

Special Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 4:00p.m. MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long (arrived at 4:27pm)
Director Candice Meneghin
Director Albert Mendez

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Bryan Bondy, Bondy Groundwater Consulting Katie Brokaw, Brokaw Nursery Zachary Hanson, UWCD (virtual) Margaret Kimball (virtual) Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches-El Hogar Helen McGrath (virtual) Tony Morgan, DBS&A (virtual) Patrick O'Connell, UWCD Ed Reese, UWCD Gus Tolley (virtual)

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

Director Kimball called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Kimball led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. 5 Directors were present: Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, and Meneghin. Chair Long was not yet present. 05/0/01.

1C Public Comments

Director Kimball asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. None were offered.

1D Approval of Agenda

Motion

Director Kimball 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. Director Kimball then asked for a motion.

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

2. Updates

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson said the Fillmore Pumpers Association had nothing to report.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff said Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholders had nothing to report.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported she attended Environmental Lawyers conference in October 2023.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez said he had no update for City of Fillmore.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said United Water continues to release water down the river for recharge, stating 12,150 from State Water Project and another 8,000. He said the Freeman has diverted 142,000 AF of water, for a record year.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long was unavailable to provide an update for the County of Ventura.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director reported on the GSP grant and said DWR approved amended invoices; he said he will work on amendment to grant agreement to facilitate grant coverage of additional Agency expenditures. He said DWR is to review the Agency's two GSP's by January of 2024. He also mentioned Shawn Kelly, Executive Director for Santa Clara River Conservancy, will be presenting at the January Board of Directors meeting and finalized his update stating he will provide and update on Board receivables at the January 2024 Board meeting

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel reported he has been working with Executive Director and DBS&A on developing the well permit review process.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates presented slides and provided an update on DBS&A's activities and future activities to come for the Agency. He said his goal is to provide the Agency with annual reports by March.

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 October 19, 2023.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

Rogers Anderson Malody & Scott

\$4,600.0

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items with changes to minutes requested by Director Kimball and Director Meneghin, Director Mendez; second, Director Fornoff. Roll call vote: five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/1.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for JBS Capital LLC

The Board approved waiving late fees and interest in the amount of \$1,729.11 for JBS Capital LLC.

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

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

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

The Board, staff and public all made comments and discussed the draft procedure. Staff will revise the draft procedure and bring it back for discussion at a future Board of Directors meeting.

4C Meetings Calendar for 2024

Motion

The Board approved setting its regular meetings for Calendar Year 2024 as presented.

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

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

No items were mentioned.

6. ADJOURNMENT 6:02 pm

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **January 18, 2024,** or call of the Chair.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of December 14, 2023.

ATTEST: Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board