



Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 4:00p.m.

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long (arrived at 4:15)
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Director Albert Mendez

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 4:15 p.m.

Chair Long called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Long 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, and Meneghin. Director Mendez was absent. 5/0/1.

Director Meneghin requested she attend virtually under “good cause,” under Bill 2449, as she was attending a conference out of town and requested a motion to allow her virtual attendance. Director Long called for a motion.

Motion to approve, Director Long; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: four ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, and Long), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/1/1.

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 Jackson; Second, Director Kimball. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

2. UPDATES

Director Announcements/Board Communications:

2A Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson said the Pumpers Association met this past September and determined they are to keep the Association's rates steady.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff said she echoed the Fillmore Pumpers update.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported they had their 30th Anniversary celebration on October 7th and received a 2.1 million dollar grant from California Fish and Wild Life Fund for fish passage. She also mentioned she has been working on developing a water temperatures monitoring plan and had attended the Environmental Law Conference.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez was absent.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said United Water continues to release water and said maintenance at the Freeman Diversion is planned for November. He said United is directing 140,000 acre-feet of water to coastal basins recharge and finished his update announcing the retirement of Kris Sofley in October.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long said she wanted to thank Kris Sofley for her years of service as she will be retiring in October, and said she visited the North Pleasant Valley Desalter in Camarillo and was pleasantly impressed. She said she enjoyed the United Water Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and felt United did a great job.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director provided an informational update on Agency activities since the previous Board of Directors meeting of August 17, 2023. Anthony Emmert stated the team has been working on the Groundwater Sustainability Planning Grant wrap-up, including amending past invoices, and resubmitting them to DWR for review and comment.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel reported he has been working with United and DBS&A on legislative work.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates provided slides and provided information on all activities for the agency. The Board discussed the activities to come.

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 August 17 and Special Board Meeting of August 31, 2023.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.	\$6,092.50
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$1,972.00
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3C Monthly Financial Report

The Board received the monthly financial report for the Fillmore and Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

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 Kimball. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Kimball Ranches – El Hogar Well No. 4 Permit Application Executive Order N-3-23 GSA Review

Motion

The Board found that the Kimball Ranches – El Hogar permit application for the construction of a replacement agricultural water supply well (Well No. 4) to be located within parcel number 041-0-270-080, approximately 1,200 feet north of State Route 126 and just west of Timber Canyon Road in the Fillmore basin, is not inconsistent with the Agency’s Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and directing staff to provide a letter to the County of Ventura stating the Agency’s findings as required by Section 4a of Executive Order N-3-23.

Director Kimball was asked to leave council chambers prior to the discussion.

Motion to approve motion, Director Jackson; second, Director Fornoff. Roll call vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Long, and Meneghin); none opposed, Motion carries unanimously 4/1/1.

4B Kimball Ranches – El Hogar Well No. 5 Permit Application Executive Order N-3-23 GSA Review

Motion

The Board found that the Kimball Ranches – El Hogar permit application for the construction of a new domestic (and potentially agricultural) water supply well (Well No. 5) to be located within parcel number 041-0-130-140, about 1.8 miles north of State Route 126 and west of Timber Canyon Road in the Fillmore basin, is not inconsistent with the Agency’s Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and directing staff to provide a letter to the County of Ventura Stating the Agency’s findings as required by Section 4a of Executive Order N-3-23

Director Kimball remained outside of council chambers prior to the discussion.

Motion to approve motion, Director Jackson; second, Director Fornoff. Roll call vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Long, and Meneghin); none opposed, Motion carries unanimously 4/1/1.

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

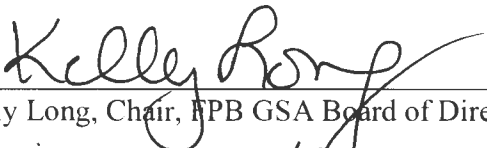
Sespe Cienega Presentation.


Anthony Emmert to provide schedule for 2024 meetings.

6. ADJOURNMENT 5:01 p.m.

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **November 16, 2023**, or call of the Chair.

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 October 19, 2023.

ATTEST: 
Kelly Long, Chair, FPB GSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: 
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board