



Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson (virtual)
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long
Director Albert Mendez (arrived 4:05pm)
Director Candice Meneghin

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Zachary Hanson, UWCD
Heather Merenda (virtual)
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD
Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual)
Ed Reese, UWCD

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:00 p.m.

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Meneghin led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Five directors were present: Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Meneghin. Director Mendez was not yet present.

Director Jackson requested she attend virtually, under "good cause," under Bill 2449, as she was ill. Chair Long requested a motion to allow Director Jackson to attend virtually.

Motion to approve, Director Kimball; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: four ayes (Fornoff, Kimball, Long and Meneghin), none opposed. Director Mendez was not yet present. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

1C Public Comments

Chair Long asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Chair Long asked Executive Director Anthony Emmert if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Emmert responded that there had been no changes to the agenda. Chair Long then asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Kimball; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long and Meneghin), none opposed. Director Mendez was not yet present. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

2. UPDATES

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson said she had no update.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff said she had no update.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported she and Sanger Hedrick will be doing a site visit of Lost Creek on August 25 to assess the potential for HOBOWATER temperature monitors, possible locations for eDNA sampling of presence and absence of listed species, as well as the potential of enhancing over summer rearing habitat in the East Grove GDE. She also said UCSB Bren School Master students and potentially the CCC's will be joining. She mentioned she will be attending the CA Lawyer's Association Environmental Law Conference in Yosemite on October 19, through the 22nd, 2023, and on Friday, October 20, there is a session on SGMA with representatives from SWRCB, DWR, Community Water Center and Brownstein Firm, moderated by Kaitlin Harr. She also mentioned Friends of the Santa Clara River is hosting their 30th anniversary celebration at The Dudley House on October 7. She said CEA Consulting finalized an Integrated Water Resilience Strategy for the Santa Clara River watershed in July 2023, and said she is now fundraising to implement the \$300,000 endeavor. Friends together with environmental partners is researching a collaborative and comprehensive framework to long term management and operations of open space on the watershed and said they are exploring a Conservancy, JPA, Special District, MOU, and other frameworks. She finalized her update with the mention of Coastal Cleanup Day to be held on September 23, with a waterway site available to volunteers in Fillmore.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez said he had no update.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said he did not have anything to report and mentioned water levels have been lowered at Lake Piru spreading grounds to make space for purchased water.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long reported August was dark, and no meetings were scheduled for the month, which allowed for catch up time. She also said the County is prepared and on alert, in case an emergency is to develop, due to hurricane Hilary, to hit the County this coming weekend.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

Executive Director provided an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of July 20, 2023. Mr. Emmert reported grant invoice fifteen was amended, as per DWR's comments and has now been resubmitted. He also said they are preparing progress report and invoice sixteen and said he is awaiting feedback from DWR for a potential amendment to the final grant with adjustments to budget line items. Mr. Emmert finalized his update by providing an update on the SGM implementation round two grant, he said DWR's recommended award list did not include our agency and said the low ranking of our Agency is due to lack of rural disadvantaged communities.

Mr. Emmert requested the clerk of the Board poll Directors after the meeting, for a Special Board meeting for August 31.

Director Long asked if Eddie Pech from DWR is still working with the Agency for the Agency's grant process? Mr. Emmert said he is on family leave and a new person has been assigned to continue the grant process for the Agency.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel reported he has been collaborating with Executive Director on task orders and with the clerk of the board on 2449 Bill for virtual attendee requirements. He also said he would provide a report on the initiative and public record act, at the next Board meeting.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided slides and discussed the status of various Bills that could affect the Agency if passed, and their statuses. He also discussed the Agency’s grading from the grant application per DWR, and where the Agency was lacking to be considered for the grant award.

Director Long asked what does it mean when a Bill is pulled? Mr. Morgan said that means it can come back, and they can again try to make it pass. He then explained the process of a Bill when being approved or disapproved.

Directors, Legal Counsel and Executive Director all shared their thoughts and ideas regarding the grant application grading from DWR, and what the Agency needs to improve on to follow DWR’s standards based on grading received. It was also suggested the Agency receive guidance from DWR.

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 June 15, 2023.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

DBS&A	\$4,573.75
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$2,459.52

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

3D United Water Conservation District Labor Rates

The Board received the United Water Conservation District labor rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items, Director Fornoff; second, Director Mendez. Roll call vote: six ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez and Meneghin); none opposed, Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Task Order with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for General As-Needed Technical and Planning Support Services

Motion

The Board approved Task Order Number 2023-02 with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. for as-needed general technical and planning support services.

Motion to approve, Director Mendez; Second, Director Kimball. Voice vote: six ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

4B Task Order with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates for Well Permit Review Program Development and Implementation Services

Motion

The Board approved Task Order Number 2023-03 with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. for as-needed technical and planning support services for the development and implementation of a GSA Well Permit Review Program.

Motion to approve, Director Mendez; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: six ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, Mendez, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 6/0.

4C Development of Well Permitting Review Process in Compliance with California Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23

Information

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

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

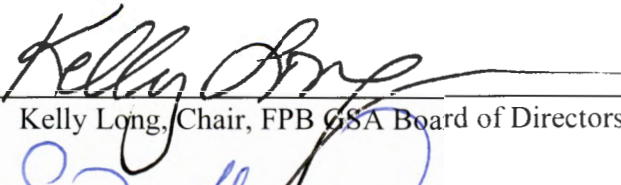
GDE Talks
Well Permit
Annual Report
Comment Letter

6. ADJOURNMENT 5:15p.m.

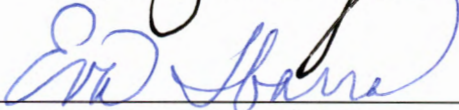
Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **September 21, 2023**, or call of the Chair.

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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 17, 2023.

ATTEST: 

Kelly Long, Chair, FPB GSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: 

Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board