



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 4:00p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Directors in Attendance**

Director Carole Fornoff  
Director Debbie Jackson  
Director Gordon Kimball  
Director Kelly Long  
Director Candice Meneghin

**Director Absent**

Albert Mendez

**Staff in Attendance**

Anthony Emmert, executive director  
Christine Carson, legal counsel  
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board

**Public in Attendance**

Sara Guzman, UWCD (virtual)  
Zachary Hanson, UWCD (virtual)  
Rachel Laenen, Kimball Ranches-El Hogar  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A  
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD  
Zachary Plummer, UWCD  
EJ Remson, The Nature Conservancy  
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)  
Hannah Vaughn-Hulbert, UCSB(virtual)

**1. CALL TO ORDER 4:04p.m.**

Director Long called the meeting to order at 4:04p.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. 05/0/01.

**1C Public Comments**

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

## **1D Approval of Agenda**

### **Motion**

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

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Meneghin; Second, Director Fornoff. Voice vote: Five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 05/0/01.

## **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 a water quality leakage issue at Chiquita Canyon landfill from recent wet year and said the Agency may want to inquire with Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

#### **City of Fillmore Member Director Update**

Director Mendez was absent.

#### **United Water Conservation District Member Director Update**

Director Kimball provided an update on storm water capture, and Lake Piru levels. He also said recharging is ongoing.

#### **County of Ventura Member Director Update**

Chair Long reported the Old Telegraph Road Bridge over the Sespe Creek was damaged in the Fillmore area. She said the Chiquita Canyon landfill incident is under investigation and the County is fully engaged. She also mentioned a few employees will be retiring in the near future at the County and touched on the State's budget deficit

### **2B Executive Director Update**

#### **Information Item**

The Executive Director reported on the GSP grant, stating amendment #2 has now been executed clarifying monitoring wells scope of work which will allow for

DWR to pay for monitoring wells-related invoices. He also provided an update on receivables with a description of the range of delinquent accounts with amounts owed. He said he would like to propose the idea of changing banks and mailing address for all mail sent to the Agency. This would eliminate extra work with retrieving mail in Fillmore, and the cost of a PO box. The mail would be delivered directly to United's office in Oxnard, where the mail is processed. He said he would like to agendize these two items at a future date. He ended his update with discussing the Agency's budget timeline.

## **2C Legal Counsel Update**

### **Information Item**

Legal Counsel had no update.

## **2D GSP Consultant Update**

### **Information Item**

Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates presented slides and provided an update on all projects, upcoming, ongoing, and on hold, 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 January 18, 2024.

### **3B. Approval of Warrants**

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

United Water Conservation District	\$41,711.84
DBS&A	\$12,239.75
RAMS	\$ 2,755.00
Aleshire & Wynder LLP Attorneys at Law	\$ 1,932.30
County of Ventura IT Services Department	\$ 628.50

## **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, Director Jackson; second, Director Kimball. Voice call vote: five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 05/0/01

## **4. MOTION ITEMS**

### **4A Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for Ignacio Loemli**

#### **Motion**

The Board approved waiving the late fees and interest in the amount of \$1,327.41 for Ignacio Lomeli.

Motion to approve, Director Jackson; second, Director Fornoff. Roll call vote: five ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Long, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 05/0/01.

### **4B Amendment of Groundwater Sustainability Plans in Response to Findings and Comments from California Department of Water Resources**

#### **Motion**

The Board received a presentation from staff and DBS&A summarizing the findings, comments, and recommendations received from the California Department of Water Resources regarding its Sustainable Groundwater Management Act review of the Agency's Fillmore Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Piru Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and provided comments and direction.

Executive Director Emmert and DBS&A will work with DWR to develop edits to the GSPs that will be acceptable to DWR. He will also coordinate with DWR on a date that the Board could meet with DWR representatives.

### **4C Formation of Ad Hoc Committee for Amendment of Groundwater Sustainability Plans**

#### **Motion**

The Board discussed this item and determined there was no need for forming an ad hoc committee for Amendment of Groundwater Sustainability Plans. No motion needed.

### **4D Annual Reports to California Department of Water Resources**

#### **Motion**

The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates summarizing the Water Year 2023 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources and provided comments and direction.

## **5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

Bank Change  
Address Change  
DWR Meetings

**6. ADJOURNMENT 5:48pm**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **March 21, 2024**, or call of the Chair.

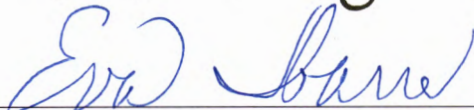
I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of February 15, 2024.

ATTEST:



Kelly Long, Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

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Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board