



**SPECIAL Board of
Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

In accordance with the California Governor's Executive Stay at Home Order and the County of Ventura Health Officer Declared Local Health Emergency and Be Well at Home Order resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Fillmore City Hall is closed to the public. Therefore, the FPB GSA will be holding its Regular Board of Directors meeting virtually using the ZOOM video conferencing application.

To participate in the Board of Directors meeting via Zoom, please access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85480305580?pwd=ZnFBWGhtVU05dXd3REFkM255c0h6UT09>

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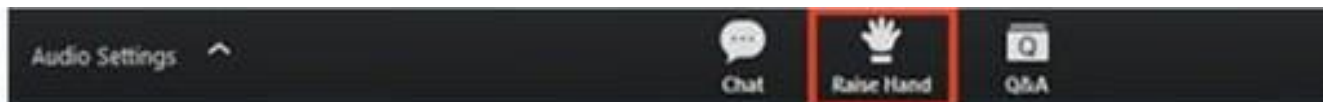
To hear just the audio portion of the meeting, phone into the toll-free number 877 853 5247

Meeting ID: 854 8030 5580

All participants are asked to join the meeting at least five minutes in advance of the 5pm start time and be aware that all participants will be "muted" until recognized by the host. If your computer has a camera, please enable it so we can ensure better engagement between participants.

If you would like to address the Board with a question or offer a comment, please follow these simple instructions to engage the host (Clerk of the Board):

1. During a meeting, click on the icon labeled "Participants" at the bottom center of your computer screen.
2. At the bottom of the window on the right side of the screen, click the button labeled "Raise Hand."
3. Once you've been recognized by the Chair, please click on "Raise Hand" again to remove the signal.



Similarly, if you have a comment or question for the Board, you can use the "Chat" button to convey your question or comment to the HOST, who will put you in line to address the Board.

**The Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA Board of Directors appreciates your participation and
patience in using Zoom to conduct its public meeting.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

1A Pledge of Allegiance

1B Directors Roll Call

1C Public Comments

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) will accept public comment concerning agenda items at the time the item is considered and on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board during the agendaized Public Comment period. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. In accordance with Government Code § 54954.3(b)(1), public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker per issue.

**1D Approval of Agenda
Motion**

2. SEATING OF NEW DIRECTOR

**2A Appointment of Piru Basin Pumpers Stakeholder Director
Motion**

The Member Directors will consider confirming Carole Fornoff as the Piru Basin Pumpers Stakeholder Director, as nominated by the Piru Basin Pumpers Association.

3. UPDATES

**3A Director Announcements/Board Communications:
Oral Reports from the Board**

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

County of Ventura Member Director Update

**3B Executive Director Update
Information Item**

The Executive Director will provide an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board meeting of August 18, 2022.

**3C Legal Counsel Update
Information Item**

Legal Counsel will provide an informational update on Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Board of Directors meeting of August 18, 2022.

3D GSP Consultant Update
Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates will provide an informational update on Agency's groundwater sustainability planning and reporting activities since the previous Board meeting of August 18, 2022.

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 will consider approving the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of August 18, 2022.

4B Approval of Warrants

The Board will consider approving payment of outstanding vendor invoices

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| Daniel B. Stephens & Associates | \$4,408.50 |
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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 will consider adopting Resolution 2022-14 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).

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5A Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District Chloride Compliance Project
Information

The Board will receive a presentation from Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District regarding its Chloride Compliance Project at the Saugus and Valencia Water Reclamation Plants.

6. MOTION ITEMS

6A Projects and Management Actions

Motion

The Board will receive a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates reviewing the Projects and Management Actions included in the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Plans and provide comments and direction.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **October 20, 2022**, or call of the Chair.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at UWCD's offices at 1701 N. Lombard Street in Oxnard during normal business hours.

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, the District's services, programs or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, or if you require agenda materials in an alternative format, please contact the UWCD Office at (805) 525-4431 or the City of Fillmore at (805) 524- 1500. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make appropriate arrangements.

Approved:


Board Chair Kelly Long

Posted: (date) September 23, 2022

(time) 3:00pm

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: <https://www.FPBGSA.org>

Posted: (date) September 23, 2022

(time) 3:05pm

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: <https://www.facebook.com/FPBGSA/>

Posted: (date) September 23, 2022

(time) 3:10 pm

(attest) Eva Ibarra

At: UWCD, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday August 18, 2022
5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Chair Kelly Long
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin (joined at 6:18pm)
Director Glen Pace
Director Christina Villaseñor

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Eric Elliott, UWCD
Carole Fornoff
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Daryl Smith, UWCD
Steve Zimmer, Five Point

1. Call to Order 5:00pm

Chair Long called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Pace led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The clerk called roll. Five Directors were present (Jackson, Kimball, Long, Pace, Villaseñor). Director Meneghin was absent.

1C Public Comments

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

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Motion to approve agenda, Director Villaseñor; Second, Director Jackson. Roll call vote: five ayes (Jackson, Kimball, Long, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 5/0/1. Director Meneghin was absent.

2. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Oral Reports from the Board

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson stated she had nothing to report.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Pace said the Pumpers Association met for a special Board meeting to reorganize regarding his position change and said next month the pumpers will be officially introducing his replacement, Carole Fornoff.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin was absent.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Villaseñor said that the City updated its Urban Water Management Plan and that it was adopted by the City Council. She also stated that the City is working on a couple of wells for maintenance projects.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said the Board was dark for August had no update.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Director Long said it has been sombering times with the County of Ventura with the passing of Supervisor Carmen Ramirez.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director said that staff completed and submitted progress report and invoice 13, for the Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant. He also mentioned Groundwater late charges fees and interest have been waived for all pumpers in good standing for the months of July through December 2021 period, as per Agency Board direction. He also stated that United is scheduled to transfer pumping data for the January to June 2022 period to the Agency this week, and that statements to pumpers will follow. Also, he said AB 2201 (Bennett) passed senate committee on appropriations as amended on August 11, 2022, was read a second time on August 15, 2022, and ordered to third reading, likely on August 22, 2022. He also said a presentation by Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District on the status of its Chloride Removal Project at Valencia Water Reclamation Plant has been rescheduled for

September 29, 2022, Board meeting. He said Piru Basin Pumpers Association has nominated Carole Fornoff for consideration as member Director and will be agendized for the September Board meeting. He completed his update with the mention of Director Pace's five years of service to the Board and would like to plan a celebration.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel provided an update on AB 2201 and said he has been working with Executive Director Emmert and Tony Morgan from DBS&A on language to be used on the Agency's well permit supplemental information request form.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided an informational update on the Agency's groundwater sustainability planning and reporting activities.

Question from the audience: "Do you think this is a result from DWR reading all the GSP's and realizing there is water out there that they can attach their name to"? Mr. Morgan explained what he thinks some water basins were banking on to achieve water sustainability and what might happen next.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

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3A Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes from the regular Board Meeting of July 22, 2022.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

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| Daniel B. Stephens & Associates | \$12,482.50 |
| Aleshire & Wynder LLP Attorneys at Law | \$ 1,276.50 |

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

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

The Board adopted Resolution 2022-12 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 consent calendar, Director Pace; Second, Director Villaseñor.

Roll call vote: five ayes (Jackson, Kimball, Long, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 5/0/1. Director Meneghin was absent.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Resolution 2022-13 Amending the List of Authorized Signers for the Agency's Bank of the Sierra Account

Motion

The Board considered adoption of Resolution 2022-13 amending the list of authorized signers for the Agency's Bank of the Sierra Account.

Motion to approve, Director Jackson; Second, Director Villaseñor.

Roll call vote: five ayes (Jackson, Kimball, Long, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 5/0/1. Director Meneghin was absent.

4B Task Order for Preparation of Technical Memorandum on Land Subsidence Conditions

Motion

The Board considered approval of Task Order 2022-02 with Daniel B. Stephens and Associates for analysis of LiDAR data from the California Department of Water Resources and the preparation of a technical memorandum on land subsidence conditions.

Motion to approve, Director Villaseñor; Second, Director Jackson.

Roll call vote: five ayes (Jackson, Kimball, Long, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 5/0/1. Director Meneghin was absent.

4C Development of Well Permitting Review Process in Compliance with California Executive Order N-7-22

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Legal Counsel, Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, and staff regarding the development of the Agency's Well Permitting Review Process and provide comments and direction.

Following his presentation, Tony Morgan with DBS&A asked Legal Counsel Steve O'Neill if he had any additional recommendations. Mr. O'Neill said he recommends an enhancement of the introductory language in the supplemental form to explain why the Agency is being required to do this, and that it is being required by the Governor's office, not from the GSA.

Commenting on the draft information request form, Director Jackson asked about a pumper that wanted to drill a well that was going to replace his water source from a mutual -- will that water from the mutual go to another user or will that water come out of the system? She stated that this is something the Agency will likely want to know. Mr. O'Neill said he was not clear on the question. Director Jackson clarified her question with more detail. Mr. O'Neill said he assumes if the mutual prohibits someone from doing that, as they may be bound to the mutual unless they forfeit the mutual. Director Jackson continued to explain her question and asked if this can be added to the flow chart. Mr. Morgan recommended not adding that to the flow chart, as doing so would complicate the flow chart. Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Morgan, Director Kimball, Mr. Emmert, and Director Pace continued the discussion sharing information regarding Director Jackson's question. Director Villaseñor stated she agreed with Director Kimball. The staff and consultant team will incorporate Board comments into the documents.

Informational only.

4D Monitoring Well Project Change Orders Authorization

Motion

The Board authorized the Executive Director to approve change orders associated with the Monitoring Wells Project up to 14 percent of contract amount.

Director Pace asked where did the number 14 percent come from? Mr. Emmert said it is based upon a budgetary amount. Director Kimball said he feels this is absolutely necessary to authorize the Executive Director an increase in his approval amount.

Motion to approve, Director Kimball; Second, Director Pace.

Roll call vote: five ayes (Jackson, Kimball, Long, Pace, Villaseñor); none opposed; motion carries unanimously 5/0/1. Director Meneghin was absent.

4E Projects and Management Actions

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates reviewing the projects and management actions included in the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Plans and provided comments and direction.

Director Jackson asked what is the time frame on the grant, how many years does it cover? Mr. Morgan said it is usually 18 months.

Director Kimball said he agrees the Cienega Enhancement project is high priority and the domestic well issue is a hot button from the valley, as the Agency chose to set the minimum threshold below historic minimum. He stated that the Agency does put some wells at risk, and he would be shocked if DWR does not flag it and agrees it should be high priority. He said he does not know where subsidence falls in priority, and that the Agency may want to do a survey of critical infrastructure

and consider installing permanent GPS monument stations at each basin to have day to day or year to year reads for accurate data and wondered if DWR will consider that as a help to the Agency. He also said the invasive vegetation removal sounds good, although we need to start at the head waters of the watershed and work our way down, and he feels the grant fund will most likely not provide the funds necessary for that type of project.

Director Meneghin joined the meeting and said she recently had conversation with Tom Dudley with UCSB, and that his team has been removing a lot of Arundo donax out of the riparian forest in key areas. She also said that the Santa Clara Conservancy and Friends of the Santa Clara River have joined the watershed-wide invasive plants removal technical advisory team, which is developing a watershed plan. She said Mr. Dudley's group has just received funding for a watershed wide Arundo removal program starting at the head waters and recommends we ask Mr. Dudley to attend our Board meeting to talk about the grant and how it works, and how the Agency could partner in this effort. She stated that the Agency could potentially provide the local matching funds needed to secure grant funds. She also said she agrees Cienega site is a high priority.

