



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023
4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Albert Mendez
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Chair Kelly Long

Staff in Attendance

Anthony Emmert, executive director
Keith Lemieux, legal counsel
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the Board

Public in Attendance

Ben Cooper, Ensave/SCE
Zachary Hanson, UWCD
Caleb Hayhoe, ICF/SCE
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches-El Hogar
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Ed Reese, UWCD

1. Call to Order 4:01pm

Director Kimball called the Board Meeting to order at 4:01p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Fornoff led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

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

1C Public Comments

Director Kimball asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Motion to approve agenda, Director Meneghin; Second, Director Mendez. Roll call vote: five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, Meneghin); none opposed; one absent. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications: Oral Reports from the Board

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson reported FPA's Board meetings will now take place every other month, on the third Tuesday of the month, and said pumpers are planning their annual meeting for June 20.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff had nothing to report.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported her participation in the Tour of Arrundo donax removal efforts in the watershed on April 20, 2023. She also participated in the Sespe Cienega Restoration efforts organized by Santa Clara River Conservancy and UCSB. She also mentioned the FPBGSA's new monitoring wells at Sespe Cienega area will help gain better understanding of groundwater and surface water interaction. She said the Boys and Girls Club tour to the Cienega site will take place on Monday, April 24, 2023, and mentioned a WaterTalks tour of the Sespe Cienega will soon follow. Director Meneghin added that the Oxnard College live event on Santa Clara River Watershed will take place on April 24, 2023.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez had nothing to report.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball reported on current water resources and said water is still coming into Santa Clara River from multiple tributaries. He mentioned Lake Piru has been spilling since March, and 20-30 tons of floating debris from the winter storms have already been removed from the lake. He mentioned that DWR has extended the water release from Castaic from the end of April until the end of May, at which point United will make way for Article 21 water or other supplemental water. Director Kimball said the area's groundwater basins need to be filled as much as possible with this runoff, following many dry years. He said United is limited to 375cfs diversion at the Freeman due to limitations of the existing fish screens, but United is working to design and permit a facility with higher instantaneous diversion capacity, for high runoff years. He said United staff are planning and working day and night to figure out what will work best for this process. He added that upcoming projects for the Santa Felicia Dam will require United to reduce water levels during construction periods.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Director Long was absent.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

Executive Director Anthony Emmert provided an informational update on the Agency's activities since the previous Board meeting on February 16, 2023. Mr. Emmert reported staff have prepared the final GSP grant progress report, and semi-annual groundwater billing notices for the period of July 1 through December 31 have now been mailed out. He mentioned the groundwater conditions report will be available in May and said that United's team is actively working on the fiscal year 2023-2024 work plan in preparation for the budget.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel provided an informational update on the Agency's legal issues and concerns since the previous Board of Directors meeting of February 16, 2023. Legal Counsel Keith Lemieux provided an overview of two proposed bills (AB 550 and AB 779) that may impact the GSAs if adjudication were to occur in the basins. He also discussed SB 315 and AB 1205 and explained the consequences the proposed legislation could have on some agencies. Director Meneghin requested that Legal Counsel provide further updates on AB 550 and AB 779 at a future Board meeting.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Representatives from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided an informational update on Agency's groundwater sustainability planning and reporting activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of February 16, 2023. Mr. Tony Morgan said annual reports have been sent to DWR. He completed his update by discussing SGMA grants, which are scheduled to be announced by DWR in August 2023.

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 approved the Minutes from the Board Meeting of February 16, 2023.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

DBS&A	\$23,075.50
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$ 427.50

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

Motion to approve consent items, Director Fornoff; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, Meneghin); none opposed; one absent. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Selection of Board Secretary

Motion

The Board considered and selected a new Secretary.

Motion to approve Director Mendez as Secretary of the Board, Director Fornoff; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, Meneghin); none opposed; one absent. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

4B Financial Auditing Services

Motion

The Board approved amendment number two to Agreement 2019-08-21 with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP for financial auditing services for the Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 for up to \$10,120.

Motion to approve, Director Fornoff; Second, Director Meneghin. Roll call vote: Five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, Meneghin); none opposed; one absent. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5A Agricultural Energy Efficiency Program

Information Item

The Board received a presentation from Southern California Edison Company on its Agricultural Energy Efficiency Program which provides incentives for irrigation variable frequency drives on farms. Mr. Ben Cooper and Mr. Caleb Hayhoe both provided the presentation that described in detail the services provided by the program in assisting agricultural energy efficiency for farmers.

Director Jackson requested more information from SCE, stating that she would like to share with the members of the Fillmore Basin Pumpers Association.

Director Fornoff also requested more details regarding the services offered by SCE, as she would like to share the details at the upcoming June Piru Basin Pumpers Association meeting.

Director Kimball adjourned the meeting with the mention of inviting all to contact United Water to make their reservations to tour the Freeman Diversion.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT 5:01 p.m.

Director Kimball adjourned the Board meeting at 5:01 p.m. to the next **Board Meeting** on Thursday, **May 18, 2023**, or call of the Chair.

ATTEST: 
Director Kimball 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 April 20, 2023.

ATTEST: 
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 20, 2023 @ 4:00pm
City Council Chambers, Fillmore City Hall
250 Central Avenue, Fillmore, CA 93015

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Organization: KINGMAN RANCHES - EL HOGAR

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