



MoundBasin

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

was held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom and
at the City of Ventura Public Works Facility, Assembly Conference Room,
336 San Jon Road, Ventura, CA 93002

MINUTES

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Catherine Keeling, Chair
Jennifer Tribo, Vice Chair/Secretary
Jim Chambers
Conner Everts

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Alex Dominguez, Legal Counsel
Jackie Lozano, Clerk of the Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Sara Guzman, UWCD
Rob Hampson, FCGMA
Burt Handy
Kathleen Kuepper, UWCD
Raya Nour, FCGMA
Nancy Ojeda, DWR
Zachary Plummer, UWCD
Brian Zahn, UWCD

OPEN SESSION

Chair Catherine Keeling called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Keeling led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Clerk of the Board Jackie Lozano called roll.

Present: Directors Chambers, Everts, Keeling, and Tribo.

Absent: None (County of Ventura seat is vacant).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None were offered.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Chambers) to approve May 22, 2025, Agenda.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, and Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Chambers) to approve the Consent Calendar items.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Keeling, and Tribo; Noes: None; Absent: None.

5a. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Approved March 20, 2025, minutes.

5b. Approval of Warrants

Motion

Received and filed the April 2025 summary reports as well as approved and filed the outstanding vendor warrants for May 2025.

5c. Monthly Financial Reports

Information Item

Received and filed the monthly profit and loss statement, and balance sheet for the months of March and April 2025.

5d. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Second Quarter Budget Report

Motion

Received and filed the second quarter budget report for fiscal year 2024-2025.

5e. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Third Quarter Budget Report

Motion

Received and filed the third quarter budget report for fiscal year 2024-2025.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made by the Board members.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Information Item

Executive Director Bryan Bondy provided an informational update to the Board on activities since the previous Board meeting of March 20, 2025. Directors requested to emphasize the new meeting location on the June 23, 2025 meeting agenda and the Agency's website.

8. MOTION ITEMS

8a. Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation

Motion

Executive Director Bryan Bondy summarized the scope and proposed schedule for the first periodic evaluation of the Mound Basin groundwater sustainability plan. The Board expressed support for the proposed schedule.

8b. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Multi-year Budget Projection

Motion

Executive Director Bryan Bondy summarized the draft budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 and multi-year budget projection. He noted that the budgeted and projected extraction fees have increased significantly relative to prior year estimates because of the continued decrease in the actual and projected groundwater extractions from the Basin.

Director Chambers expressed concerns about the continued decrease in groundwater extractions driving up the extraction fee rate and shifting costs to the non-City pumpers in the basin. He expressed concerns about the potential for new or increased pumping that has not paid into the sustainability program to date. He requested that the Board consider developing a catch-up fee policy to address this concern and he would work with his stakeholders to draft a policy for consideration. Director Tribo was open to the proposal.

Action: M/S/C (Chambers, Everts) approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Updated Multi-year Budget Projection, schedule a public hearing for June 23, 2025 concerning groundwater extraction fees for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and a future agenda item to discuss a catch-up fee policy.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Tribo, and Keeling; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8c. Agency Investment Authorization

Motion

Action: M/S/C (Tribo, Chambers) authorizing an approved Agency account signer to transfer \$350,000 from the Agency's checking account to the Agency's Ventura County Treasury Investment Pool account.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Tribo, and Keeling; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8d. Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Fiscal Year 2024-25 Biennial Audit
Motion**

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Tribo) authorizing the Executive Director to execute an engagement letter with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP to perform the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 biennial financial audit and prepare the associated annual State Controller's Reports for an amount not-to-exceed \$11,160.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Tribo, and Keeling; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8e. Resolution 2025-01 Honoring Arne Anselm
Motion**

Action: M/S/C (Everts, Chambers) adopt Resolution 2025-01, recognizing Director Arne Anselm's dedication for his years of service to the Mound Basin GSA in his role as Treasurer representing the County of Ventura.

Vote: Ayes: Chambers, Everts, Tribo, and Keeling; Noes: None; Absent: None.

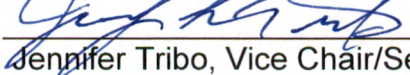
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

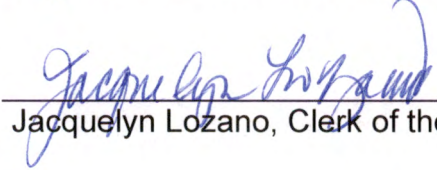
Director Chambers: Catch-up fee policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keeling adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m. The next regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2025, or call of the chair.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors meeting of May 22, 2025.

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Tribo, Vice Chair/Secretary

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Jacquelyn Lozano, Clerk of the Board