Director Villaseñor said her comment is regarding the project to better identify and gather information on vulnerability on domestic wells is very important. She also stated that she is supportive of obtaining more information on watershed wide Arundo removal and is supportive of the Agency participating in a larger effort.

Comment from audience: Carole Fornoff, said she agrees with Director Kimball on the Cienega and domestic wells, the two projects should be a slam dunk for DWR grant funding.

Director Long asked about the Santa Clarita Valley Watershed, are we working on the chloride issue with them, and is there any progress on it? Mr. Emmert said the project is fully funded and is in construction and has a compliance deadline set by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Director Long also asked is there anything we can do to capture more storm water, or increase capacity to store water, that the Agency can be working on? Director Kimball said we can support United's efforts to enhance, improve and continue to use the Freeman Diversion, as United is making efforts to take dirtier water at high storm flows and leave the clearer water for environmental needs. He stated that this is very important regionally. Mr. Emmert said that we will need to focus on projects that can be completed within a year and a half if that is the timeframe of the SGM Round 2 grants. He stated that many projects will need a longer timeline to complete, permitting and CEQA or NEQA review. He stated that the Agency should continue to develop the longer-term projects, so they may be ready for future grant funding opportunities. Mr. Emmert mentioned the Piru Stormwater Capture project phase 2 as one that the County of Ventura's Watershed Protection District has been developing and is a candidate for Agency support. He stated that he would follow-up with County staff on what is needed for the phase two, to proceed and find out what the Agency could do to help it move forward.

Mr. Morgan stated the Fillmore and Piru basins already percolate a lot of water, and we are very lucky with the sediments we have.

Director Meneghin asked what is the status of the Ferro basin project, and is United pushing that project forward? Mr. Emmert said that United is advancing that project in smaller phases. He stated that the current phases are removing the conveyance bottlenecks. He also stated that this project's major benefit will be during extremely wet weather periods.

Director Long asked Mr. Emmert if we will be going back to these discussions? Mr. Emmert said in order to meet grant deadlines we need to continue having these discussions, and the Agency's staff and consultant team expects to bring the issue back at the September Board meeting.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

None mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT 6:36 p.m.


Director Long requested a moment of silence in memory of Ventura County's former Supervisor Carmen Ramirez before adjourning the meeting.

Director Long adjourned the Board meeting at 6:36p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **September 29, 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 August 18, 2022.


ATTEST: _____
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

18 AUG 2022

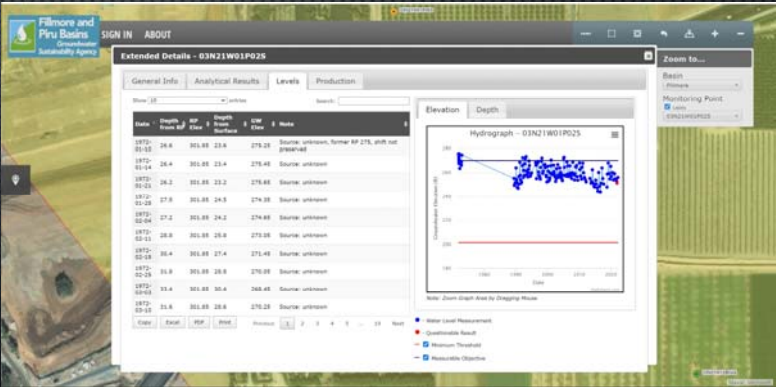

ITEM 2D GSP CONSULTANT UPDATE



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency


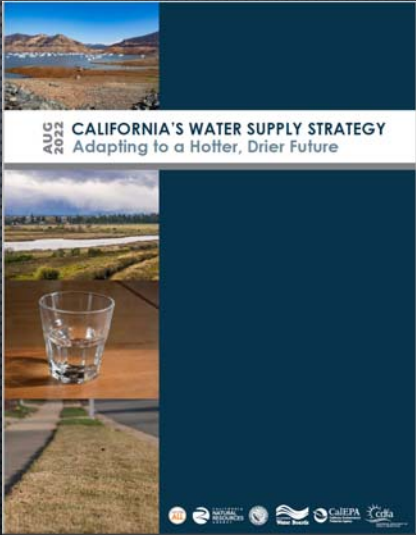
CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Well Permitting Procedures
- DMS updates
 - ✓ New date filters for WL, WQ & production
 - ✓ SMC MTs & MOs added to hydrographs - toggle on/off
 - ✓ Display of redacted *Well Completion Reports*



CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **CA Water Supply Strategy**
 - Create 4 million AF of storage
 - Recycle and reuse at least 800,000 AF/Y of water by 2030
 - Free up 500,000 AF of water through more efficient water use and conservation to help make up for water lost due to climate change
 - New water by capturing stormwater & desalinating ocean water and salty (brackish) water in GW basins






<https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-Website/Files/Initiatives/Water-Resilience/CA-Water-Supply-Strategy.pdf>

