and mentioned

the Sustainable Groundwater Management grant program Round Two grants for medium and high priority basins will be available in fall of 2022.

Mr. Emmert also said Integrated Regional Water Management grant program Round Two grants are calling for projects in mid-2022, with Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County's suite of projects to be submitted late in 2022 or early 2023. He also mentioned United provided notices to pumpers regarding the upcoming request for quarterly pumping data to satisfy DWR's request for water year reporting. He also reminded the Board to please fill out their CFPPC Form 700s for 2021. He completed his update by recommending the Agency wait for the passing of the Omicron variant peak to celebrate the completion of the agency's GSPs.

3C Legal Counsel Update
Information Item

Legal Counsel Scott Nave reported that he has contacted Suncrest's legal counsel and that the company has filed for bankruptcy with debt to the Agency exceeding \$20,000 in debt. He said the GSA has now been added to the list of creditors and hopes to get compensation for the money owed.

3D GSP Consultant Update
Information Item

Mr. Tony Morgan stated the GSP uploading is underway with the goal of getting the documents uploaded by mid next week and annual report preparation is also underway. He finished his update by introducing Dr. Gus Tolley, who replaces Patrick O'Connell on the DBS&A team. Dr. Tolley introduced himself and invited the Board and staff to reach out to him if they have any questions.

4. 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)

4A Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting of December 16, 2021.

4B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

•Olivarez Madrugal Lemieux O’Neill, LLP	\$1,609.50
•Olivarez Madrugal Lemieux O’Neill, LLP	\$ 499.50
•DBS&A Consultants	\$9,164.53
•InsureCal	\$2,287.12

4C Monthly Financial Report

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

4D Subsequent Finding Regarding Continuation of AB 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Teleconferencing Requirements

The Board adopted Resolution 2022-02 continuing findings that the requisite conditions exist for remote teleconference meetings of the Agency’s legislative bodies without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3), as authorized by Government Code section 54953(e).

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items; Director McFadden; Second, Director Villaseñor. Roll call vote: Six ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 6/0.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5A Meetings Calendar for 2022

Motion

The Board set its regular meetings for calendar year 2022.

Chair Long asked Directors for feedback on future meetings for the upcoming year, asking if meeting once a month on third Thursday of every month, at 5pm, worked well for all.

Director Pace stated his days on the Board are numbered due to the water company being sold and that he should transition before June. He anticipates less meetings this year as most of the work is done and prefers the 5pm video call meetings. He also mentioned that the Agency has to meet every month in order to renew Resolutions reaffirming AB 361 until meetings go back to being held in person, then the meetings could change to every other month.

Executive Director Emmert stated the current recommendation is the Agency start the year with a meeting every month to also allow for time to develop and evaluate some of the optional projects and programs included in the GSPs and gain feedback, and then may be able to taper off on the number of meetings. He also mentioned the Agency will need to make a policy change that will allow for

paying bills in between meetings if the Agency meets less frequently.

Chair Long said if everyone feels meeting online works well for everyone, maybe this is something that the Agency can continue with going forward and agreed with the idea to make a policy change to help pay the Agency's bills without interruption.

Chair Long proposed the Board continue to meet once a month, every third Thursday, at 5pm.

Motion to approve the meeting of every third Thursday of each month, at 5pm, Director Kimball; Second Director McFadden. Roll call vote: Six ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 6/0.

5B Amendments to Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Motion

The Board considered approving the proposed budget modifications for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Executive Director Emmert explained the reason for the modification to the budget adjustment of \$50,000.

Motion to approve the budget modifications, Director Meneghin; Second Director Villaseñor. Roll call vote: Six ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 6/0.

5C Amendment to Agreement with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates Technical and Stakeholder Outreach Support Services

Motion

The Board will consider approving Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 2019-01-18-DBSA with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates (DBS&A) for as-needed technical and stakeholder outreach support services.

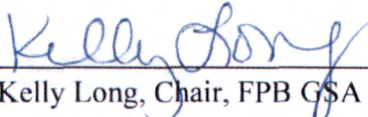
Motion to approve the amendment to agreement, Director McFadden; Second, Director Pace. Roll call vote: six ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 6/0.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION


AB 361
Governmental Advocacy Platform
Future Planning Forecast from DBS&A
Condition of the Basins

ADJOURNMENT 5:38 p.m.

Chair Long adjourned the Board meeting at 5:38pm to the next Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022, 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 January 20, 2022.

ATTEST: 
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board