



Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 4:00p.m.
MINUTES

Directors in Attendance

Director Carole Fornoff
Director Debbie Jackson
Director Gordon Kimball
Director Candice Meneghin
Director Albert Mendez

Director Absent

Director Kelly Long

Staff in Attendance

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

Public in Attendance

Lisa Crockett (virtual)
Burt Handy (virtual)
Tony Morgan, DBS&A
Patrick O'Connell, UWCD
Zachary Plummer, UWCD
Gus Tolley, DBS&A (virtual)
Brian Zahn, UWCD (virtual)

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:02 p.m.

Director Kimball called the meeting to order at 4:02 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. Director Long was absent. 5/0/01.

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 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 Jackson; Second, Director Meneghin. Voice vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Meneghin, and Mendez), none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/01.

2. Updates

2A Director Announcements/Board Communications:

Fillmore Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Jackson reported the Fillmore Pumpers Association met this week.

Piru Pumpers Association Stakeholder Director Update

Director Fornoff said Piru Pumpers Association stakeholders met this week and said they will be having their annual meeting in June.

Environmental Stakeholder Director Update

Director Meneghin reported that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board is monitoring wells downstream of the Chiquita Canyon landfill, which is experiencing increased discharges. She stated that additional monitoring wells will be added. She said Friends of the Santa Clara River is advocating with Assemblymember Jackie Irwin for a wildlife and corridors bill. She said the UCSB Bren School has been performing hydrological evaluations on the Hedrick Ranch property and will be publishing results soon. She said she would like to have a presentation from the group to be added as a future agenda item.

City of Fillmore Member Director Update

Director Mendez had no update for the City of Fillmore.

United Water Conservation District Member Director Update

Director Kimball said Oxnard Forebay subbasin water levels under the Saticoy Recharge facility are full, which slows down the recharge rate, and because of that slowed rate, this year's recharge total will not break last year's record. It will likely be in the 100,000-acre-foot range. He also said United is maximizing deliveries to pipelines and explained the basins percolation process.

County of Ventura Member Director Update

Chair Long was absent.

2B Executive Director Update

Information Item

The Executive Director reported that the Agency has amended its annual reports to DWR. He said he is working on resolutions for bank and address changes, along with Fiscal Year 2024-2025 work plan, to be presented at the April 18th Board meeting for approval.

2C Legal Counsel Update

Information Item

Legal Counsel Steve O'Neill reported he has been working with staff on the Chiquita Canyon issues, GSP's, well permitting executive orders, SB 1156, and discussed the Indian Wells Basin GSA extraction fees.

2D GSP Consultant Update

Information Item

Tony Morgan from Daniel B Stephens & Associates presented slides and provided an update on items that have priority and items that will be placed on hold until after the amended GSPs are submitted. He mentioned the Cienega Springs mitigation and said DWR has now released their groundwater wells permitting document with comments. He said California Groundwater Resources Association has released their white paper on well permitting.

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 February 15, 2024.

3B. Approval of Warrants

The Board approved payment of outstanding vendor invoices:

DBS&A	\$20,239.75
Aleshire & Wynder LLP Attorneys at Law	\$ 1,932.30

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 Albert Mendez. Voice call vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/01.

4. MOTION ITEMS

4A Annual Reports to California Department of Water Resources

Motion

The Board received a presentation from Daniel B. Stephens and Associates summarizing edits made to the draft Water Year 2023 Annual Reports to the California Department of Water Resources and received approval of reports.

Motion to approve, Director Meneghin; second, Director Fornoff. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/01.

4B Amendment of Groundwater Sustainability Plans

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 from the Board.

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

Motion

The Board approved the forming of an Ad Hoc Committee for interacting with the California Department of Water Resources regarding Amendment of the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

Motion to approve, Director Meneghin; second, Director Mendez. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/01.

4D Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Motion

The Board approved a letter to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles and CalRecycle regarding increased leachate discharges from the Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

Motion to approve, Director Meneghin; second, Director Mendez. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Fornoff, Jackson, Kimball, Mendez, and Meneghin); none opposed. Motion carries unanimously 5/0/01.

5. FUTURE TOPICS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

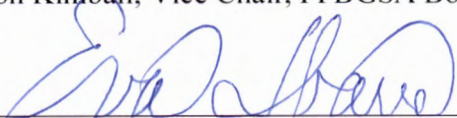
Agendize Bren School presentation for the Board meeting in May.

6. ADJOURNMENT 5:37 pm.

Director Kimball adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **April 18, 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 March 21, 2024.

ATTEST: 
Gordon Kimball, Vice Chair, FPBGSA Board of Directors

ATTEST: 
Eva Ibarra, Clerk of the Board