STATE ADMINISTRATION OF POTENTIAL RECHARGE FLOWS


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- DWR AND THE STATE WATER BOARD WILL DEVELOP A MECHANISM TO CREATE A MORE CONSISTENT, ECONOMICAL, AND EQUITABLE APPROACH FOR ALLOCATION OF WATER RIGHTS FOR GROUNDWATER RECHARGE. THE INITIAL PROPOSAL WOULD FOCUS ON THE STATE SECURING ALL REASONABLY AVAILABLE FUTURE FLOOD FLOWS IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY, ALLOWING THE STATE TO THEN ALLOCATE THE AVAILABLE WATER IN AN ORDERLY, HOLISTIC, EQUITABLE, AND INTEGRATED APPROACH. THE PROCESS WOULD:
 - LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD FOR LOCAL AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT LACK THE RESOURCES TO NAVIGATE THE WATER RIGHT PROCESS.
 - SET CLEAR WATER AVAILABILITY METRICS FOR EVERY POTENTIAL APPLICANT, ALLOWING FOR FAIR COMPARISONS AMONG APPLICANTS.
 - ADDRESS EQUITY CONCERNS, INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NEED TO PROTECT DOMESTIC WELLS OR ABATE SUBSIDENCE.
 - LEVERAGE OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.
 - SPUR TIGHT COORDINATION BETWEEN THE STATE WATER BOARD AND DWR IN THE ALLOCATION OF WATER RIGHTS.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
18 AUG 2022
ITEM 4C DEVELOPMENT OF WELL
PERMITTING REVIEW PROCESS



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?



- Exec Order N-7-22
 - *"...groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable management program...and would not decrease likelihood of achieving sustainability goal..."*
 - *"...extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure"*
 - FBGSA must provide written verification to County that the above conditions are satisfied
- AB2201 (Bennett)
 - Makes many of the provisions in EO N-7-22 permanent
 - Adds a few new requirements

AB2201 UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS?

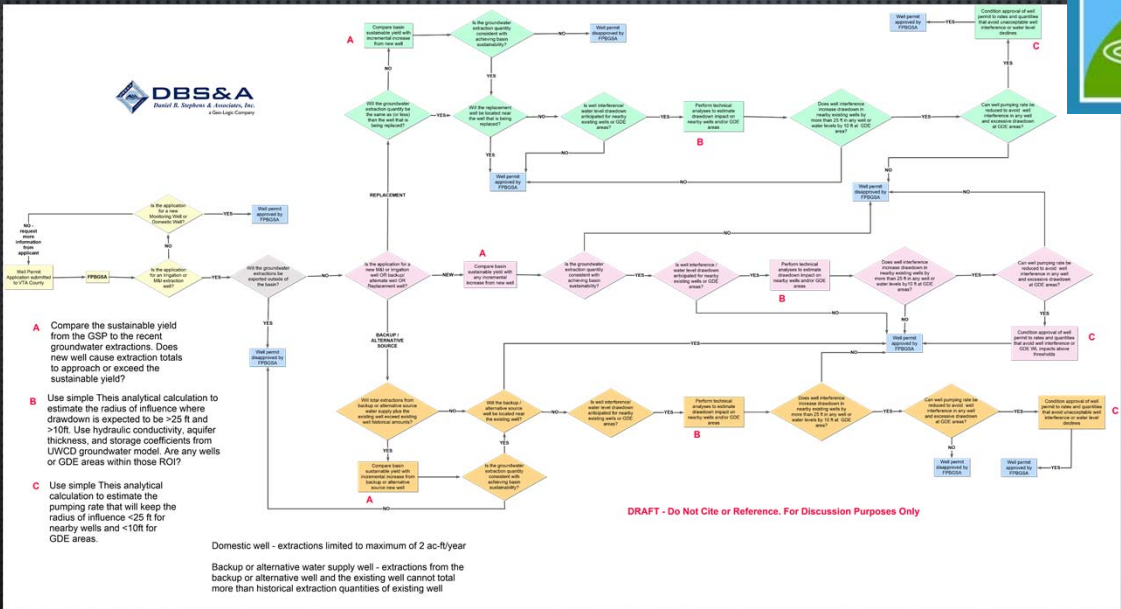


Language is still under development - Bill not finalized but getting close

- (2) (A) THE PERMIT APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED THE PERMITTING AGENCY A WRITTEN REPORT PREPARED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL THAT INDICATES THAT THE EXTRACTION BY THE PROPOSED WELL IS UNLIKELY TO CAUSE WELL INTERFERENCE.
- (3) THE COUNTY, CITY, OR ANY OTHER WATER WELL PERMITTING AGENCY POSTS THE WELL PERMIT APPLICATION ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS.
 - (b) SUBDIVISION (a) DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - (1) PERMITS FOR WELLS THAT WILL PROVIDE LESS THAN TWO ACRE-FEET PER YEAR OF GROUNDWATER FOR INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC USERS.
 - (2) PERMITS FOR WELLS THAT WILL EXCLUSIVELY PROVIDE GROUNDWATER TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS OR STATE SMALL WATER SYSTEMS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 116275 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE.
 - (3) PERMITS FOR WELLS IN ADJUDICATED BASINS IDENTIFIED IN SECTION 10720.8.
 - ➔ • (4) MAINTENANCE OF A WELL.
 - (5) ALTERATIONS, REPLACEMENT, OR MAINTENANCE TO A WELL PUMP.



PROCESS FLOW CHART



VENTURA COUNTY WELL PERMIT APPLICATION



County of Ventura
APPLICATION FOR WELL PERMIT
800 South Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93005-1912

Property Owner*

Driller

Registered Inspector

Name

Address

Telephone

License No.

