UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency was held at the Ventura River Water District, 409 Old Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA.

Chair Tribo called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Tribo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Executive Director Bondy called roll.

Directors Present:

Jenny Tribo, Chair
Bruce Kuebler, Vice Chair
James Kentosh, Secretary
Mike Flood, Alternate Director
Jeff Palmer, Director

Director Absents:

Emily Ayala, Director
Pete Kaiser, Director
Vivon Sedgwick, Director

Non-Voting Alternate Directors Present:

Justin Martinez, Alternate Director

Staff Present:

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director
Keth Lemieux, Agency Counsel

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Tribo asked for any proposed changes to the agenda. No changes were requested.

Director Kuebler moved agenda approval. Seconded by Director Flood.

Voice Vote: M. Flood - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Palmer-Y J. Tribo - Y

J. Kentosh - Y

Directors Absent: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Chair Tribo asked for public comments on items not appearing on the agenda. No comments were offered.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

a) Approve Minutes of May 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
b) Approve Financial Report for May 2026

Chair Tribo asked if any Director wanted to pull any items off the consent calendar for discussion. No requests were made.

Director Flood moved approval of the consent calendar items. Seconded by Director Kuelber.

Voice Vote: M. Flood - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Palmer-Y J. Tribo - Y

J. Kentosh - Y

7. DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Tribo called for Director announcements. There were no announcements.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Bondy said there was not much out of the ordinary to report on this month. He gave presentations at the Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County Water Issues Committee and Ventura River Watershed Council. The presentations were well received.

No Public Comments.

9. AGENCY COUNSEL'S REPORT

Agency Counsel Lemieux provided a brief update on the Indian Wells Valley adjudication.

10. Administrative Items

a. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Fees Against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities Within the Upper Ventura River Valley Basin for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027).

Chair Tribo opened the public hearing at 1:10 p.m. and called for public comment.

No comments were received.

Chair Tribo closed the public hearing at 1:11 p.m.

Director Flood moved adoption of Resolution 2026-01.

Seconded by Director Kuelber.

Roll Call Vote: M. Flood - Y B. Kuebler – Y J. Palmer-Y J. Tribo - Y

J. Kentosh - Y

11. GSP IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

No items.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Kentosh asked about budgeting for coordination with the adjudication. Executive Director Bondy said that the annual budget includes funding for coordination with others, such as the adjudication and watershed council.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board went into closed session at 1:14 p.m. Conference with Legal Counsel; Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)).

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA (CONTINUED)

The Board went back into open session at 2:00 p.m.

Agency Counsel reported that the Board voted affirmatively to (1) approve serving as a Management Entity subject to satisfactory terms and conditions for the mainstem and (2) authorize a special appearance before the Court to this effect.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

The next scheduled Board meeting is Thursday July 9, 2026.

Action:____

Motion:____

P. Kaiser _ B. Kuebler_ J. Tribo_ J. Palmer _ E. Ayala _ J. Kentosh _ V.Sedgwick_