



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Special Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 13, 2022
at 5:00p.m

Directors in Attendance

Chair Long

Vice Chair McFadden

Director Kimball

Director Meneghin

Director Pace

Director Villaseñor

Staff in Attendance

Executive Director Anthony Emmert

Legal Counsel Scott Nave

Clerk of the Board Kris Sofley

Public in Attendance

Steve Zimmer, Five Points

1. Call to Order -

Chair Long called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:00p.m. and asked Director Pace to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

1A Pledge of Allegiance

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1B Directors Roll Call

The clerk called roll. All six Directors were present (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor).

1C Public Comments

Chair Long asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Chair Long asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Executive Director Emmert asked the Board to consider carrying items 2A (Director Announcements/Board Communications), 2C (Legal Counsel Update), and 2D (GSP Consultant Update) as well as motion item 4A (Meeting Calendar for 2022) over to the next Regular Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022; and pulling motion item 3A (Subsequent Finding Regarding Continuation of AB 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Teleconferencing Requirements) from the Consent Calendar for discussion as a regular motion item.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, Director McFadden; Second, Director Villaseñor.

Director Kimball asked why the Board couldn't proceed with the agenda as is and cancel the regular Board meeting scheduled for January 20, 2022. Mr. Emmert said he was trying to keep the Special Board meeting short and address the matters requiring more content and discussion at the next regular meeting. Chair Long agreed that carrying the other agenda items over to the next regular Board meeting was more expedient and asked for a roll call vote on the Motion offered by Vice Chair McFadden and seconded by Director Villaseñor.

Roll call vote: six ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Motion to approve the agenda as amended carries unanimously 6/0.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

Mr. Emmert addressed the Board stating that he had been working with DWR's grant administrator to secure an amendment to the GSA's grant agreement since before Christmas. Mr. Pech worked very hard through the holidays and was able to send an amendment to the grant agreement to Chair Long for her signature via DocUSign, which she has executed. The request amendment reshuffles line items to reflect the Agency's greater expenses in the areas of outreach and planning and reduces the budget for monitoring wells. The amendment also extends the schedule to December 31, 2022, providing more time to the Agency to secure sites for the monitoring wells as construction will most likely start on those wells after fall 2022. Mr. Emmert also reported that there are slight variances on deliverables in the amendment, including the technical memo of coordination with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and Los Angeles Sanitation District.

Mr. Emmert also reported that staff is in the process of completing progress report and invoice #11. He then discussed the challenges regarding securing easements for State owned properties such as the Fillmore Fish Hatchery, which could take years to complete, and suggested that a licensing agreement may be a better solution for securing access to State properties. He added that the GSA was losing or had lost the fifth well adjacent to the Sespe confluence as the property was sold and the new owners are asking for a large fee to consider access and use of the well on the property. He suggested that the GSA should look for another location and would welcome suggestions from the Board at a future meeting.

Director Kimball asked for the well's specific location and he may know of a possible well

location and property owner that would be amenable to working with the GSA. Mr. Emmert said that staff may have found a site in the Camulos area which could be inserted into the plan. Mr. Emmert concluded by saying that the grant extension is good news and at next meeting the Board will address election of new officers.

Mr. Emmert added that staff was working on an amendment to the DBS&A agreement for future work, including helping United staff with the annual report which is due next April. The Task Order will walk the Board through work planning, enhancements and other projects the Board has considered, and that he hopes to have that at next week's Board meeting.

Chair Long expressed her appreciation for all the hard work staff has put in to secure the amendment to the grant agreement and appreciates the flexibility of the Department of Water Resources in working with the Agency to make that possible. Mr. Emmert replied that Eddie Pech has been very responsive and very good about responding to the Agency's questions and requests. Mr. Emmert also stated that there is another round of GSP grants – implementation grants, that will be available next year. The GSA's projects and programs will need to be flushed out for inclusion in this possible grant application, he said.

Chair Long added that the Governor just announced preliminary budget on January 10 with a large sum included for infrastructure projects, so the sooner the GSA can be ready to go with its projects, the better. She then asked if there were any additional comments or questions.

Director Meneghin asked about a lease agreement for the Fish and Wildlife property. Mr. Emmert said that was one of the tough questions for Mr. Pech as the grant requires certain assurances to DWR that it gets a minimum of three years' worth of data, which he believes the GSA could get at the very least. He said he thought a licensing agreement would be acceptable to DWR as it is unlikely that the state would terminate the agreement without notice or sell the property.

Director Kimball said he'd like to join in acknowledging the praise of staff, Mr. Pech and DWR on completing the amendment.

Vice Chair McFadden asked what the preferred range of the monitoring well would be between the Sespe and Santa Clara river. The Agency's consultant from DBS&A, Tony Morgan stated that within half a mile of the confluence would be preferred. Vice Chair McFadden said he'd look on Google Earth to which Mr. Morgan added that he could also review the online database, which also includes well locations.

3A Subsequent Finding Regarding Continuation of AB 361 Exemptions to Brown Act Teleconferencing Requirements

Motion

Mr. Emmert explained that the previous Resolution adopting the continuation of AB 361 would expire before the January 20, 2022 regular FPBGSA Board meeting, which needs to be adopted every 30 days or less and that the Board would consider adopting another resolution continuing the AB 361 findings at next week's regular Board meeting as well.

Chair Long asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered. She then asked if there was a motion from the Board regarding the adoption of Resolution 2022-01, 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 adopt Resolution 2022-01, 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). Vice Chair McFadden; Second. Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: six ayes (Kimball, Long, McFadden, Meneghin, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

ADJOURNMENT 5:24p.m.

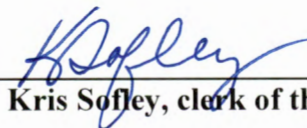
Chair Long thanked the Directors for their time and participation in the Special Board meeting and adjourned the meeting at 5:24p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **January 20, 2022** or call of the Chair.

ATTEST: _____


Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA 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 Special Board of Directors meeting of January 13, 2022.

ATTEST: _____


Kris Sofley, clerk of the Board