Exp. Date

APN(s)

Type of Well

☐ **Water Supply Well**
 ☐ New (No. _____)
 ☐ Replacement well
 BWM of well to be replaced _____
☐ Backup or Standby Well
 BWM of well to be backed up _____
☐ Destruction (No. _____)
 BWM _____
☐ Rechargeability (No. _____)
 BWM _____
☐ **Monitoring Well**
 ☐ New (No. _____)
 ☐ Destruction (No. _____)
☐ **Engineering Test Hole** (No. _____)
 ☐ **Cathodic Protection Well**
 (New No. _____)
 ☐ Destruction (No. _____)

Use

☐ Agricultural
☐ Cathodic
☐ Domestic
☐ Industrial
☐ Monitoring
 BWM Group _____
☐ Estimate of anticipated annual
 pumping in acre feet per year _____

Equipment

☐ Rotary
☐ Hollow Stem
☐ Geopier
☐ Other (Describe) _____

Proposed Construction

Well Depth
Bore Diameter _____
Casing
 ☐ Steel Diameter 1/4" _____
 ☐ PVC Well Group _____
 ☐ Other (Describe) _____

Perforations

From _____ to _____ ft
From _____ to _____ ft
From _____ to _____ ft

Estimated Start Date:

*NOTE: If proposed water supply well is in the area referenced in the Ventura County Well Ordinance No. 4485 for ARB 17 Water Well Water Pollution, your permit application must be accompanied by documentation that explains the reason for requesting a waiver. If the proposed water supply well is in an area that is exempted from the ordinance, e.g., PG&A, etc., your permit application must be accompanied by the proper agency permit approval.

I hereby agree to comply with all provisions of Ventura County Well Ordinance No. 4485, and all applicable State of California and local regulations pertaining to well construction, repair, modification and destruction. I also agree to comply with all conditions of the issued permit to include the submission of post requirement documents and reports. I understand that any modification of the issued permit requires approval by the Manager, Ventura Resources Division and that the information contained herein becomes a part of the permit when issued.

Property Owner's Signature _____

Date _____

Driller's Signature _____


Date _____

Registered Inspector's Signature _____

Date _____

(Print in matching with corresponding work)


Application Page 1 of 2
Permit No. _____



County of Ventura
APPLICATION FOR WELL PERMIT
 400 South Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009-1010

Well Location Map / Site Plan: Indicate exact location of proposed well, showing existing wells, water courses, roads, property lines, septic tanks and leach fields, sanitary, industrial, and storm sewers, barmyard and stable areas, feedlots, and solid waste disposal sites. Setbacks from potential sources of contamination shall comply with the California Department of Water Resources California Well Standards Bulletin 74-90 available at the below website address:
http://www.water.ca.gov/grw/waterwell_wfs_and_other/california_well_standards/well_standards_content.htm

Map should be drawn to scale or show distances of the above items from the proposed well. Map extent should be a minimum radius of 500 feet from the proposed well.



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Thomas Brothers Guide Page No. & Grid _____ APN _____

Application Page 2 of 2
 Permit No. _____

FPBGSA would use this application as starting point in evaluation of well permits

SUPPLEMENTAL WATER WELL PERMIT APPLICATION



SUPPLEMENTAL WATER WELL PERMIT APPLICATION

Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency

This form is a supplemental form developed by the Fillmore and Piru Groundwater Sustainability Agency (FPGSA) to be used in conjunction with the County of Ventura Application for Well Permit. This form is NOT a substitute for the County of Ventura Application for Well Permit form. Both forms are required.

This form requests information needed by the FPGSA in their role as the agency responsible for the sustainability of the groundwater resources in the Fillmore and Piru basins.

Catholic Protection Wells, Monitoring Wells, or Engineering Test Holes are not used for groundwater extraction, therefore this Supplemental Permit is NOT required. This supplemental permit is required for **New, Replacement, Backup or Standby wells**.

| Property Owner | Operator (if applicable) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Name | |
| Address | |
| Telephone | |
| APN where new well will be located | |
| Application Date | |

| | |
|---|--|
| Proposed Well Use (circle one): | Agricultural / Domestic / Industrial / Municipal |
| Proposed Groundwater Extraction Quantity (acre-feet/year): | |
| Proposed Maximum Groundwater Extraction Rate (gallons/minute): | |
| Proposed Groundwater Pumping Schedule (H of hours/day over # days in a week): | |

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Supplemental Water Well Permit Application
Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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| Property Owners Signature: | |
| Date Signed: | |
| Operator (If applicable): | |
| Date Signed: | |

| COMMENTS / EXPLANATIONS |
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Supplemental Water Well Permit Application
Fillmore and Pine Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Designed to request supplemental information needed by the FPBGSA to evaluate the well permit application per EO N-7-22 and AB2201

GENERAL STEPS



- RECEIVE *VC Well Permit Application AND FPBGSA Supplemental Water Well Permit Application*
- RECEIVE *TECHNICAL REPORT* FROM APPLICANT
- INFO FROM BOTH APPLICATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORT USED TO NAVIGATE FLOW CHART
- STAFF/CONSULTANT REVIEWS APPLICATIONS & TECHNICAL REPORT, AND PERFORMS ANY ADDITIONAL ANALYSES
- STAFF/CONSULTANT PREPARES RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

NEXT STEPS



- ✓ Prepared process flow chart for reviewing well permit applications
- Prepared *Supplemental Water Well Permit Application* specific to needs of FPBGSA
- Create FPBGSA policy/ordinance document describing the process (including exports & fees)
- Board of Directors review and approval of policy document




BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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**ITEM 4E PROJECTS AND
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS**



Fillmore and Piru Basins
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS



- PROJECT #1: SUPPORTING CIENEGA SPRINGS RESTORATION PROJECT AS DROUGHT REFUGEE
- PROJECT #2: CONSTRUCTION OF SHALLOW MONITOR WELLS AT CIENEGA SPRINGS RESTORATION PROJECT SITE
- PROJECT #3: CONSTRUCTION OF SHALLOW MONITOR WELLS
- PROJECT #4: PURCHASE SUPPLEMENTAL WATERS
- PROJECT #5: ADDITIONAL WATER QUALITY SAMPLING
- PROJECT #6: NON-NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL
- PROJECT #7: SUBSIDENCE INFRASTRUCTURE VULNERABILITY EVALUATION
- OTHERS?

