



Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 4:00p.m.

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Kelly Long (arrived 4:37)
Director Candice Meneghin

Directors Absent

Albert Mendez

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)
Bert Handy (virtual)
Zachary Hanson, UWCD (virtual)
Shawn Kelley, Santa Clara River Conservancy
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches-El Hogar
Helen McGrath (virtual)
Brian Moniz, DWR (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD
Ed Reese, UWCD
Jason Sun, UWCD (virtual)
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:05 p.m.

Director Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m.

1A Pledge of Allegiance

Director Fornoff led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1B Directors Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. 4 Directors were present: Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, and Meneghin. Director Long and Director Mendez were absent. 04/0/02.

Director Meneghin requested she attend virtually under “good cause,” under Bill 2449, as she was ill and requested a motion to allow her virtual attendance. Director

Kimball called for a motion.

Motion to approve, Director Fornoff; Second, Director Jackson. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

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 Fornoff; Second, Director Jackson. Voice vote: 4 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 4/0/2.

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 Friends of the Santa Clara River have not met and are scheduled to meet next week. She also said she will be in contact with stakeholders to hopefully address DWR's issues in the comments regarding the GSPs.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez was absent.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball provided an update on United Water's numbers for record storm water capture, water diverted, and discussed the work currently being performed at spreading basins and Freeman Diversion.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long was absent.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director reported on the GSP grant, and said he is working with DWR on amendment to grant agreement to clarify monitoring wells project and facilitate grant coverage of additional Agency expenditures. He said DWR has deemed the GSPs as incomplete, requiring additional clarification on groundwater levels in relation to shallow wells, and surface water-groundwater interaction. He said he conducted a phone call with DWR earlier today and said staff and DBS&A will review letter and staff report. He also said he is working on scheduling meetings with DWR staff to ensure their comments are clearly understood and thereafter schedule meetings to review technical issues. He said staff will develop a timeline for the Agency's actions to develop and finalize updated GSPs by July 16, 2024. He finalized his update with the mention of Shawn Kelly, Executive Director for Santa Clara River Conservancy's presentation.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel reported he has been working with Executive Director and DBS&A on development of guidelines for well permitting.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates presented slides and discussed items in progress and pending for DBS&A to complete, and said annual reports are underway and expected to be available by next meeting. He also discussed GSPs deficiencies found by DWR and expected activities with DWR going forward. He ended his discussion with a layout of the framework ahead for the Agency.

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 Special Board Meeting of December 14, 2023.

3B Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

County of Ventura IT Services	\$ 628.50
Aleshire & Wynder LLP	\$ 1,519.30

Insure Cal	\$ 2,462.42
RAMS	\$ 2,765.00
DBS&A	\$26,648.75

3C Monthly Financial Report

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

Director Long joined the meeting virtually requesting she participate under “good cause,” under Bill 2449, as she was traveling for business, and requested a motion to allow her virtual attendance. Director Kimball called for a motion.

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

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

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4A Santa Clara River Conservancy

Information

The Board received a presentation from Shawn Kelly providing an orientation on the Santa Clara River Conservancy’s mission, goals, projects, and programs.

5. MOTION ITEMS

5A Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for Sespe Agricultural Water

Motion

The Board approved waiving the late fees and interest in the amount of \$1,455.75 for Sespe Agricultural Water.

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

5B Development of Well Permitting Review Process in Compliance with California Executive Orders N-7-22 and N-3-23

Motion

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.


6. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

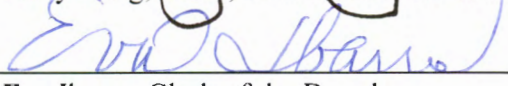
No items were mentioned.

7. ADJOURNMENT 6:13pm

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **February 15, 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 January 18, 2024.

ATTEST:  _____
Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board