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



- SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (SGM) - SGMA IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL SOLICITATION - ROUND 2 ([HTTP://BITLY.WS/RPYJ](http://bitly.ws/rpyj) OR [HTTPS://WATER.CA.GOV/SGMGRANTS](https://water.ca.gov/sgmgrants))
 - ✓ APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED STARTING SEPT 2022
 - ✓ OVER \$200 MILLION FROM GENERAL FUND AND PROP 68
 - ✓ ESTIMATED AMOUNT/AWARD - \$1 MILLION TO \$20 MILLION
 - ✓ 1 APPLICATION/BASIN ALLOWED - COULD SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR EACH OF FILLMORE & PIRU BASINS
 - ✓ NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED
 - ✓ AWARD DECISION EXPECTED JULY 2023

PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS



PROJECT #1: SUPPORTING CIENEGA SPRINGS RESTORATION PROJECT AS DROUGHT REFUGE

- TRIGGERS TO START / STOP SUPPLYING SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WATERS
- HOW MANY ACRES OF LAND WILL BE RECEIVING THE SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WATERS?
- HOW MUCH SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION WATER WOULD BE SUPPLIED?
- WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE IRRIGATION WATER? EXISTING OR NEW WELL?
 - EASEMENT/ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH WELL OWNER
 - DOES THE WELL NEED SERVICING? (REHABILITATION? PUMPING EQUIPMENT? POWER?)
 - WELL "SHARING" AGREEMENT?
- IS THERE A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SOIL MOISTURE MONITORING EQUIPMENT?

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PROJECT #6: NON-NATIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL

- HOW MANY ACRES OF LAND?
- HOW WOULD REMOVAL BE ACCOMPLISHED (MANUALLY V. MECHANIZED)?
- DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS?
- FOLLOW-UP TREATMENTS REQUIRED? HOW MANY?
- ESTIMATE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSERVED?
- CAN EFFORTS BE COORDINATED WITH UPSTREAM REMOVAL PROGRAMS?

PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS



PROJECT #?: DOMESTIC WELL VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

- WHAT IS ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY?
 - DOOR-TO-DOOR SURVEYS TO GATHER DATA? (E.G., WELL DEPTH, SWL, PUMP INTAKE SETTING)
 - MAILERS REQUESTING PERTINENT INFORMATION?
 - MEASURING WLS?
- COMPARISON OF FUTURE MODELED WATER LEVELS WITH DOMESTIC WELL CONSTRUCTION DETAILS? OR USE INDUSTRY-TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION TO CREATE A GENERIC WELL CONFIGURATION?
- ESTIMATE OF THREAT TO DOMESTIC WELLS BY SEVERE DROUGHTS

PROJECTS AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS



| Project | PROs | CONs | Estimated Costs |
|--|--|---|---|
| 1 - Cienega Springs Project | GDE habitat preserved during droughts | could impact stakeholder fees w/o grant funds | new well & pump required; new elec service; cost to operate well; overall O&M costs |
| 6 - Non-Native Vegetation Removal | XXX water savings | multi-year commitment | heavy equipment rental; labor; debris disposal |
| ? - Domestic Well Vulnerability Assessment | more data to help avoid or develop contingency plan for domestic well failures | data intensive evaluation; data not readily available | labor to canvas DW owners; cost to measure SWL & pump setting |

Summarize the PMA's for easier comparison and to evaluate cost-benefit relationships

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Check Detail
September 1 - 8, 2022

| Type | Num | Date | Name | Account | Original Amount |
|-----------------|-------|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Bill Pmt -Check | 11166 | 09/08/2022 | Daniel B Stephens & Associates, Inc. | 10000 · Bank of the Sierra | -4,408.50 |
| | | | | | -4,408.50 |



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Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Item No. **4C Consent Calendar**

DATE: **September 5, 2022**

TO: **Board of Directors**

VIA: **Anthony Emmert, Executive Director**

FROM: **United Water Conservation District Finance Department**

SUBJECT: **Monthly Financial Report**

SUMMARY

The Board will receive the monthly financial report for the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency).

BACKGROUND

United Water Conservation District accounting staff has prepared financial reports based on the Agency revenue and expenses for the month of August 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Attachments: August 31, 2022 P/L Budget Performance
 August 31, 2022 Balance Sheet

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
August 2022

| | August 2022 | Annual Budget | Budget |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| 40001 · Groundwater Extraction Charge | 0.00 | 638,031.42 | 0.00% |
| 41000 · Grant Revenue | | | |
| 41001 · State Grants | 0.00 | 400,057.68 | 0.00% |
| Total 41000 · Grant Revenue | 0.00 | 400,057.68 | 0.00% |
| 47000 · Other Revenue | | | |
| 47001 · Late Fees | -12,828.42 | 0.00 | |
| 47012 · Returned Check Charges | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Total 47000 · Other Revenue | -12,828.42 | 0.00 | |
| Total Income | -12,828.42 | 1,038,089.10 | -1.24% |
| Gross Profit | -12,828.42 | 1,038,089.10 | -1.24% |
| Expense | | | |
| 52200 · Professional Services | | | |
| 52240 · Prof Svcs - IT Consulting | 0.00 | 1,700.00 | 0.00% |
| 52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep | | | |
| 52251 · Prof Svcs - UWCD GW Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 52252 · Prof Svcs - GSP Consultant | 16,891.00 | 165,000.00 | 10.24% |
| Total 52250 · Prof Svcs - Groundwtr/GSP Prep | 16,891.00 | 165,000.00 | 10.24% |
| 52270 · Prof Svcs - Accounting | 0.00 | 24,200.00 | 0.00% |
| 52275 · Prof Svcs - Admin/Clerk of Bd | 0.00 | 25,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 52280 · Prof Svcs - Executive Director | 0.00 | 50,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 52290 · Prof Svcs - Other | 0.00 | 20,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Total 52200 · Professional Services | 16,891.00 | 285,900.00 | 5.91% |
| 52500 · Legal Fees | | | |
| 52501 · Legal Counsel | 1,276.50 | 60,000.00 | 2.13% |
| Total 52500 · Legal Fees | 1,276.50 | 60,000.00 | 2.13% |
| 53000 · Office Expenses | | | |
| 53010 · Public Information | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 53020 · Office Supplies | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00% |
| 53026 · Postage & Mailing | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 53110 · Travel & Training | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Total 53000 · Office Expenses | 0.00 | 7,500.00 | 0.00% |
| 53500 · Insurance | | | |
| 53510 · Liability Insurance | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00% |
| Total 53500 · Insurance | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00% |
| 70130 · Bank Service Charges | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 81000 · Capital Expenditures | | | |
| 81001 · Design & Cons - Monitoring Well | 0.00 | 600,000.00 | 0.00% |
| 81000 · Capital Expenditures - Other | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Total 81000 · Capital Expenditures | 0.00 | 600,000.00 | 0.00% |
| Total Expense | 18,167.50 | 955,900.00 | 1.90% |
| Net Income | -30,995.92 | 82,189.10 | -37.71% |

Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2022

| | <u>August 2022</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| 10000 - Bank of the Sierra | 1,230,150.27 |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>1,230,150.27</u> |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| 11000 - Accounts Receivable | 230,949.46 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | <u>230,949.46</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>1,461,099.73</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>1,461,099.73</u></u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable | |
| 20000 - Accounts Payable | 4,408.50 |
| Total Accounts Payable | <u>4,408.50</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>4,408.50</u> |
| Total Liabilities | 4,408.50 |
| Equity | |
| 32000 - Retained Earnings | 1,487,687.15 |
| Net Income | <u>-30,995.92</u> |
| Total Equity | <u>1,456,691.23</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u><u>1,461,099.73</u></u> |

Item No. **4D Motion**

DATE: August 22, 2022 (for September 29, 2022 meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Subsequent Finding Regarding Continuation of AB 361 Exemptions to Brown Act
Teleconferencing Requirements**

SUMMARY

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Governor signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) on September 16, 2021, that temporarily exempts agencies from certain requirements of the Brown Act and adds additional requirements for public meetings held by teleconference. This staff report provides an analysis of the changes to the Brown Act per AB 361. During its October 21, 2021, meeting, the Agency's Board adopted Resolution 2021-06 authorizing the use of the AB 361 provisions for its meetings. Adoption of Resolution 2022-11 continues the authorization of the use of AB 361 provisions for the coming 30 days.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will consider adopting Resolution 2022-14 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).

BACKGROUND

In March of 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N-29-20, which waived Brown Act requirements found in Gov. Code § 54953(b)(3) for teleconference participation in public meetings. In particular, this Order waived:

- a) The requirement that state and local bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting;
- b) The requirement that each teleconference location be accessible to the public;
- c) The requirement that members of the public may address the body at each teleconference location;
- d) The requirement that state and local bodies post agendas at all teleconference locations; and
- e) The requirement that, during teleconference meetings, at least a quorum of the members of the local body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction.

Executive Order N-29-20 expired on September 30, 2021. However, AB 361 was signed by the Governor to extend the provisions of N-29-20, subject to certain conditions to be met by the local legislative body utilizing its exemptions. AB 361 also imposes certain new requirements, detailed below.

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ANALYSIS

AB 361 exempts local legislative bodies from certain Brown Act requirements currently governing teleconferencing. These exemptions may be used only in one of the following circumstances:

- a) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.
- b) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for purposes of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.
- c) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined by majority vote pursuant to b) above that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Currently, the Governor's state of emergency regarding COVID-19 is still in effect, and the Ventura County Health Officer has recommended that legislative bodies in the County continue to follow social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID.

Further, AB 361 requires the Agency to reconsider the state of emergency and make such determination every 30 days after commencing use of its exemptions. However, if during the 30-day period the Agency wishes to meet in person, they may choose to do so despite adopting the proposed Resolution. The intent of the Resolution is merely to allow the Board members to avail themselves of the AB 361 teleconferencing conveniences if they so choose.

Finally, in addition to allowing for the above exemptions, AB 361 adds the following requirements:

- a) The legislative body must give notice of the meeting and post agendas as otherwise required by the Brown Act.
- b) The legislative body must allow members of the public to access the meeting, and the agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly pursuant to Brown Act requirements. In each instance where notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body must also give notice of the means by which members of the public may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda must identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend via call-in option or an internet-based service option. The legislative body need not provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.
- c) The legislative body must conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body.
- d) In the event of a disruption that prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in or internet-based service options, or in the event of a disruption within the local agency's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in or internet-based service options, the legislative body must take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption preventing the broadcast of the meeting may be challenged as provided in the Brown Act.
- e) The legislative body may not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting, and it must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comment in real time.

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- f) The legislative body may use an online third-party system for individuals to provide public comment that requires an individual to register with the system prior to providing comment.
- g) If a legislative body provides a timed public comment period, it may not close the comment period or the time to register to provide comment under f) until the timed period has elapsed. If the legislative body does not provide a time-limited comment period, it must allow a reasonable time for the public to comment on each agenda item and to register as necessary under f).

Accordingly, staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution 2022-14. Doing so will enable the Agency's continued use of the AB 361 exemptions to Brown Act teleconferencing requirements, while allowing the Board to hold in person meetings at its discretion.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impacts.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2022-14

Proposed Motion:

Adopt Resolution 2022-14.

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Jackson:

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director Meneghin:

Director _____:

Director Villasenor:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FILLMORE & PIRU
BASINS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE
USE OF TELECONFERENCING FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FILLMORE & PIRU BASINS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY** as follows:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California (“Governor”) proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist as a result of the threat of COVID-19. (Governor’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency (Mar. 4, 2020).)

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Exec. Order No. N-25-20 (Mar. 12, 2020); Governor’s Exec. Order No. N-29-20 (Mar. 17, 2020); and Governor’s Exec. Order No. N-08-21 (Jun. 11, 2021) provided that local legislative bodies may hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body and waived the Brown Act provisions found in Govt. Code section 54953(b)(3) which require the physical presence of the members, the clerk, or other personnel of the body, or the public, as a condition of participation in, or quorum for, a public meeting, including:

- a) The requirement that state and local bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting.
- b) The requirement that each teleconference location be accessible to the public.
- c) The requirement that members of the public may address the body at each teleconference location.
- d) The requirement that state and local bodies post agendas at all teleconference locations.
- e) The requirement that, during teleconference meetings, at least a quorum of the members of the local body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, the provisions of Governor’s Exec. Order No. N-25-20 (Mar. 12, 2020); Governor’s Exec. Order No. N-29-20 (Mar. 17, 2020); and Governor’s Exec. Order No. N-08-21 (Jun. 11, 2021) expired on September 30, 2021 and are no longer in effect thereafter;

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control is currently contending with the Delta Variant of the COVID-19 virus and anticipates the development of potential other strains which may further impede public agency operations and prolong the need for social distancing requirements; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation (A.B. 361) authorizes a local legislative body to use teleconferencing for a public meeting without complying with the Brown Act’s teleconferencing quorum, meeting notice, and agenda requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953(b)(3), in any of the following circumstances:

- a) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing.

- b) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for purposes of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.
- c) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined by majority vote pursuant to b) above that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fillmore & Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. All of the foregoing Recitals are true and correct, and the Board so finds and determines. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Adoption of AB 361. The Board has determined by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Section 3. Continued Implementation of AB-361. If the state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed measures to promote social distancing, the Board of Directors of the Fillmore & Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall, in order to continue meeting subject to this exemption to the Brown Act, no later than 30 days after it commences using the exemption, and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

- a) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; *and*
- b) Either (1) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or (2) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Section 4. Applicability. The health and safety findings and determination that teleconference meetings are appropriate applies to all District committees and legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on September 29, 2022.

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel



Item No. **6A Motion**

DATE: September 14, 2022 (for September 29, 2022 meeting)

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Anthony A. Emmert, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Projects and Management Actions**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board will receive a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates reviewing the Projects and Management Actions included in the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Plans and provide comments and direction.

DISCUSSION

The Agency's groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs), under Section 4, *Projects and Management Actions to Achieve Sustainability Goal*, include several projects, programs and studies that warrant further development, evaluation and consideration. These include:

- Supporting Cienega Springs Restoration project as a drought refuge
- Construction of monitoring wells at the Cienega Springs Restoration project site
- Installation of shallow monitoring wells across the basins
- Purchase of supplemental water, when available
- Additional water quality sampling and analysis
- Removal of non-native species, such as *Arundo donax*
- Studies of subsidence and associated impacts.
 - Installation of monuments in valley locations to better monitor future subsidence

In addition to the actions listed above, the Board and stakeholders have also discussed:

- Study to better identify and gather information on shallow domestic wells
- Developing a grant program to fund the replacement of the most vulnerable shallow domestic wells
- Study to better identify disadvantaged communities that rely upon shallow domestic wells.
- Potential support or partnership with the Ventura County Watershed Protection District on the phase 2 of the Piru Stormwater Capture project

Some projects are already being implemented, while others require much more development and consideration. The Monitoring Wells project phase 1 is in progress and includes a multiple-completion well adjacent to the East Grove and three shallow wells around the Cienega Springs Restoration project. Agency staff is working with the owners of several wells to bring them into the monitoring network and fill recognized data gaps, but the Agency may wish to construct additional monitoring wells, with a focus on gathering data on shallow water levels. Agency representatives have met with Cienega Springs

Restoration project management on several occasions and have gained general support for the Cienega Springs drought refuge concept to enhancing the project during multiple-year drought periods; however, more development is needed. The Agency recently directed Daniel B. Stephens and Associates (DBS&A) to review and analyze subsidence data available from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), and to prepare a technical memorandum.

During its August 18, 2022 meeting, the Agency Board provided strong support for further developing the Cienega Enhancement project, and a study that would identify the most vulnerable domestic wells, and any association that those wells have with disadvantaged communities. The Board also expressed support for further subsidence study and potential installation of monuments. Additionally, the Board expressed interest in participating in a watershed-wide invasive plants control program but wanted to make sure that any Agency efforts were focused and highly cost-effective. During the September 29, 2022 meeting, DBS&A will facilitate a continued discussion regarding projects and programs. Discussing each of the concepts will help the Agency focus its attention on the top priority initiatives.

Staff recommends that the Agency consider submitting its selected projects, programs and studies to DWR for consideration for grant funding under its Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program. The DWR website currently projects that a proposals solicitation package could be released as early as October 2022, so the Agency's discussion of projects is timely.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Motion:

Provide comments and direction regarding the development of the Agency's Projects and Management Actions.

1st: Director _____

2nd: Director _____

Voice/Roll call vote:

Director Jackson:

Director Kimball:

Director Long:

Director Meneghin:

Director _____:

Director Villasenor: