

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

FULL AGENDA PACKAGE

**Board Regular Meeting
of
May 22, 2024**



FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West, Chair, Director, Camrosa Water District
Kelly Long, Vice Chair, Supervisor, County of Ventura
David Borchard, Farmer, Agricultural Representative
Lynn Maulhardt, Director, United Water Conservation District
Tony Trembley, Mayor, City of Camarillo

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Arne Anselm

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Board of Directors will hold a **Board Hybrid Meeting** at **12:30 P.M.** on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**, in the **Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room and via Zoom**, at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, Main Plaza Level at **800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California**.

FCGMA BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**May 22, 2024
12:30 P.M.**

Welcome to the Meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors, also sitting as watermaster for the Las Posas Valley Basin and the groundwater sustainability agency for the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Pleasant Valley Basin, and the Oxnard Subbasin. For more information, full agenda packets, or past meeting information, visit www.fcgma.org.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all possible accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities so they may attend and participate in meetings. If special assistance is needed, please call the Agency staff at (805) 654-2014 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so proper arrangements may be made. If requested, and as possible, agendas will be provided in alternative formats.

Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and may not necessarily be considered in this order. The Board reserves the right to limit each speaker to five (5) minutes per subject or topic if necessary. The audio/video portion of every public meeting of the Board of Directors is recorded. Please see the "STANDING NOTICES" section at the end of this Agenda for more information, including options for hybrid attendance and public participation.

OPENING

1. **Call to Order** – The Board Chair will call the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – A Board member will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call** – Attending Board members, alternates, and staff will be recorded by the Board Clerk.
4. **Agenda Review** – Consider and approve by majority vote, any minor revisions to Board Agenda items and/or attachments and any item(s) added or removed from this Agenda.
5. **Public Comments** – Audience members may speak about FCGMA-related matters not on today's Agenda. California State law does not allow any response or action from the Board concerning non-agenda topics.

at this time; however, topics can be placed on future agendas or referred to staff. Please come to the podium and state your name and affiliation for the record before commenting on any particular subject.

6. **Executive Officer's Comments** – Brief announcements and report on Agency workforce activities.
7. **Board Member Comments** – An opportunity for Board Members to make comments or to communicate with other directors, staff, and/or the public regarding non-agenda topics.

CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA

Correspondence Agenda items are presented to the Board for information. These items require no action or are not ready for Board consideration.

8. **Correspondence** from Ian Prichard, Chair of LPV Watermaster PAC, regarding Recommendations for the Semi-Annual Groundwater Extraction and Use Report, dated May 3, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA

Routine items are placed under the Consent portion of this Agenda and need only be reviewed and approved by one single motion. Consent items generally require no discussion; however, they may be debated, or voted on by moving them to the "Regular Agenda" portion at the Board's discretion.

9. **Approval of Minutes** – (New Item) **RECOMMENDATION:** Approve minutes of the March 27, 2024, Board Regular meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda items are heard at the Board's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Items

10. **Update to Groundwater Sustainability Plan Five-Year Evaluations, Workshops, and Timeline** – (Returning Item) **RECOMMENDATION:** Receive an update from Agency staff on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) five-year evaluations.

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency and Las Posas Valley Watermaster Items

11. **Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Modification to the Professional Services Contract with Dudek for Additional Technical Services and Support Related to the 5-Year GSP Evaluations, the Groundwater Monitoring Well Project, and Las Posas Valley Watermaster Activities** – (New Item) **RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff; and (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a modification to the professional services contract with Dudek for an increase of \$333,587 for additional technical services and support related to the preparation of the Agency's 5-year groundwater sustainability agency (GSP) evaluations, the Agency's groundwater monitoring well project, and Las Posas Valley Watermaster Activities.

Las Posas Valley Watermaster Items

12. **Policy Recommendations from Fiscal Committee Regarding Las Posas Valley Watermaster Basin Assessment and Budget – (New Item) RECOMMENDATION:** (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on policy recommendations from the Fiscal Committee for LPV Basin Assessment and budget; and (2) Provide feedback and direction to staff.
13. **Las Posas Valley Semi-Annual Extraction and Use Reporting Tool – (New Item) RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on the development, testing and schedule of the Las Posas Valley Semi-Annual Extraction and Use Reporting Tool.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Discussions of Closed Session Agenda items are closed to the public. The Chair will announce when the Board is going into closed session. Closed session items may be heard at any time during the meeting.

14. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, SUBDIVISION (d), PARAGRAPH (1): NAME OF CASE:** City of Oxnard v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCP00929
15. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, SUBDIVISION (d), PARAGRAPH (1): NAME OF CASE:** Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI0059700
16. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, SUBDIVISION (d), PARAGRAPH (1): NAME OF CASE:** OPV Coalition et al v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Ventura Superior Court Case No. 56-2021-00555357-CU-PT-VTA
17. **Adjourn Board Meeting.**

STANDING NOTICES

The next Regular Meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

The FCGMA Board strives to conduct accessible, orderly, and fair meetings where everyone can be heard on the issues. The Board Chair will conduct the meeting and establish appropriate rules and time limitations for each item. The Board can only act on items designated as Action Items. Action items on the agenda are staff proposals and may be modified by the Board as a result of public comment or Board member input. Additional information about Board meeting procedures is included after the last agenda item.

Public Comments – Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the Fox Canyon Board of Directors in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items.

The following options allow for public participation:

1. Join the Zoom Meeting as an Attendee:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86569901565?pwd=dG91NHBXNmpzZGdvdmYxeWc0c21oQT09>

Webinar ID: 865 6990 1565

Passcode: 143224

With this option you will be able to raise your hand, and the Clerk of the Board will give you speaking abilities to make a public comment.

2. Observe the Board of Directors meeting streaming live by scrolling to the “Current and Upcoming Meetings” section of our website and clicking on the video button next to the meeting listing at: <https://fcgma.org/board-agendas-broadcasts-minutes/>

3. Call in to listen to the meeting:

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Webinar ID: 865 6990 1565

Passcode: 143224

Options 2 and 3 will not allow you to make direct speaking comments. If you wish to make a written comment, please follow the steps below.

4. If you wish to make a written comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting. Please submit your comment to the Clerk of the Board at FCGMA@ventura.org. Please indicate in the subject line of your email the agenda item number (e.g., Item No. 9). Your email will be read by the Board of Directors and placed into the record.
5. If you are watching the live stream of the Board meeting and would like to make either a general public comment (Item 5) for items not on the day’s agenda or to comment on a specific agenda item as it is being heard, please submit your comment via email, limited to 250 words or less, to the Clerk of the Board at FCGMA@ventura.org. Please indicate in the email subject line, the agenda item number (e.g., Item No. 9). Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

Administrative Record: Material presented as part of testimony will be made part of the Agency’s record, and 10 copies should be left with the Board Clerk. This includes any photographs, slides, charts, diagrams, etc.

ADA Accommodations: Persons who require accommodation for any audio, visual, or other disability in order to review an agenda or to participate in the Board of Directors meeting per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),

may request such accommodation in writing addressed to the Clerk of the FCGMA Board, 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Location #1610, Ventura, CA 93009-1610, via emailing FCGMA@ventura.org or via telephone by calling (805) 654-2014. Any such request should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so staff can make the necessary arrangements.

Availability of Complete Agenda Package: A copy of the complete agenda package is available for examination at the FCGMA office during regular working hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) beginning five days before the Board meeting. Agenda packet contents are also posted on the FCGMA website as soon as possible and left there for archival retrieval in case reference is needed on previously considered matters. Questions about specific items on the agenda should be directed to the Agency's Executive Officer.

Continuance of Items: The Board will endeavor to consider all matters listed on this agenda. However, time may not allow the Board to hear all matters listed. Matters not heard at this meeting may be carried over to the next Board meeting or to a future Board meeting. Participating individuals or parties will be notified of the rescheduling of their item prior to the meeting. Please contact the FCGMA staff to find out about rescheduled items.

Electronic Information and Updates: Our website address is <https://fcgma.org/>. Information available online includes the Board's meeting schedule, a list of the Board members and staff, general information, and various Agency forms. If you would like to speak to a staff member, please contact the FCGMA Clerk of the Board at (805) 654-2014 or via email at FCGMA@ventura.org.

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West, *Chair, Director, Camrosa Water District*
Kelly Long, *Vice Chair, Supervisor, County of Ventura*
David Borchard, *Farmer, Agricultural Representative*
Lynn Maulhardt, *Director, United Water Conservation District*
Tony Trembley, *Mayor, City of Camarillo*

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Arne Anselm

May 22, 2024

Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1600

SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report – (Returning Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file this informational report.

LPV WATERMASTER DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT INVOICE PAYMENTS

Full payment of the first installment of the initial assessment set at \$32 per Acre-Foot is calculated to yield \$1.28 million. Assessments are considered delinquent if not received by May 6, 2024, and shall bear interest as provided by the Judgment. Total processed payments as of May 16, 2024, are \$977,234.85. Payments have not been received from 43 WMIDs and are considered delinquent. These WMIDs are listed in attachment EO-1.

LPV WATERMASTER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

After receiving comments from the three consultants selected by the LPV Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (Todd Groundwater, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, and Aquilogic), the LPV Watermaster revised and finalized contracts for the consultants to serve as members of the LPV Watermaster Technical Advisory Committee. To date, Todd Groundwater and Daniel B. Stephens & Associates have executed the contract; however, Aquilogic has not executed the contract. Staff will continue to update your Board on execution of TAC member contracts.

AGENCY STAFFING UPDATE

The Executive Officer will provide a brief update on new hires and recruiting efforts.

AUDIT UPDATE

In November 2022, FCGMA contracted with Vasquez + Company LLP (Vasquez) for preparation of an audit of FCGMA's 2021 and 2022 financial positions and statements. The contracted amount is \$20,000, which is twice as much as FCGMA has historically paid for its audits. Vasquez audit work was delayed due to PWA-Fiscal staffing issues. As a result, Vasquez invoiced FCGMA an additional \$12,438, approximately a 62% increase, and is withholding its certification/issuance of the final audits. Although it provides that costs and fees may increase due to delay, the contract also provides that Vasquez will "discuss...with FCGMA management...and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur additional fees or costs." FCGMA and PWA-Fiscal staff have responded to the contractor's request for additional fees and hope to resolve the dispute soon without having to resort to the contract's arbitration provisions. Staff will continue to update your Board on discussions with Vasquez and once Vasquez certifies and issues the final audits.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August Board Meetings:

Due to construction in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room during the month of August, Board meetings for the month will be held in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room (LPAR). The Board Special meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9, 2024. The Board Regular meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2024.

The room change and directions to the LPAR for August Board meetings will accompany the agenda notifications for said meetings. This information item will remain part of the Administrative Report for the meetings held prior to August.

Committee Meetings:

LPV Watermaster: The Fiscal Committee met on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, to discuss the LPV Watermaster budget and policy issues; a follow-up LPV Watermaster-focused Fiscal Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024.

The Fiscal Committee will meet to discuss the FCGMA budget on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

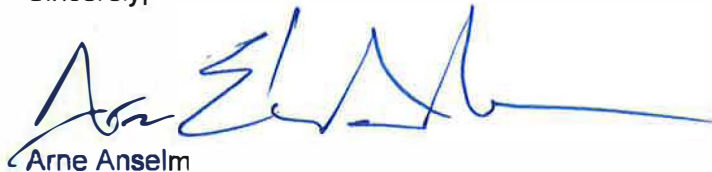
The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

The Operations Committee is scheduled to meet Monday June 3, 2024. The Executive Officer recommends this meeting canceled.

CONCLUSION:

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-3942.

Sincerely,



Arne Anselm
Interim Executive Officer

Attachment: Item EO-1 – (WMID Numbers Considered Delinquent)

WMID No. Considered Delinquent as of May 16, 2024

1008
1009
1013
1018
1032
1043
1054
1057
1059
1061
1071
1073
1082
1094
1105
1116
1119
1123
1129
1130
1131
1141
1142
1148
1153
1156
1158
1159
1169
1170
1171
1172
1182
1184
1185
1191
1196
3203
3204
3207
3210
4201
4263

Eugene West, Chair
Las Posas Basin Watermaster/Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

May 3, 2024

Chair West:

On April 25, Watermaster sent the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) a Committee Consultation regarding the Groundwater Use Reporting Schedule for WY2023. Watermaster proposes the schedule for due dates for the Report be June 7 and November 1. At its May 2, 2024 meeting, the PAC discussed the schedule and directed me to submit this Recommendation Report.

It is the PAC's understanding that Watermaster/FCGMA has contracted with RGS to create the online Semi-Annual Groundwater Extraction and Use Report (Report) tool. We understand that the tool is ready for distribution but is not live yet; Watermaster staff is looking to do some kind of demonstration or training for stakeholders on the form prior to it going live.

The PAC recognizes the resource constraints Watermaster/FCGMA staff currently face and recommends outsourcing the final steps of this process, as follows:

1. Task RGS with developing a recorded video tutorial/walkthrough for how to fill in the Report and make the video tutorial available on the LPV Watermaster website.
2. Task RGS with creating a user manual, with screenshots and clear descriptions of the logic contained within the Report, that stakeholders can reference when filling in their Reports and make the manual available on the LPV Watermaster website.
3. Task RGS with providing customer support services (via phone and virtual assistant) to basin stakeholders who will be filling in the Report.

If the tasks described above are not currently within the scope of the RGS contract for this effort, the PAC recommends approving a change order to add them.

The PAC recommends holding off on making the Report live and notifying stakeholders until Tasks 1 and 2 above are completed. Once the Report goes live, the PAC recommends giving stakeholders 30 days to complete it. Thus, **the deadline for the first Report would be 30 days from the go-live date**. The PAC recommends keeping the November 1 deadline for the second Report.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide recommendations to the Watermaster on consultations.

Sincerely,



Ian Prichard, Chair, LPV Watermaster PAC

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West, Chair, Director, Camrosa Water District
Kelly Long, Vice Chair, Supervisor, County of Ventura
David Borchard, Farmer, Agricultural Representative
Lynn Maulhardt, Director, United Water Conservation District
Tony Trembley, Mayor, City of Camarillo

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Arne Anselm

MINUTES

Minutes of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's (FCGMA) **Board Regular Hybrid Meeting** held **Wednesday, April 24, at 12:30 P.M.**, in the **Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room and via Zoom.**

A. Call to Order

Chair Eugene F. West called the meeting to order at 12:32 P.M.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair West led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Directors Present

Chair Eugene F. West
Director Kelly Long
Director Lynn Maulhardt
Director David Borchard
Director Tony Trembley

Agency Staff Present

Alberto Boada, County Counsel
Jason Canger, Assistant County Counsel
Arne Anselm, Interim Executive Officer
Farai Kaseke, Assistant Groundwater Manager
Elka Weber, Management Assistant/Clerk of the Board

D. Agenda Review

No agenda revisions were made.

E. Public Comments

12:33 P.M.

Comments were given by:

1. Bill Poole, a water rights holder in a remote area of Somis. Mr. Poole does not have email, nor does his family, and he voiced his concern over not receiving LPV Watermaster Basin Assessments in a timely manner.
 - a. Mr. Poole also noted that his allocation has ramped down significantly under the LPV Adjudication.

FOR REFERENCE AT 5/22 FCGMA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Eugene West, Chair
Las Posas Valley Watermaster
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

May 17, 2024

Chair West:

As you know, Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) representatives attended the May 14, 2024 Watermaster/FCGMA Fiscal Committee meeting. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved and would like to extend our thanks to you and Director Trembley for your incisive questions, requests for even greater detail, cogent framing of the policy questions, and openness to feedback from the PAC and other members of the public. We also appreciate staff's responsiveness to PAC's request for detail ahead of the committee meeting, Mr. Anselm's and Mr. Kaseke's willingness to provide additional detail during the discussion and ahead of future meetings of the Board and committee, and the generally collegial and collaborative atmosphere of the meeting. We thought it was a very productive and encouraging meeting.

At its May 16, 2024 meeting, the PAC discussed some of the questions coming out of the committee meeting. The main policy question the PAC would like to express an opinion on is that any **legal fees related to the FCGMA's appeal be strictly confined to the FCGMA budget and not be borne by the PAC**. This should resolve the revenue shortfall described during the committee meeting and therefore make it unnecessary to collect the second half of the initial basin assessment. More importantly, however, it stands to principle that the Watermaster should not bear the costs associated with legal action taken on behalf of the FCGMA against the Judgment.

In addition, we confirmed our previously state preference for quarterly billing; support the proposed approach to building operating reserves; and particularly appreciate the request to further itemize some of the line items under "Allocation & Recordkeeping" to better inform the segregation and/or duplication of effort between the FCGMA and Watermaster budgets.

Lastly, regarding the collection and enforcement of late payments, the PAC appreciates Watermaster staff's approach to sending a friendly reminder notice. Beyond that, we encourage the Watermaster to follow the remedies outlined in the Judgment.

Again, we appreciate the productivity of the May 14 fiscal committee and look forward to resolving these policy issues ahead of dialing in the FY2024-25 budget.

Sincerely,



Ian Prichard, Chair, LPV PAC

2. Darren Smith, Ag Land Services. Mr. Smith stated that while the GMA is a named defendant, the GMA should address section 9.4 of the LPV Adjudication Judgement. He reminded the Board that due process is guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment.

Board Discussion following Public Comments:

Director Long asked Agency Counsel Alberto Boada whether the GMA has a contact that LPV Judgement questions can be referred to. Would it be the LPV Coalition? Mr. Boada noted that Mr. Poole should consult with his counsel regarding WMID allotment and assessment notifications.

Chair West thanked Mr. Poole and Mr. Smith for their comments, and suggested they speak together after the meeting adjourns.

F. Board Member Comments

12:42 P.M.

Director Maulhardt proposed that the Board separate LPV Watermaster agenda items from FCGMA Board agenda items. He stated that a clear distinction between the two is necessary.

Director Borchard directed the Board's attention to the correspondence included in the Executive Officer's administrative report, and informed Agency staff that Mr. Naumann has indicated he is asking for an assessment of amounts due.

Regarding the past budget audit that was to be completed in 2023 but has yet to be due to an over-billing issue, Director Borchard stated that it seems timely to complete a full audit by the end of calendar year 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes** of the March 27, 2024, Board regular meeting.

12:47 P.M.

Chair West made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Long seconded the motion. Via roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. **Update to GSP 5-Year Evaluations Timeline and Workshops**

12:48 P.M.

Interim Executive Officer Arne Anselm presented an update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) five-year evaluations, including their updated timeline and upcoming workshops. More information is available at <https://fcgma.org/groundwater-sustainability-plans-gsps/>. Mr. Anselm reminded the Board that updates on the development of the GSP Five-Year Evaluations will be a standing item on future agendas.

Director Borchard noted that the workplan needs to address accurate, total extraction data that includes variances, such as the previously incomplete variance pumping data under the OPV Ordinance. Mr. Anselm responded that corrected data has been included in the modeling and that an audit of incorrect variance applications is an ongoing project.

Director Trembley drew the Board's attention to the fact that the workshop series number 3 is scheduled to occur 6 months from today's meeting, in October 2024. Further, Director Trembley asked whether workshop series 3 and 4 in October and November are scheduled too close to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) due date in January 2025.

Mr. Anselm stated that the Agency is aware that the timeline is getting compressed, and asked Dr. Jill Weinberger of Dudek, consulting with the Agency on the GSP 5-Year Evaluations, to give a follow-up comment. Dr. Weinberger stated that they are very open to adjusting the schedule to meet the needs of the Agency and the stakeholders. Dr. Weinberger noted that the October workshop series would occur in early October, covering a review of the draft 5-year evaluations in hand, so that stakeholders will have had time give the draft a complete look, including time to review and discuss the revisions with their constituents. Dr. Weinberger clarified that the October workshop series would be expressly for such developed feedback and any considered concerns on the draft, so that these comments can be applied to the draft before it is formally revised.

Continuing, Dr. Weinberger stated that the November workshop series would be for the amendment itself; the documents will be circulated to stakeholders well beforehand so they can gather comments to submit during the November workshops.

Director Maulhardt asked if the October workshops could be moved to September. Dr. Weinberger said Dudek will work with the Agency to review the compressed timeline before coming back to the Board.

Director Long asked if the draft document will be on the website for review well in advance of the workshops; Dr. Weinberger said the draft document will be made available once it is revised and ready for review en total. Comments will be incorporated into that draft, and the draft will be available in two versions, one with redline changes. The final version will include all incorporated comments. Separately, there are the amendments to the GSP, which will also include DWR-required redline changes. Director Maulhardt noted that it is a mandate of this Board to be transparent with all its stakeholders, regardless of their ability to access information via email or online. Mr. Anselm agreed that the Agency will need to discuss how to approach this point.

Public comments were given by:

- John Lindquist, United Water Conservation District (UWCD)

No Board action was taken on this information item.

3. Agency Staffing Analysis and Task Prioritization

1:11 P.M.

Interim Executive Officer Anselm stated that Hallmark Group has been contracted to analyze the Agency's staffing needs to accomplish its work, tasks, and responsibilities for two time periods: (1) May of 2024 through the end of December 2024, and (2) for the fiscal year July 2024 through June 2025. Mr. Anselm noted that this presentation represents a status update on ongoing analysis.

Jim Beck and Taylor Blakslee of Hallmark Group presented on the number and type of full-time employees (FTEs) needed for the Agency to accomplish its work, tasks, and responsibilities along with how current and future staffing and contract support match to the Board's priorities through the end of this calendar year, including an overview of recommended next steps to meet current task prioritization. Chair West asked about a timeline for completing the remaining work on the analysis. Mr. Beck noted that a more complete report can be available in June after further consultation with Agency staff.

Director Long asked if the assessment includes consultant time, and whether oversight/management, titles, and locations are factored in. Director Trembley supported Director Long's questions and suggested that additional helpful information would be providing an

organizational chart relating the direct relationship of FTEs to tasks. Mr. Beck and Mr. Blakslee agreed to provide a status update via Zoom attendance at an upcoming Board meeting.

No public comment was given. Chair West noted that this item is “receive and file only.” No Board action was taken.

4. FY 2023-24 Mid-Year Budget Review

1:44 P.M.

Interim Executive Officer Anselm presented a report summarizing the highlights of the Agency’s budget performance in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through January 31, 2024, covering designated accounts, operating revenue, operating budget, and expenses (annual and special), and projected year-end fund balances.

Mr. Anselm reminded the Board that the Las Posas Valley Watermaster is funded and billed separately from the FCGMA budget, and that a special Fiscal Committee meeting will be scheduled to cover the LPV Watermaster budget and workplan and to ensure no duplication of Agency fees.

Director Long asked about the “one time” unspent budget line items, and how the Agency will ensure they will roll into the next budget in the right way. Mr. Anselm responded that the DWR Grant agreement for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Grant Monitoring Well Installation was received 6 months later than projected, and the items Director Long is referring to correspond to the line item for the Implementation Grant Round 1 for OPV reimbursement, and to the line item for reimbursement of grant admin costs from subgrantees to FCGMA’s SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 for OPV. Mr. Anselm stated that the revenues from the grant and the expenditures of the grant are separate line items, both under revenue and expenses in the budget. The projection of the DWR SGM Implementation Grant revenues has been pushed to the next fiscal year, and no grant funds have been expended in the approved FY 2023-24 budget. Director Long clarified that the Board has already approved the fee schedule for these funds and wants to make sure the Board discusses whether they will need to reduce fees in the future. Mr. Anselm noted that the data presented to the Board today represented no changes to pump fees.

Director Borchard asked after the biannual audit that was originally intended to conclude at the end of 2023. Mr. Anselm stated that the contracted independent auditor went over budget without written permission and is holding on to the completed audit until their invoice is paid in full. He noted that the Agency has referred the matter to Agency counsel to assist with negotiation so the Agency can obtain the audit without having to overpay. Director Maulhardt asked how far over budget the auditor went, and Mr. Anselm stated that the auditor’s contract was for \$20,000 and they spent \$40,000, double the approved budget.

Director Borchard commented that the new data management system should be held off from implementation until the existing database has its data reconciled, so that verified data is migrated to the new system.

Regarding the expenditure for groundwater modeling with United, Mr. Anselm clarified for Director Borchard that this modeling was not accounted for in the contract awarded to Dudek for the 5-Year GSP Evaluations; Dudek is not paying United as a subcontractor.

Regarding the 2024-2025 Planning-Level Budget Projections reflecting an increase of approximately \$1 MM in budgeted expenditures, Mr. Anselm clarified for Director Borchard that

the projected increase reflects the Agency having rounded out its organizational chart and operating at full staff.

Regarding the funds allocated for the OPV Monitoring Well line item, Director Borchard asked how many wells are funded via this item; Mr. Anselm estimated that it will be close to 20 wells. While the DWR grant will cover the minimum matching project, the Agency will need to cover the balance, which Director Borchard estimates at approximately \$1.3 MM. Director Borchard suggested that the balance be covered with funds from the surcharge account, which is intended for projects that “add back to the basin.” Director Borchard asserted that monitoring wells will allow the Agency a better view of basin activity, which is a perfect use of funds as intended via the surcharge account. Mr. Anselm agreed to add this as a discussion point for the Fiscal Committee’s meeting agenda on May 14.

Chair West stated that he and Director Trembley will speak with Agency staff regarding the scope and format of information they will want to review at the May 14 Fiscal Committee meeting.

No public comment was given. Chair West noted that this item is “receive and file only.” No Board action was taken.

5. Proposed Resolution No. 2024-03 – A Resolution Increasing the Tiered Groundwater Surcharge Rates Pursuant to the Ordinance Code 2:02 P.M.

Arne Anselm presented information regarding increasing tiered groundwater extraction surcharge rates in context with historical rate setting, and recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2024-03, approving increased tiered groundwater extraction surcharge rates consistent with Calleguas Municipal Water District’s rate increase, effective January 1, 2024.

No public comment was given.

Director Maulhardt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 as recommended, and Director Trembley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. 2024 John K. Flynn Groundwater Stewardship Award Recipient 2:10 P.M.

Chair West thanked the Flynn Award Subcommittee for their nomination work, and announced to the public that Kimball Loeb, former Groundwater Manager for FCGMA, is the 2024 recipient of the John K. Flynn Groundwater Stewardship Award. Chair West said it was his honor to present the award to Mr. Loeb in person at the Association of Water Agencies’ annual Water Symposium earlier in April.

No public comment was given. No Board action was taken.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT: 2:11 P.M.

7. Executive Officer’s Report – Administrative Reports

- A.** August Board Meetings: Due to construction in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room during the month of August, Board meetings for the month will be held in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room (LPAR).
 - a. The Board Special meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9, 2024.
 - b. The Board Regular meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2024.

The room change and directions to the LPAR for August Board meetings will accompany the agenda notifications for said meetings. This information item will remain part of the Administrative Report for the meetings held prior to August.

B. Correspondence: People v. Naumann (VSCS Case No. 2023020834).

No public comment was given. Director Long made a motion to approve the Executive Officer's Report as presented. Director Maulhardt seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjourn Board Meeting

At 2:12 P.M., Chair West adjourned the Board meeting.

Submitted by:

Elka Weber
Management Assistant II, Clerk of the Board

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West, *Chair, Director, Camrosa Water District*
Kelly Long, *Vice Chair, Supervisor, County of Ventura*
David Borchard, *Farmer, Agricultural Representative*
Lynn Maulhardt, *Director, United Water Conservation District*
Tony Trembley, *Mayor, City of Camarillo*

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Arne Anselm

May 22, 2024

Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1610

SUBJECT: Update on Groundwater Sustainability Plan Five-Year Evaluations, Workshops, and Timeline – (Returning Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update from Agency staff on Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) five-year evaluations.

BACKGROUND:

On March 27, 2024, your Board requested frequent updates on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Five-Year Evaluations development. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires that Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) periodically evaluate their GSP(s) to “assess changing conditions in the basin that may warrant modification of the plan or management objectives and may adjust components in the plan.” The GSP Emergency Regulations require that GSAs evaluate their GSPs at least every five years and whenever the GSP is amended. The GSP evaluations are due to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) no later than January 13, 2025. GSP evaluations for the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin (collectively, the OPV Basin) and the Las Posas Valley Basin (LPV Basin) are being prepared by Dudek, which prepared the original GSPs for the OPV Basin and the LPV Basin.

WORKSHOPS:

The Agency held two GSP 5-Year Evaluation Scope workshops, one for the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley (OPV) Basin and one for the Las Posas Valley (LPV) Basin, on April 24, 2024, and April 25, 2024, respectively. The purpose of these workshops was to present and discuss preparation of the GSP evaluations and give stakeholders the opportunity to provide comments and feedback as the GSP evaluations are developed. The presentations were led by the Agency and Dudek staff and included discussion of the evaluation scope and process, the numerical modeling performed to support each evaluation, schedule and next steps, and an opportunity for stakeholder involvement.

OPV Technical Workshop

At the April 24, 2024 OPV 5-Year Evaluation Scope workshop, stakeholders requested an additional workshop to get into the technical details of the OPV GSP evaluation process. The Agency has scheduled an OPV Technical Workshop on May 30, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Ventura County Public Works Agency Saticoy Operations Yard, 11251 Riverbank Drive, Ventura, CA 93009.

The OPV technical workshop will provide greater detail of the data, modeling, assumptions, and decisions that inform development of the OPV GSP evaluations. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to ask

questions and provide comments to Agency. Workshop materials will be made available the week before the meeting.

Please note that this workshop will be held in-person only, with no remote attendance opportunity. The event will be recorded and posted to the FCGMA.org website following the workshop.

DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE:

The newly added OPV Technical Workshop has been added to the timeline below. Updates on the development of the GSP Five-Year Evaluations will be a standing item on future agendas.

1. Stakeholder Engagement / Outreach – ongoing through January 2025
 - a. Workshop No. 1 (LPV & OPV): August 30, 2023 – Kick-off
 - b. Workshop No. 2: April 2024 – Modeling
 - i. LPV April 25, 2024
 - ii. OPV April 24, 2024
 - c. OPV Technical Workshop – April 30, 2024, 8:00 - 12:00
 - d. Workshop No. 3: October 2024 – 5-year Evaluation Review and Feedback
 - i. LPV October 2024
 - ii. OPV October 2024
 - e. Workshop No. 4 – November 2024 – GSP Amendment Review and Feedback
 - i. LPV November 2024
 - ii. OPV November 2024
2. Modeling and Data Analysis – July 2023 through February 2024
3. Board Meeting Discussions on Minimum Thresholds and Minimum Objectives - August 2024
4. Report Preparation – November 2023 through June 2024
 - a. Monitoring Network Review
 - b. New Information
 - c. Projects and Management Actions
 - d. Current Groundwater Conditions
 - e. Plan Element Review
 - f. Agency Action and Coordination
5. Report Review – July 2024 through December 2024
 - a. Public Review – July 2024
 - b. Report Revisions and 90-day notice of hearing to adopt – August 2024
 - c. Final Draft Report– September 2024
 - d. Board and public discussions on Final Draft - October and November 2024
 - e. FCGMA Board Adoption of Evaluation & Amendments – December 2024
 - f. Reports Submitted to DWR – December 2024

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board receive and file this report and provide feedback as appropriate. This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-3942.

Sincerely,



Arne Anselm
Interim Executive Officer

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A State of California Water Agency



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West, *Chair, Director, Camrosa Water District*
Kelly Long, *Vice Chair, Supervisor, County of Ventura*
David Borchard, *Farmer, Agricultural Representative*
Lynn Maulhardt, *Director, United Water Conservation District*
Tony Trembley, *Mayor, City of Camarillo*

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Arne Anselm

May 22, 2024

Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1610

SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Modification to the Professional Services Contract with Dudek for Additional Technical Services and Support Related to the 5-Year GSP Evaluations, the Groundwater Monitoring Well Project, and Las Posas Valley Watermaster Activities – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff; and (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a modification to the professional services contract with Dudek for an increase of \$333,587 for additional technical services and support related to the preparation of the Agency's 5-year groundwater sustainability agency (GSP) evaluations, the Agency's groundwater monitoring well project, and Las Posas Valley Watermaster Activities.

INTRODUCTION:

This Dudek contract modification includes work related to (i) FCGMA's roles and responsibilities as a groundwater management agency and a groundwater sustainability agency for the Las Posas Valley Basin (LPV), the Oxnard Subbasin, and the Pleasant Valley Basin (together referred to as OPV) and (ii) FCGMA's roles and responsibilities as watermaster for the Las Posas Valley Basin.

On December 9, 2022, your Board approved a contract with Dudek to provide consulting services in support of the Agency's implementation of GSPs for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and Las Posas Valley Basin. The contract's scope of work included eleven separate tasks:

1. Technical Support
2. GSP Annual Reports
3. Ongoing Data Gap Analysis
4. Hydrogeologic Investigations and Field Support
5. Basin Management Scenarios and Model Coordination
6. Project Feasibility Studies
7. Grant Application Support
8. Project Management
9. Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation
10. Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation
11. Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation

On February 28, 2024, your Board approved an initial modification to the original Dudek contract to amend the scope to include to amendments to the GSPs for the Las Posas Valley Basin, Oxnard Subbasin, and

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Five-Year Evaluations Development Timelines and Workshops

Item No. 10 – May 22, 2024



Arne Anselm
Interim Executive Officer



Background

- SGMA requires Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to evaluate their GSPs at least every 5 years
- GSP emergency regulations specify minimum scope of evaluation
- Board approved a new contract with Dudek on December 9, 2022, including 5-year evaluations
- DWR requires GSPs amended if evaluation leads to changes to projects or overall management of the basin

GSP Evaluation Tasks and Schedule

Activity	2023												2024												2025			
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A
Five Year GSP Evaluation																												
Stakeholder Engagement / Outreach																												
Workshop No. 1 LPV & OPV																												
Workshops No. 2																												
GSP Amendment Review and OPV Technical Workshop																												
LPV Coordination through TAC																												
Workshops No. 3																												
5-year Evaluation Review and Workshops No. 4																												
GSP Amendment Review and																												
Modeling and Data Analysis																												
Report Preparation																												
Monitoring Network Review																												
New Information																												
Projects and Management Actions																												
Current Groundwater Conditions																												
Plan Element Review																												
Agency Action and Coordination																												
Report Review																												
Public Review																												
Report Revisions																												
Final Report to FCGMA																												
FCGMA Board Adopts Reports																												
Reports Submitted to DWR																												



Workshop No. 2: April 2024 – Modeling

- Two workshops: OPV and LPV
 - Five-year Evaluation Timeline
 - Previous GSP Modeling
 - Modeling for the Five-year Evaluation
 - Opportunities for engagement



Technical Workshop for OPV added

- **Technical Workshop OPV: May 30, 2024, 8:00-12:00**
- LPV Watermaster Technical Advisory Committee
- Workshop No. 3: October 2024 – 5-year Evaluation Review and Feedback
 - LPV October 2024
 - OPV October 2024
- Workshop No. 4 – July 2024 November 2024 – GSP Amendment Review and Feedback
 - LPV November 2024
 - OPV November 2024



Recommendations

- Provide feedback
- Receive and file this presentation

Technical Workshop OPV: May 30, 2024, 8:00-12:00

**County of Ventura Public Works Saticoy Operations Yard
11251 Riverbank Drive,
Ventura, CA 93009**

Pleasant Valley Basin in coordination with the GSP 5-year evaluations and increase the original contract amount from \$1,417,410 to \$1,658,560.

DISCUSSION:

Since your Board's approval of this contract, significant events and changes have occurred that have increased the Agency's roles and responsibilities and affected its ability to perform and meet those roles and responsibilities. For example, the Agency has undergone significant staffing changes, with the retirement of Groundwater Manager, Kim Loeb, and promotion of James Maxwell out of the Groundwater Section. In addition, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded the Agency a \$2,577,800 grant for the installation of multi-depth and shallow monitoring wells to fill data gaps identified in the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin GSPs. The closeout of the grant agreements with DWR must be accomplished by April 30, 2025. Most importantly, judgment in the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Adjudication (LPV Adjudication) was entered in July 2023. The LPV Adjudication appoints the Agency as watermaster for the LPV Basin and imposes significant new administrative and technical responsibilities on the Agency.

Due to the Agency's increased workload and current staffing levels, the current contract with Dudek needs to be amended so that the scope includes the work and services needed for the Agency to satisfactorily and timely perform its roles and responsibilities. This new scope integrates Kim Loeb into the contract as a Dudek employee to augment Dudek's 5-Year GSP Evaluation work (including model development) and includes the additional technical workshop requested by OPV stakeholders. The new Dudek scope would also include project management services and technical support related to the Agency's monitoring well project. Finally, the new scope includes Dudek's provision of work and services in support of the Agency's implementation of the LPV Adjudication, including preparation of technical reports and studies required by the LPV Adjudication judgment.

In total, the proposed contract modification would increase the existing contract with Dudek from \$1,658,560 to \$1,992,147 (an increase of \$333,587), with \$143,847 for work in support of the Agency's roles and responsibilities in the OPV Basins and the LPV Basin and \$189,740 for work in support of the Agency's watermaster roles and responsibilities in the LPV Basin. If approved, the requested contract amendment would cover work performed through June 30, 2025. Details on the new work and tasks included in the contract modification and new scope are identified below.

Task 1: Technical Support Provides on-going as needed technical support to Agency staff, as directed, for implementation of the GSPs and sustainable management of the basins. The contract approved by the Board included up to 24 hours per month of technical support. The contract modification will provide an additional 5 hours per month of technical support by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb through June 30, 2025.

Amount of contract increase: \$17,700.00

Task 2: GSP Annual Reports [LPV Watermaster Only] The LPV Adjudication expands the Agency's annual reporting requirements for the LPV Basin beyond those included in SGMA (LPV Adjudication Judgment, Exh. A, § 2.7.10). These new requirements include the following:

- An annual allocation accounting
- A description of progress on Basin Optimization Plan
- A comprehensive accounting of the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) Aquifer Storage and Recover (ASR) Project operations
- A detailed Watermaster budget

- An annual fiscal report of the preceding Water Year's operations
- An audit of all assessments and expenditures
- A review of Watermaster activities
- An updated Groundwater allocation schedule
- The annual allocations calculation
- The annual allocations accounting
- A list of delinquent assessments
- A compilation of hydrologic data collection, purchase, and recharge of imported water, new or replacement well applications, new use applications

The LPV Adjudication created a new LPV Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and process requiring Watermaster to consult these committees on basin management actions specified in the LPV Adjudication. This consultation process provides the PAC and TAC an opportunity to prepare and submit Recommendation Reports to the Watermaster on basin management activities and requires the Watermaster to review and prepare Response Reports to Recommendation Reports. Additional scope and budget are necessary to ensure that the Watermaster is able to review and evaluate proposals included in Recommendation Reports and to sufficiently respond and prepare Response Reports. This additional scope and budget do not include any work related to the preparation of annual GSP reports for the OPV Basins.

Amount of contract increase: \$48,860.00

Task 4: Field Support Project management and field supervision of the \$2,577,800 DWR grant funded drilling and installation of the 5 deep multi-depth and 4 shallow monitoring wells in the OPV Basins will be conducted under the supervision of a licensed Professional Geologist. Technical staff will be in the field during drilling to log cuttings and oversee well installation operations. This task modification is to augment Agency staff to provide full field coverage as needed, which may be 24-hours a day for the deeper wells.

Amount of contract increase: \$55,302.00

Task 8: Project Management The current Dudek contract covers project administration and weekly coordination calls with Agency staff for GSP implementation. An additional 5 hours per month is needed for additional coordination between Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, and Agency staff.

Amount of contract increase: \$17,700.00

Task 9: Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation To support timely development of the Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation, an additional 46 hours is needed for technical analysis and review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, to augment the preliminary work performed by Agency staff.

Amount of contract increase: \$13,570.00

Task 10: Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation To support timely development of the Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation, an additional 56 hours is needed for additional technical analysis and review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, to augment the preliminary work performed by Agency staff.

Amount of contract increase: \$16,520.00

Tasks 10.2 and 10.3: Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation [LPV Watermaster Only]

Although Task 10 of Dudek's existing contract covers development of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation for the LPV Basin, the LPV Adjudication requires a draft of the evaluation be shared with the PAC and TAC through the committee consultation process (LPV Adjudication Judgment, Exh. A, § 2.7.3). Specifically, the PAC and TAC are provided the opportunity to review and prepare Recommendation Reports prior to the Agency, acting as the LPV Watermaster, adopts any 5-Year GSP Evaluation for the LPV Basin. To support this committee review process, additional scope and budget is needed to Dudek technical staff to prepare for and attend one TAC meeting, review the Recommendation Reports on the draft 5-Year GSP Evaluation for the LPV Basin, and prepare Response Reports on behalf of the Watermaster. Additional scope and budget are included for Dudek's technical review of the 5-Year GSP evaluation and support the Agency's coordination and consultation work with the PAC and TAC.

Amount of contract increase: \$43,440.00

Task 11: Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation To support timely development of the Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation, an additional 46 hours is needed for technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, to augment the preliminary work performed by FCGMA staff.

Amount of contract increase: \$13,570.00

Task 12: Watermaster Support Services [LPV Watermaster Only] The LPV Adjudication provides that the TAC shall include a non-voting representative of the Watermaster. It also outlines specific tasks to be performed by the TAC within the first year of LPV Adjudication implementation of the Judgement which will be a significant effort of the TAC. These tasks include but are not limited to the following:

- Development of the Initial Basin Optimization Plan
- Development of the Basin Optimization Yield Study
- Development of the Draft Calleguas Municipal Water District Aquifer Storage and Recovery Projects Operations Plan

Preparation of these plans and studies, which are part of the LPV Adjudication's technical basin management strategy, will require significant effort and work from the TAC. To support development of these plans, as well as coordination with the PAC and TAC, additional scope and budget are needed to provide for sufficient Watermaster technical representation on matters including, but not limited to, (i) the preparation, review, and evaluation of technical groundwater materials, reports, and studies; (ii) attending and representing the Watermaster in TAC meetings and discussions; and (iii) reviewing TAC Recommendation Reports and preparing the Response Reports on behalf of the Watermaster as required by the LPV Adjudication. Scope and budget for these activities were not included in the original Dudek contract approved by your Board on December 9, 2022.

Amount of contract increase: \$97,440.00

Task 13: OPV Technical Workshop The Agency held GSP 5-Year Evaluation workshops, one for the OPV Basins on April 24, 2024, and a second for the LPV Basin on April 25, 2024. Stakeholders in the OPV requested an additional technical workshop to discuss the assumptions, results, and interpretations of the 5-Year GSP evaluation numerical modeling. It is anticipated this technical workshop will include review of the future numerical modeling scenarios, the simulated groundwater budgets, simulated groundwater elevations at all key wells in the OPV Basins, and the evaluation's approach to estimating the sustainable yield. No LPV technical workshop is needed as that process will go through the LPV Technical Advisory Committee as prescribed by the Judgment.

Amount of contract increase: \$9,485.00

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends your Board approve, and authorize the Executive Officer to execute, a contract modification to the professional services contract with Dudek for additional technical services and support related to the Agency's preparation of 5-year GSP Evaluations for the OPV Basins and the LPV Basin, the Agency's groundwater monitoring well project, and new Las Posas Valley Watermaster activities and work, increasing the Dudek contract from \$1,658,560 to \$ \$1,992,147 (an increase of \$333,587), with \$143,847 for work in support of the Agency's roles and responsibilities in the OPV Basins and the LPV Basin and \$189,740 for work in support of the Agency's watermaster roles and responsibilities in the LPV Basin., effective through June 30, 2025.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 650-4083.

Sincerely,



Arne Anselm
Interim Executive Officer

Attachment: Item 11A – Modification Number 2 to Dudek Contract

**MODIFICATON NO. 2 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH
DUDEK FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPORT
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND 5-YEAR
GSP EVALUATIONS TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPORT
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND 5-YEAR
GSP EVALUATIONS**

This “MODIFICATION NO. 2” to that certain Professional Services Contract With Dude For Technical Consulting Services To Support Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation And 5-Year GSP Evaluations Technical Consulting Services To Support Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation And 5-Year GSP Evaluations, dated December 9, 2022 (“ORIGINAL CONTRACT”), is made and entered into by and between Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (“AGENCY”) and Dudek (“CONSULTANT”). Hereinafter, AGENCY and CONSULTANT may be referred to individually as a “PARTY” and collectively as the “PARTIES.”

RECITALS

A. On or about December 9, 2022, the PARTIES enter into the ORIGINAL CONTRACT for CONSULTANT’S performance of certain professional and technical consulting services and work related to AGENCY’s implementation and evaluation of groundwater sustainability plans (“GSP”) for the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Oxnard Subbasin, and the Pleasant Valley Basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”).

B. Thereafter, in March 2024, the PARTIES executed “MODIFICATION NO. 1,” amending the ORIGINAL CONTRACT to increase the scope of work and budget for CONSULTANT’S preparation of amendments to the GSPs for the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Oxnard Subbasin, and the Pleasant Valley Basin in coordination with AGENCY’s 5-year evaluations of the GSPs.

C. AGENCY has been pleased with CONSULTANT’S performance and work and now wishes to further amend the ORIGINAL CONTRACT, as amended by MODIFICATION NO.1, to increase the scope of work and budget to account for the performance of new and additional work and services related to AGENCY’s implementation and evaluation of the GSPs for the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Oxnard Subbasin, and the Pleasant Valley Basin and to AGENCY’S roles and responsibilities as the Las Posas Valley Watermaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the PARTIES agree as follows:

1. All references to "Exhibit A" in the ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, as amended by MODIFICATION NO. 1, shall mean "Exhibit A and Exhibit A-1".

2. New Exhibit A-1 (attached hereto) is added to the ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, as amended by MODIFICATION NO. 1, after Exhibit A and before Exhibit B.

3. Section 1 of Exhibit C to the ORIGINAL CONTRACT is amended so that the "Total Amount Not to Exceed" specified therein is \$1,992,147.

4. This MODIFICATION NO. 2 may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

5. The PARTIES agree that this MODIFICATION NO. 2 may be transmitted and signed by electronic or digital means by either/any or both/all parties and that such signatures shall have the same force and effect as original signatures, in accordance with California Government Code Section 16.5 and California Civil Code Section 1633.7.

6. Except for the modifications described herein, all other modifications and terms and conditions of the ORIGINAL CONTRACT, as amended by MODIFICATION NO. 2, shall remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have executed this MODIFICATION NO. 2 through their duly authorized representatives as the dates written below.

**FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

DUDEK

By: _____

By: _____

Name: Arne Anselm

Name: _____

Title: Interim Executive Officer

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

May 13, 2024

Arne Anselm
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California

Subject: Contract Amendment for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation and Watermaster Support

Dear Mr. Anselm:

On December 9, 2022, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Board of Directors (Board) approved a contract with Dudek to provide consulting services in support of FCGMA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin (PVB), and Las Posas Valley Basin (LPVB). The contract approved by the Board included eleven (11) separate tasks, ranging from general technical support to the development of 5-year GSP evaluations, and covered Dudek's services through the end of the 2025 fiscal year (i.e. June 30, 2025). Since approval of this contract by the Board, FCGMA has undergone significant staffing changes, with the retirement of Groundwater Manager, Kim Loeb, and promotion of James Maxwell to Engineering Manager with the County of Ventura. Additionally, in its new role as Watermaster for the LPVB, FCGMA is required to remain in compliance with the Judgement issued by the Santa Barbara Superior Court in *Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency* (VENC100509700). The Judgement requires the Watermaster to develop reports and sections of reports that are separate from the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and specifies coordinated activities with both the policy advisory committee (PAC) and technical advisory committee (TAC) that were not required by SGMA.

In response to the staffing changes and additional Watermaster requirements, FCGMA staff has requested that Dudek provide additional scope to the existing contract. In part, this scope integrates Kim Loeb into the contract as a Dudek employee to augment Dudek's GSP implementation and Watermaster support activities, provides time for technical support and development of Watermaster documents, and includes the addition of a technical workshop on the model development for the 5-year evaluation, requested by OPV stakeholders. The additions to the original scope of work are detailed below. If approved, the requested contract amendment would cover work performed during the 2024-2025 fiscal year (i.e. July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025).

Scope of Work

The current GSP Implementation contract approved by the Board on December 9, 2022, includes eleven (11) unique tasks:

1. Technical Support
2. GSP Annual Reports
3. Ongoing Data Gap Analysis
4. Hydrogeologic Investigations
5. Basin Management Scenarios and Model Coordination
6. Project Feasibility Studies
7. Grant Application Support
8. Project Management
9. Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation
10. LPVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation
11. PVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation

The additional scope of work requested by FCGMA staff is summarized by task below. A detailed budget summary, which includes a description of additional scope by staff member, is included as Attachment A.

TASK 1 - TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Task 1 covers on-going as-needed technical support to FCGMA. The activities covered under this task include, but are not limited to, data analysis, review of technical reports, evaluation of groundwater conditions, and evaluation of progress towards achieving the GSP sustainability goals.

The contract approved by the Board covered up to 24 hours per month of technical support. FCGMA staff have requested that Dudek provide an additional 5 hours per month of technical support by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb. The costs to provide this level of additional technical support are \$17,700.00.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- Up to 5 hours of additional technical support per month by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 1.....\$17,700.00

TASK 2 - GSP ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE OXNARD SUBBASIN, PVB, AND LPVB

This task covers the development of GSP annual reports for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB for water year 2022, 2023, and 2024. Under the existing contract, Dudek has prepared and submitted GSP annual reports for the 2022 and 2023 water years. The 2024 water year GSP annual report is due to DWR by April 1, 2025.

The Judgement issued in LPVB expands the annual reporting requirements for the LPVB to include components that are not required under SGMA (Section 2.7.10 of the Watermaster Rules). These additional requirements are:

- An annual allocation accounting.
- A description of progress on Basin Optimization Plan.
- A comprehensive accounting of the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) Aquifer Storage and Recover (ASR) Project operations.

- A detailed Watermaster budget.
- An annual fiscal report of the preceding Water Year’s operations.
- An audit of all assessments and expenditures.
- A review of Watermaster activities.
- An updated Groundwater allocation schedule.
- The annual allocations calculation.
- The annual allocations accounting.
- A list of delinquent assessments.
- A compilation of hydrologic data collection, purchase and recharge of imported water, new or replacement well applications, new use applications.

Additionally, the Judgement requires that each annual report be referred to Watermaster committees for consultation. As part of the committee review process, the Judgement provides the LPVB PAC and TAC an opportunity to prepare and submit Recommendation Reports to the Watermaster. FCGMA is similarly provided an opportunity to prepare a report documenting responses to committee recommendations.

The additional Judgement-specific reporting requirement assumptions and deliverable are listed below. We note that the costs associated with the new deliverables are specific to LPVB. Dudek is not requesting additional scope for development of the annual reports for the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB.

Assumptions

- Dudek assumes that the annual allocation calculations and updates will be performed by FCGMA staff, or an outside consultant. This scope of work covers integration of these data into the LPVB annual report.
- Dudek assumes that CMWD’s ASR operations data will be provided by the LPVB ASR Study Group. This scope of work covers integration of these data into the LPVB annual report.
- Dudek assumes that the fiscal reporting, Watermaster budget, audit of assessments and expenditures, and list of delinquent assessments will be provided by FCGMA staff. This scope of work covers integration of these data into the LPVB annual report.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- One (1) electronic draft of the LPVB annual report for water year 2024 provided for LPVB committee review.
- One (1) draft and one (1) final LPVB Response Report prepared following receipt of the Committee Recommendation report.
- Preparation for, and attendance at, one (1) LPVB Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Dudek assumes that this meeting will be held virtually.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 2.....\$48,860.00

TASK 3 - ONGOING DATA GAP ANALYSIS

Task 3 of the GSP implementation contract covered the technical analyses that supported the FCGMA’s assessment of data gaps identified in the GSP. Because fiscal year 2025 data gap analysis costs are included in

the costs to prepare the 5-year GSP evaluations for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB, Dudek is not requesting any additional scope for this task.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 3.....\$0.00

TASK 4 - HYDROGEOLOGIC INVESTIGATIONS/FIELD SUPPORT

Task 4 of the GSP implementation contract supports the design, bidding, and construction of nested and shallow groundwater monitoring wells funded through DWR’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program’s SGMA Implementation – Round 1 funding opportunity. FCGMA has requested that Dudek amend the scope of work for this task to include additional project management, reporting and well design support, and field support during the drilling and construction of each well. A detailed description of the amendments to this task, including assumptions and deliverables, are included as Attachment B.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 4.....\$55,302.00

TASK 5 - BASIN MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS AND MODEL COORDINATION

Task 5 of the GSP implementation contract covered the development of basin management modeling scenarios and coordination with United Water Conservation District for numerical modeling of the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and West Las Posas Management Area of the LPVB. Because fiscal year 2025 modeling costs are included in the costs to prepare the 5-year GSP evaluations for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB, Dudek is not requesting any additional scope for this task.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 5.....\$0.00

TASK 6 - PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDIES

Task 6 of the GSP implementation contract covered the technical support in the development of feasibility studies, order-of-magnitude cost estimates, and cost-benefit analyses of water supply, infrastructure, and mitigation projects. Dudek is not requesting any additional scope for this task.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 6.....\$0.00

TASK 7 - GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORT

Task 7 of the GSP implementation contract covered the support in the development and completion of grant applications. Dudek is not requesting any additional scope for this task.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 7.....\$0.00

TASK 8 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION

Task 8 of the GSP implementation contract covers project administration and weekly coordination calls with FCGMA staff. FCGMA has requested that Dudek provide up to 5 hours per month of additional coordination between Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, and FCGMA staff. The total cost for this additional coordination is \$17,700.00.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- Up to 5 hours of additional technical support per month by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 8..... \$17,700

TASK 9 OXNARD SUBBASIN 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATION

Task 9 of the GSP implementation contract covers the development of the 5-Year GSP evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin. The GSP Emergency regulations require periodic evaluation of GSPs by the GSA at least every five years, which would require preparation and submittal of a GSP Evaluation to DWR by January 13, 2025. The GSP evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the Subbasin, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the Subbasin; and re-evaluation of the basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and undesirable results.

To support development of the Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP evaluation, FCGMA staff have requested that Task 9 be amended to included time for additional technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb. Dudek has included an additional 46 hours of technical review for Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb. Dudek anticipates that this additional review will provide an independent evaluation of the 5-Year GSP and augment the technical review provided by FCGMA staff.

Assumptions

- Up to 30 hours of additional technical technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, following development of the draft Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation.
- Up to 16 hours of additional technical technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, following revisions to the draft Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation based on public comment.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- One (1) draft report, one (1) final report, and one (1) response to comments matrix is included in the current deliverables for Task 9. No additional deliverables for the 5-Year GSP evaluation will be prepared as part of this additional technical review.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 9 \$13,570.00

TASK 10 LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATION

Task 10 of the GSP implementation contract covers the development of the 5-Year GSP evaluation for the LPVB. The GSP Emergency regulations require periodic evaluation of GSPs by the GSA at least every five years, which would require preparation and submittal of a GSP Evaluation to DWR by January 13, 2025. The GSP evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the LPVB, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the LPVB; and re-evaluation of the basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and undesirable results.

The Judgement requires that a draft of the LPVB 5-Year GSP evaluation be shared with the LPVB Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee (Section 2.7.3 of the Watermaster Rules). The LPVB Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee are provided the opportunity to prepare recommendation reports

prior to FCGMA finalizing the 5-Year evaluation. To support this committee review and consultation process, Dudek has included scope to: (i) prepare for and attend one (1) LPVB Technical Advisory Committee meeting, (ii) review the LPVB Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee recommendation reports, and (iii) support the development of a response report. Dudek has included a total of 148 hours of Principal, Senior, and Project Hydrogeologist time to support these activities.

In addition to the scope to support consultation with the LPVB committees, FCGMA staff has requested that Dudek include time for additional technical review of the LPVB 5-Year evaluation by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb. Dudek has included an additional 56 hours of technical review for Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb.

The costs for additional technical review of the 5-Year GSP evaluation and provide support in FCGMA's coordination and consultation with LPVB committees are \$59,960.00.

Assumptions

- Up to 40 hours of additional technical technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, following development of the draft LPVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation.
- Up to 46 hours of additional technical technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, following revisions to the draft LPVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation based on public comment and committee recommendation.
- Preparation and attendance at up to one (1) two-hour LPVB Technical Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the LPVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation. Dudek assumes that this meeting will be held virtually.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- Meeting materials for the one (1) LPVB Technical Advisory Committee meeting.
- One (1) draft and one (1) final LPVB Committee Response Report.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 10\$59,960.00

TASK 11 PLEASANT VALLEY BASIN 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATION

Task 11 of the GSP contract covers the development of the 5-Year GSP evaluation for the PVB. The GSP Emergency regulations require periodic evaluation of GSPs by the GSA at least every five years, which would require preparation and submittal of a GSP Evaluation to DWR by January 13, 2025. The GSP evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the PVB, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the PVB; and re-evaluation of the basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and undesirable results.

To support development of the PVB 5-Year GSP evaluation, FCGMA staff have requested that Task 11 be amended to included time for additional technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb. Dudek has included an additional 46 hours of technical review for Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb. Dudek anticipates that this additional review will provide an independent evaluation of the 5-Year GSP and augment the technical review provided by FCGMA staff.

Assumptions

- Up to 30 hours of additional technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, following development of the draft PVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation.
- Up to 16 hours of additional technical review by Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist, Kim Loeb, following revisions to the draft PVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation based on public comment.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- One (1) draft report, one (1) final report, and one (1) response to comments matrix is included in the current deliverables for Task 9. No additional deliverables for the 5-Year GSP evaluation will be prepared as part of this additional technical review.

Total Requested Fee Increase for Task 11 **\$13,570.00**

Additional Tasks

WATERMASTER SUPPORT SERVICES

The Judgement outlines specific tasks that are to be performed in the LPVB within the first year of implementation of the Judgement. These tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Development of an LPVB Annual Report
- Development of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation
- Development of the Draft CMWD ASR Projects Operations Plan
- Development of the Initial Basin Optimization Plan
- Development of the Basin Optimization Yield Study

The development of these plans is part of the technical basin management strategy outlined in Sections 5 and 8 of the Judgement. To support development of these plans, Dudek understands that FCGMA as Watermaster for the LPVB, anticipates coordinating with the LPVB PAC and TAC. FCGMA staff have requested support throughout this committee consultation process to: (i) prepare, review, and evaluate technical materials, (ii) attend Technical Advisory Committee meetings, and (iii) prepare committee Response Reports, as directed by FCGMA staff. Technical support for these activities was not included in the GSP implementation contract approved by FCGMA Board on December 9, 2022.

Dudek assumes that FCGMA will require support for up to two (2) TAC meetings per month, for a total of 24 meeting throughout the duration of the 2025 fiscal year. Dudek has budgeted 288 hours of Principal Hydrogeologist support and 48 hours of Senior Hydrogeologist support for this task. The time budgeted for Principal Hydrogeologist support is equal to the anticipated TAC member labor hours presented in the draft Watermaster budget, which was presented to the Board on December 15, 2023.

Assumptions

- Attendance at up to 24 Technical Advisory Committee meetings by a Dudek Principal Hydrogeologist. Dudek assumes all meetings will be held virtually.
- Up to 4 hours per month of technical support by a Dudek Senior Hydrogeologist.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- Meeting materials and summary notes, as appropriate, for each Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

- Draft and final recommendation reports, as directed by FCGMA staff.

Task Total\$97,440.00

TECHNICAL WORKSHOP: OXNARD AND PLEASANT VALLEY 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATIONS

The GSP implementation contract approved by the Board included four workshops to support stakeholder involvement throughout the development of the 5-Year GSP evaluations. These workshops were intended to provide stakeholders with an overview of:

- **Meeting 1:** The 5-Year GSP Evaluation Process and Timeline
- **Meeting 2:** The numerical modeling being performed in support of the 5-Year GSP Evaluations
- **Meeting 3:** Release of the Draft 5-Year GSP Evaluation
- **Meeting 4:** Review of stakeholder comments, responses, and revisions to the final 5-Year GSP Evaluations.

After the 5-year evaluation scope was prepared, DWR released a guidance document that indicated the GSPs for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB would need to be amended. Consequently, one of the original stakeholder workshops planned for the 5-year evaluation was converted to a stakeholder workshop on the GSP amendments.

Subsequently, in advance of Meeting 2, stakeholders in the OPV identified the need for an additional technical workshop to provide an opportunity for discussion of the assumptions, results, and interpretations of the 5-Year GSP evaluation numerical modeling. At the direction of the FCGMA Board, FCGMA staff have requested that Dudek include additional scope to prepare for and hold a technical workshop for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Basins.

Dudek anticipates that this technical workshop will be used to receive feedback on the future numerical modeling scenarios and will include a detailed review and discussion of the simulated groundwater budgets, simulated groundwater elevations at all key wells in the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB, and approach to estimating the sustainable yield.

Dudek has budgeted sixteen (16) hours of Principal Hydrogeologist time and eighteen (18) hours of Senior Hydrogeologist time to prepare for and attend this meeting. Dudek assumes that this meeting will be held in-person to improve opportunities for stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

Assumptions

- Preparation for, and attendance, at one (1) technical workshop that will discuss modeling for both the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin.
- The technical workshop will be held in-person.

Additional Deliverables Not Covered in Current Contract

- Meeting materials, including PowerPoint slides and preliminary groundwater budgets and simulated groundwater elevation hydrographs.

Task Total\$9,485.00

Summary

At the request of FCGMA staff, Dudek has provided a scope and budget to amend their existing contract to provide FCGMA with ongoing GSP implementation support. The proposed contract amendment will:

1. Integrate FCGMA's former Groundwater Manager, Kim Loeb, into Dudek's technical team.
2. Provide FCGMA technical assistance in their role as Watermaster for the LPVB.
3. Ensure FCGMA's compliance with the annual reporting requirements for the LPVB outlined in the Judgement.
4. Provide additional project management, technical, and field support during construction of the nested and shallow monitoring wells in the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB.
5. Provide one (1) additional technical workshop to facilitate ongoing stakeholder involvement in the technical development of the 5-Year GSP evaluations for the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB.

The total cost to provide these additional services is \$333,587. A summary of costs for the requested amendments is provided in Table 1 and a detailed cost estimate is included as Attachment A.

Table 1. Summary of Additional Requested Budget

Task No.	Task Description	Additional Requested Budget
1	Technical Support	\$17,700
2	GSP Annual Reports	\$48,860
3	Ongoing Data Gap Analysis	\$0
4	Hydrogeologic Investigations / Field Support	\$55,302
5	Basin Management Scenarios and Model Coordination	\$0
6	Project Feasibility Studies	\$0
7	Grant Application Support	\$0
8	Project Management	\$17,700
9	Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$13,570
10	LPVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$59,960
11	PVB 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$13,570
Additional Tasks Not included in Original Scope of Work		
12	Watermaster Support Services	\$97,440
13	Technical Workshop for the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB	\$9,485
Total Requested Fee Increase		\$333,587

TO: ARNE ANSELM

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR ONGOING GSP IMPLEMENTATION AND WATERMASTER SUPPORT

Dudek greatly appreciates the ongoing opportunity to work with the FCGMA. Please do not hesitate to contact Trevor Jones (760) 479-4124 or Jill Weinberger (760) 479-4116 with any questions about these tasks.

Sincerely,



Trevor Jones, PhD
Senior Hydrogeologist



Jill Weinberger, PG, PhD
Principal Hydrogeologist

Attachment A

Detailed Cost Estimate

Attachment A
Detailed Cost Estimate

Project Team Role:			Dudek Labor Hours and Rates							TOTAL DUDEK HOURS	DUDEK LABOR COSTS	OTHER DIRECT COSTS	TOTAL FEE	
			Principal Hydrogeologist/E ngineer III	Principal Hydrogeologist/E ngineer II	Principal Hydrogeologist/E ngineer II	Sr. Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	Sr. Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	Sr. Hydrogeologist III/Engineer II	Sr. Hydrogeologist II/Engineer I					Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V
			Team Member:	Jill Weinberger	Kayvan Ilkhanipour	Kimball Loeb	Trevor Jones	Patrick Rentz	Stephen Dickey					Hugh McManus
Billable Rate:			\$295.00	\$295.00	\$295.00	\$260.00	\$250.00	\$240.00	\$220.00	\$205.00				
Task 1	General Tech Support				60						60	\$17,700.00		\$17,700.00
Task 2	GSP Annual Reports													
	2.1	Additional Judgement Reporting requirements (LPVB only)	14			42				12	68	\$17,510.00		\$17,510.00
	2.2	Committee Consultation and Response Reports (LPVB only)	18		28	40				36	122	\$31,350.00		\$31,350.00
	Subtotal Task 2		32		28	82				48	190	\$48,860.00		\$48,860.00
Task 3	Ongoing Data Gap Evaluations										0	\$0.00		\$0.00
Task 4	Hydrogeologic Investigation / Field Support			32			76	40	76		224	\$54,760.00	\$542.00	\$55,302.00
Task 5	Basin Management and Model Coordination										0	\$0.00		\$0.00
Task 6	Feasibility Studies										0	\$0.00		\$0.00
Task 7	Grant Support										0	\$0.00		\$0.00
Task 8	Project Management and Coordination				60						60	\$17,700.00		\$17,700.00
Task 9	Oxnard GSP Evaluation				46						46	\$13,570.00		\$13,570.00
Task 10	LPVB GSP Evaluation													
	10.1 Additional Technical Review of the GSP Evaluation				56						56	\$16,520.00		\$16,520.00
	10.2 TAC Meeting (LPVB only)		4		4	10					18	\$4,960.00		\$4,960.00
	10.3 Committee Consultation and Response Reports (LPVB only)		14		30	76				28	148	\$38,480.00		\$38,480.00
Subtotal for Task 10			18	0	90	86	0	0	0	28	222	\$59,960.00		\$59,960.00
Task 11	PVB GSP Evaluation				46						46	\$13,570.00		\$13,570.00
Task 12	Watermaster Support - Committee Meetings (LPVB only)		48		240	48					336	\$97,440.00		\$97,440.00
Task 13	OPV Technical Workshop		10		6	18					34	\$9,400.00	\$85.00	\$9,485.00
		Total Hours	108	32	576	234	76	40	76	76	1218	\$332,960.00	\$627.00	\$333,587.00
		Total	\$31,860.00	\$9,440.00	\$169,920.00	\$60,840.00	\$19,000.00	\$9,600.00	\$16,720.00	\$15,580.00				
Percent of Hours (Base)			9%	3%	47%	19%	6%	3%	6%	6%				

Attachment B

Proposal to Provide Additional Hydrogeologic
Investigation / Field Support

April 18, 2024

Mr. John Gauthier, Groundwater Specialist III
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009-1610

Subject: REVISED SCOPE AND FEE FOR DUDEK TO PROVIDE HYDROGEOLOGICAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT FCGMA'S GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL PROJECT FOX24-01

Dear Mr. Gauthier,

The (Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency) FCGMA was awarded grant funds through the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program's SGMA Implementation – Round 1 funding opportunity. As part of this, FCGMA plans to install three (3) multi-depth and two (2) shallow monitoring wells in the Pleasant Valley Basin (PVB); and two (2) multi-depth and two (2) shallow monitoring wells in the Oxnard Subbasin (project). The FCGMA has requested that Dudek provide a scope and budget to support the FCGMA by providing hydrogeological services during this project. Dudek prepared and submitted an initial proposal dated January 19, 2024 based on the assumption that Dudek staff would largely be providing project management, drilling contractor management, and field oversight for the project. Subsequently, FCGMA has hired additional staff to manage a majority of tasks in-house and requested Dudek to submit a revised proposal with a limited scope. Dudek has prepared the following scope and budget to provide these services. The scope and fee for each task in this proposal were developed based on discussions with FCGMA staff John Gauthier and Ventura County staff James Maxwell, and costs were developed using Dudek's 2023 rate schedule which is included as an attachment to this proposal.

1 Scope of Work

Task 1 Technical and Project Management Support

Dudek's initial scope and fee was prepared and submitted at the request of FCGMA during a time when FCGMA did not have staff available to manage the project. Dudek was asked to provide project management services for this project and act as the main point of contact for the selected drilling contractor. However, FCGMA has since hired additional staff who will be providing project and contractor management. Dudek's revised Task 1 includes budget for technical support, including project-specific discussions with FCGMA and for Dudek staff to provide input on project elements, as-requested. Dudek staff will be available—to the limit of time budgeted in Dudek's fee estimate—to discuss and advise on elements of the drilling specification as they arise.

Since FCGMA proposes to handle all aspects of the shallow, single completion wells, Dudek anticipates providing assistance for the deep, nested monitoring wells. There are 5 nested monitoring well locations with two (2) boreholes per nested well, for a total of ten (10) boreholes associated with the deep, nested well completions. For this task, Dudek assumed that we would provide a total of eight (8) hours of technical support/project management consulting hours per borehole. This budget will only be used to the extent that Dudek's support is requested by FCGMA staff.

As part of this revised scope, Dudek assumes FCGMA will be the main point of contact with the drilling contractor, perform budget monitoring and coordinate meetings with/provide direction to the drilling contractor during all phases of the field work. Additionally, Dudek understands that all required permits and logistics (including drilling water source identification, drill site preparation and setup, cuttings management/disposal and discharge water handling) will be the responsibility of the drilling contractor and/or FCGMA. Dudek will be available to provide technical support and input on project management, but will not be responsible for managing the project.

Task 1 Deliverables

- Technical support consulting time, as-requested by FCGMA staff

Task 1 Assumptions

- Dudek's project management services will be limited providing input on project specifics, as requested by FCGMA staff. FCGMA will be the main point of contact with all contractors and will be directing the contractors.
- Dudek assumes that any required monitoring (i.e., biological, noise, etc.) will be the responsibility of FCGMA.
- Dudek is not responsible for fulfilling any project commitments or requirements related to the DWR grant funding.
- Dudek assumes that FCGMA has acquired the necessary documentation and access agreements to conduct work on each of the proposed well sites.
- Dudek assumes that FCGMA will provide project management for the project and that Dudek's responsibility will be technical project management support as it relates to monitoring well drilling, installation, and completion.
- Should the time required for Dudek to provide technical support exceed the time budgeted in Task 1, Dudek may request additional funds for additional time requested by FCGMA.

Total for Task 1..... \$20,300

Task 2 Drilling Support

Dudek's proposal dated January 19, 2024 included scope and budget to provide construction management services associated with the drilling, installation, and development of the single completion and nested completion monitoring wells. Dudek understands that FCGMA will manage all aspects of the shallow, hollow-stem auger (HSA) wells. The intent of these shallow wells is to characterize surface water-groundwater interactions and Dudek strongly recommends that a geologist or hydrogeologist be onsite for the drilling and construction of all of

the shallow HSA wells to document lithology, the depth of first encountered water, and prepare a final well completion design for each shallow well accordingly, that best characterizes the surface water-groundwater interface at each location.

Dudek's revised scope includes time to attend one (1) pre-construction meeting in the field with FCGMA and the drilling contractor (if FCGMA requests). Additionally, Dudek will provide review and responses to any drilling contractor submittals and/or requests for information (RFIs) on an as-needed basis for FCGMA. Dudek also proposes to provide quality control (QA/QC) on the materials provided by the contractor, and the contractor's proposed drilling and construction processes. This QA/QC will be a desktop review of proposed drilling and construction materials, as the revised scope requested by FCGMA does not include Dudek field oversight during drilling and construction.

Task 2 Deliverables

- Copy of response to RFIs and contractor submittals

Task 2 Assumptions

- FCGMA will contract directly with the selected drilling contractor(s).
- FCGMA and/or the drilling contractor will provide Dudek information on drilling and construction materials for QA/QC review.
- Dudek will not provide onsite drilling support services as a part of Task 2.

Total for Task 2..... \$35,002

Task 3 Hydrogeological Design and Reporting Support

Hydrogeological design and reporting support under this task includes the analysis and interpretation of downhole geophysical logs collected in each nested monitoring well borehole, final review of field lithologic log/driller logs, and preparation of a final recommended well design. Dudek understands that FCGMA will manage all aspects of the design for the shallow, hollow-stem auger wells. As mentioned above, the intent of the shallow wells is to characterize surface water-groundwater interactions. Dudek strongly recommends that a geologist or hydrogeologist be onsite for the drilling and construction of all of these wells to document lithology, the depth of first encountered water, and prepare a final well completion design for each shallow well accordingly, that best characterizes the surface water-groundwater interface at each location. Additionally, Dudek will prepare final as-built diagrams and lithologic logs for each nested monitoring well. These records will be provided to FCGMA at the end of the project.

Budget for this task (Task 3) has been approved in Dudek's 2022 GSP Implementation and 5-year GSP Evaluation Proposal, dated November 16, 2022. With the reduced scope request from FCGMA, remaining budget from that 2022 proposal should be sufficient to cover the Task 3 scope outlined above.

Task 3 Deliverables

- Final well design diagram for each nested well location developed using site-specific information collected during drilling and geophysical logging

Task 3 Assumptions

- All field data and information will be provided/available to Dudek for the preparation of final well design diagram
- All deliverables will be submitted electronically
- FCGMA will be responsible for submitting all DWR and grant-related documents to the State
- Dudek is not responsible for the preparation and submittal of a final well completion report, that would be the responsibility of the on-site licensed professional (FCGMA).
- Dudek assumes one (1) round of comments and edits to the final well design diagrams.
- Consistent with FCGMA's request for reduced scope, Dudek is not responsible for the successful completion of groundwater monitoring wells, and is not responsible for ensuring that the wells meet criteria for grant funding.

Total for Task 3..... Use Approved 2022 Proposal Hydrogeological Investigation/Field Support Budget

Task 4 Hydrogeological Field Support

Initially, FCGMA requested that Dudek staff provide field oversight of the drilling, construction, and development of the monitoring wells to ensure the drilling contractor is performing the work according to the technical specifications and to document field activities. This scope and associated cost were provided in Dudek's proposal dated January 19, 2024. Based on subsequent scope revision requests by FCGMA, Dudek does not plan to staff any on-site drilling, development, or construction operations. Dudek proposes to make a site visit to each well site following the drilling to total depth at each wellsite in order to review drill cuttings and prepare a lithologic log.

Budget for this task (Task 4) has been approved in Dudek's 2022 GSP Implementation and 5-year GSP Evaluation Proposal, dated November 16, 2022. With the reduced scope request from FCGMA, remaining budget from that 2022 proposal should be sufficient to cover the Task 4 scope outlined above.

Task 4 Deliverables

- Field lithologic log

Task 4 Assumptions

- Lithologic samples will be collected under supervision of FCGMA in a manner which captures a representative sample of the aquifer material.
- Lithologic samples will be collected at 10-foot intervals, stored in 1-gallon Ziplock bags, and retained onsite.
- Lithologic samples stored onsite will be labelled with well name, date, depth interval, and time of collection.
- The samples will be stored safely, intact, and available for Dudek to access onsite and log following the drilling of each pilot borehole.

- Enough sample quantity should be collected for Dudek to split the samples and take material from each sample back to our offices, if necessary.
- Dudek is not responsible for any sample intervals that were not collected or missing.
- Dudek assumes that lithologic samples that are collected and stored onsite were accurately collected and labeled, and is not responsible for inaccuracies as it relates to sample collection and labeling.

Total for Task 4.....Use Approved 2022 Proposal Hydrogeological Investigation/Field Support Budget

Task 4 OPTIONAL As-Needed Hydrogeological Field Support

As Dudek has previously discussed with FCGMA, Dudek recommends close oversight of drilling contractors for all well drilling, construction, and development activities so the work is performed according to the technical specification, the wells are constructed according to final design recommendations, and all work is documented to ensure that FCGMA receives the final product as specified. This recommendation is especially emphasized for this project because the drilling contractor appears to be relatively new and may not have as much experience drilling the type of wells associated with the project as other drilling contractors. We understand that FCGMA has two staff that plan to provide all field coverage and oversight for this project. If FCGMA wants or requires additional field staff for more complete oversight of the field aspects of this project, Dudek would be happy to provide field geologists and hydrogeologists experienced with nested monitoring drilling, construction, and development. Dudek can perform field oversight on an as-needed basis billed at time and materials, according to the 2023 rate sheet (attached to this proposal).

Summary

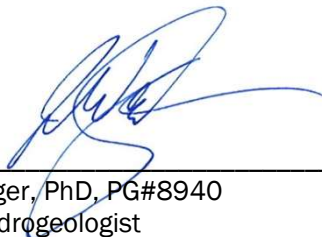
Dudek anticipates that the total cost of the work to provide FCGMA with project management services and hydrogeological services for the drilling, construction, and development of five (5) deep, nested monitoring wells will be **\$55,302**. This will cover Tasks 1 and 2 in presented in this proposal. To cover Tasks 3 and 4 of this proposal, we propose to use existing budget presented in Task 4 – Hydrogeologic Investigations/Field Support in Dudek's 2022 GSP Implementation and 5-year GSP Evaluation Proposal, dated November 16, 2022. A detailed budget breakdown table and Dudek's 2023 hourly rate sheet is attached.

Dudek greatly appreciates the ongoing opportunity to work with the FCGMA. Please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Rentz (760) 815-0143 or Jill Weinberger (760) 479-4116 with any questions about these tasks.

Sincerely,



Patrick Rentz, PG #9150, CHG #1058
Senior Hydrogeologist



Jill Weinberger, PhD, PG#8940
Principal Hydrogeologist

Attachment 1

Budget Summary and Budget Detail Tables

Dudek Labor Hours and Rates (2023 Rates)										
Project Team Role:		Principal Hydrogeologist	Senior Hydrogeologist IV	Senior Hydrogeologist III	Senior Hydrogeologist I					
		K. Ilkhanipour, J. Weinberger	P. Rentz	S. Dickey	H. McManus, D. Pritchard-Peterson					
Billable Rate :		\$295	\$250	\$240	\$220	TOTAL DUDEK HOURS	DUDEK LABOR COSTS	OTHER DIRECT COSTS*	TOTAL FEE	
Task 1	Technical and Project Management Support									
1.1	Technical and Project Management Support	20	40		20	80	\$ 20,300		\$ 20,300	
	Subtotal Task 1	20	40		20	80	\$ 20,300	\$ -	\$ 20,300	
Task 2	Drilling Support									
2.1	Pre-Construction Meeting		16		16	32	\$ 7,520	\$ 542	\$ 8,062	
2.2	Review Submittals and RFI's	4	20		40	64	\$ 14,980		\$ 14,980	
2.3	Quality Control	8		40		48	\$ 11,960		\$ 11,960	
	Subtotal Task 2	12	36	40	56	144	\$ 34,460	\$ 542	\$ 35,002	
Task 3	Hydrogeological Design and Reporting Support									
3.1	Analysis of Downhole Geophysical Logs									
3.2	Review Downhole Data, Inform and Prepare Final Well Design									
3.3	Preparation of Final As-Built Well Diagrams (one round of revisions)									
	Subtotal Task 3	Use Existing Hydrogeologic Investigation/Field Support Budget Approved in GSP Implementation and 5-Year GSP Evaluation Proposal								
Task 4	Hydrogeological Field Support									
4.1	Perform Site Visit Following Drilling of Each Pilot Hole and Preparation of Field Lithologic Logs									
	Subtotal Task 4	Use Existing Hydrogeologic Investigation/Field Support Budget Approved in GSP Implementation and 5-Year GSP Evaluation Proposal								
	Total Non-Optional Hours and Fee	32	76	40	76	224	\$ 54,760	\$ 542	\$ 55,302	
	Percent of Hours:	14%	34%	18%	34%	100%				

Attachment 2

2023 Schedule of Charges

DUDEK 2023 Standard Schedule of Charges

Engineering Services

Project Director	\$325.00/hr
Principal Engineer III	\$290.00/hr
Principal Engineer II	\$280.00/hr
Principal Engineer I	\$270.00/hr
Program Manager	\$260.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$260.00/hr
Project Manager	\$250.00/hr
Senior Engineer III	\$245.00/hr
Senior Engineer II	\$235.00/hr
Senior Engineer I	\$225.00/hr
Project Engineer IV/Technician IV	\$215.00/hr
Project Engineer III/Technician III	\$205.00/hr
Project Engineer II/Technician II	\$195.00/hr
Project Engineer I/Technician I	\$175.00/hr
Senior Designer II	\$195.00/hr
Senior Designer I	\$190.00/hr
Designer	\$180.00/hr
Assistant Designer	\$175.00/hr
CADD Operator III	\$170.00/hr
CADD Operator II	\$160.00/hr
CADD Operator I	\$145.00/hr
CADD Drafter	\$130.00/hr
CADD Technician	\$120.00/hr
Project Coordinator	\$150.00/hr
Engineering Assistant	\$125.00/hr

Environmental Services

Senior Project Director	\$300.00/hr
Project Director	\$265.00/hr
Senior Specialist V	\$250.00/hr
Senior Specialist IV	\$235.00/hr
Senior Specialist III	\$225.00/hr
Senior Specialist II	\$210.00/hr
Senior Specialist I	\$200.00/hr
Specialist V	\$185.00/hr
Specialist IV	\$175.00/hr
Specialist III	\$165.00/hr
Specialist II	\$155.00/hr
Specialist I	\$145.00/hr
Analyst V	\$135.00/hr
Analyst IV	\$125.00/hr
Analyst III	\$115.00/hr
Analyst II	\$105.00/hr
Analyst I	\$95.00/hr
Technician III	\$85.00/hr
Technician II	\$75.00/hr
Technician I	\$65.00/hr

Mapping and Surveying Services

Application Developer II	\$195.00/hr
Application Developer I	\$155.00/hr
GIS Analyst V	\$205.00/hr
GIS Analyst IV	\$165.00/hr
GIS Analyst III	\$145.00/hr
GIS Analyst II	\$130.00/hr
GIS Analyst I	\$115.00/hr
UAS Pilot	\$115.00/hr
Survey Lead	\$185.00/hr
Survey Manager	\$145.00/hr
Survey Crew Chief	\$120.00/hr
Survey Rod Person	\$95.00/hr
Survey Mapping Technician	\$95.00/hr

Construction Management Services

Principal/Manager	\$195.00/hr
Senior Construction Manager	\$185.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$175.00/hr
Construction Manager	\$170.00/hr
Project Manager	\$165.00/hr
Resident Engineer	\$160.00/hr
Construction Engineer	\$155.00/hr
On-site Owner's Representative	\$145.00/hr
Prevailing Wage Inspector	\$145.00/hr
Construction Inspector	\$140.00/hr
Administrator/Labor Compliance	\$100.00/hr

Hydrogeology/HazWaste Services

Project Director	\$325.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	\$295.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer I	\$275.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$260.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$250.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$240.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$230.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$220.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$205.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$195.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$185.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$175.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$165.00/hr
Hydrogeologist/Engineering Assistant	\$130.00/hr

District Management & Operations

District General Manager	\$225.00/hr
District Engineer	\$215.00/hr
Operations Manager	\$165.00/hr
District Secretary/Accountant	\$140.00/hr
Collections System Manager	\$140.00/hr
Grade V Operator	\$130.00/hr
Grade IV Operator	\$115.00/hr
Grade III Operator	\$105.00/hr
Grade II Operator	\$85.00/hr
Grade I Operator	\$80.00/hr
Operator in Training	\$75.00/hr
Collection Maintenance Worker	\$75.00/hr

Creative Services

Creative Services IV	\$165.00/hr
Creative Services III	\$150.00/hr
Creative Services II	\$135.00/hr
Creative Services I	\$120.00/hr

Publications Services

Technical Editor IV	\$165.00/hr
Technical Editor III	\$150.00/hr
Technical Editor II	\$135.00/hr
Technical Editor I	\$120.00/hr
Publications Specialist IV	\$125.00/hr
Publications Specialist III	\$115.00/hr
Publications Specialist II	\$105.00/hr
Publications Specialist I	\$95.00/hr
Clerical Administration	\$90.00/hr

Expert Witness – Court appearances, depositions, and interrogatories as expert witness will be billed at 2.00 times normal rates.

Emergency and Holidays – Minimum charge of two hours will be billed at 1.75 times the normal rate.

Material and Outside Services – Subcontractors, rental of special equipment, special reproductions and blueprinting, outside data processing and computer services, etc., are charged at 1.15 times the direct cost.

Travel Expenses – Mileage at current IRS allowable rates. Per diem where overnight stay is involved is charged at cost.

Invoices, Late Charges – All fees will be billed to Client monthly and shall be due and payable upon receipt. Invoices are delinquent if not paid within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Client agrees to pay a monthly late charge equal to 1% per month of the outstanding balance until paid in full.

Annual Increases – Unless identified otherwise, these standard rates will increase in line with the CPI-U for the nearest urban area per the Department of Labor Statistics to where the work is being completed) or by 3% annually, whichever is higher.

The rates listed above assume prevailing wage rates does not apply. If this assumption is incorrect Dudek reserves the right to adjust its rates accordingly.

Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute an Amendment to the Contract with Dudek

Item No. 11 – May 22, 2024

**Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency and
Las Posas Valley Watermaster**



Arne Anselm
Interim Executive Officer



Background

Agency conducted a competitive solicitation for post-GSP consulting services after three FCGMA GSPs approved by DWR

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| January 2021: | Board approved contract with Dudek for technical consulting services to support GSP implementation, ongoing technical support and GSP Annual Reports |
| December 2021: | Extended through Dec 31, 2022 |
| December 2022: | Board amended contract <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Extend to end of Fiscal Year 2024-25 (June 30, 2025)- Continue ongoing technical support and GSP Annual Reports- Prepare 5-year GSP evaluations for the LPV, Oxnard, and PV basins – Due January 2025 |
| February 2024: | Board amended contract to write amendments to the GSPs for the LPV, Oxnard, and PV basins required by DWR |



Purpose of Requested contract Amendment

- Staff support needed
 - Significant increased workload
 - Five-year GSP evaluations and GSP amendments due Jan. 2025
 - DWR \$2,577,800 grant for the installation of monitoring wells – close out March 2025
 - Agency staffing analysis
 - Las Posas Valley Basin Watermaster responsibilities
 - Current litigations
 - Current staff vacancies



Proposed Scope Summary

- Kim Loeb as Dudek employee for technical support in many areas
- OPV GSP Technical Workshop
- Field support for drilling of grant funded monitoring wells
- LPV Watermaster
 - GSP Annual Reports, 5-Year Evaluation, GSP Amendments
 - Watermaster non-voting member on Technical Advisory Committee
 - LPV Watermaster tasks charged directly to LPV Watermaster Fund
- Not changed
 - Expires June 30, 2025
 - Dudek's rate schedule

Technical Support – Kim Loeb, CEG, CHG

■ Task 1:	Technical Support	\$17,700.00
■ Task 8:	Project Management	\$17,700.00
■ Task 9:	Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$13,570.00
■ Task 10.1:	Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$16,520.00
■ Task 11:	Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$13,570.00



Field Support – Monitoring Wells

Task 4: Field Support

\$55,302.00

- \$2,577,800 DWR grant funded drilling and installation of the 5 deep multi-depth and 4 shallow monitoring wells in the OPV Basins
 - 24-hours a day monitoring for the deeper wells
 - Task augments Agency staff to provide full field coverage



OPV GSP Technical Workshop

Task 13: OPV Technical Workshop \$9,485.00

- No TAC review of Five-Year GSP Evaluation and Amendments in OPV
- Stakeholders in the OPV requested an additional technical workshop
- Workshop overview
 - Review of the future numerical modeling scenarios,
 - Simulated groundwater budgets,
 - Simulated groundwater elevations at all key wells in the OPV Basins, and the evaluation's
 - Approach to estimating the sustainable yield.
- Workshop: May 30, 2024, 8:00-12:00, 11251 Riverbank Drive, Ventura

Las Posas Valley Watermaster

Tasks charged to the LPV Watermaster Fund

Task 2: GSP Annual Reports

\$48,860.00

- Judgment includes additional requirements for Annual Report
 - Progress on Basin Optimization Plan
 - Accounting of the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) Aquifer Storage and Recover (ASR) Project operations
 - Updated Groundwater allocation schedule, calculation and accounting
 - Compilation of hydrologic data collection, purchase, and recharge of imported water, new or replacement well applications, new use applications

Las Posas Valley Watermaster

Tasks charged to the LPV Watermaster Fund

Tasks 10.2 and 10.3: LPV 5-Year GSP Evaluation \$43,440.00

- Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation Committee consultation process, Exhibit. A, § 2.7.3
 - Attend one TAC meeting
 - Prepare Response Reports

Las Posas Valley Watermaster

Tasks charged to the LPV Watermaster Fund

Task 12: Watermaster Support Services

\$97,440.00

- Non-voting representative of the Watermaster on TAC
 - Must meet same requirements as TAC members - Kim Loeb, CEG, CHG
- Watermaster support for development and review of:
 - Initial Basin Optimization Plan
 - Basin Optimization Yield Study
 - Draft Calleguas Municipal Water District Aquifer Storage and Recovery Projects Operations Plan
- Review of TAC Recommendation Reports and preparation of Response Reports

Las Posas Valley Watermaster Summary

Tasks charged to the LPV Watermaster Fund

Task 2: GSP Annual Reports	\$ 48,860.00
Tasks 10.2 and 10.3: LPV 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$ 43,440.00
Task 12: Watermaster Support Services	<u>\$ 97,440.00</u>
Total LPV Watermaster:	\$189,740.00

LPV Watermaster tasks charged directly to LPV Watermaster Fund

Dudek Contract Modification	Modification
Task 1: Technical Support	\$17,700
Task 2: GSP Annual Reports [LPV Watermaster Only]	\$48,860
Task 3: Ongoing Data Gap Evaluations	\$0
Task 4: Field Support	\$55,302
Task 5: Basin Management and Model Coordination	\$0
Task 6: Feasibility Studies	\$0
Task 7: Grant Support	\$0
Task 8: Project Management	\$17,700
Task 9: Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$13,570
Task 10: Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$16,520
Tasks 10.2 and 10.3: Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation [LPV Watermaster Only]	\$43,440
Task 11: Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation	\$13,570
Task 12: Watermaster Support Services [LPV Watermaster Only]	\$97,440
Task 13: OPV Technical Workshop	\$9,485
Total	\$333,587.00

\$143,847 for Agency responsibilities and \$189,740 LPV Watermaster



Recommendations

1. Receive and file this presentation
2. Staff recommends your Board authorize the Executive Officer to execute an amendment to Dudek's contract for an additional \$333,587.00 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,992,147

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A State of California Water Agency



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West, Chair, Director, Camrosa Water District
Kelly Long, Vice Chair, Supervisor, County of Ventura
David Borchard, Farmer, Agricultural Representative
Lynn Maulhardt, Director, United Water Conservation District
Tony Trembley, Mayor, City of Camarillo

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Arne Anselm

May 22, 2024

Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1600

SUBJECT: Policy Recommendations from Fiscal Committee Regarding Las Posas Valley Watermaster Basin Assessment and Budget – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on policy recommendations from the Fiscal Committee on the Las Posas Valley (LPV) Watermaster basin assessment and budget; and (2) Provide feedback and direction to staff.

BACKGROUND:

The Judgment for the LPV Adjudication (Judgment) appointed the FCGMA as Watermaster to implement the Judgment in the Basin. The Judgment authorizes and requires the Watermaster to take Basin Management Actions to implement the Judgment and requires the Watermaster to set, levy, and collect Basin Assessments and fees from Water Rights Holders in the LPV Basin to fund these Basin Management Actions and Basin Optimization Projects (Judgment § 7.1).

DISCUSSION:

The Fiscal Committee met on May 14, 2024, to discuss issues related to the Initial LPV Basin Assessment, and the current LPV Watermaster Budget adopted by your Board on December 15, 2023. During the meeting significant policy issues arose which require your Board's direction. Among other things, these issues relate to the funding of LPV Watermaster work and programs required by both the Judgment, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), or FCGMA's enabling legislation; potential reimbursement of FCGMA funds expended on LPV Watermaster activities prior to the collection of an LPV Basin Assessment; and maintaining a positive fund balance in the LPV Watermaster budget. The discussion concluded with recommendations on these three policy issues to be brought to your Board for direction to guide the implementation of the LPV Basin Assessment and development of the LPV Budget. The Fiscal Committee scheduled a follow-up meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024.

Policy Issue 1: Funding of programs required by both the LPV Judgment and FCGMA's enabling legislation or SGMA.

In the Judgment, Section IX.9.1 states, "*The Court orders that this Judgment govern all aspects of the FCGMA's management of the Basin, whether undertaken by the FCGMA in its role as a special act water*

management agency, the GSA under SGMA, or as Watermaster.” At the same time, the FCGMA retains all authorities and responsibilities as a State of California water Agency and Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The Committee determined segregating all efforts in the LPV from the traditional efforts of the FCGMA, both burdensome and counter to past Agency practice of a single agency-wide pump fee.

Fiscal Committee Recommendation to Policy Issue 1: The LPV Basin Assessment should only fund efforts in the Judgment which are in addition to the tasks required by the Agency’s enabling legislation, SGMA or have been historically performed by the Agency.

Policy Issue 2: Potential reimbursement of FCGMA funds expended on LPV Watermaster activities prior to the collection of an LPV Basin Assessment.

Until a separate LPV Watermaster Fund was created and the initial Basin Assessments received, the Agency had been implementing Basin Management Actions without specific funding for this additional work. The initial Watermaster Budget was adopted on December 15, 2023, with an initial Basin Assessment of \$64 per acre-foot of Annual Assessment. As directed by your Board, an initial installment for 50% of the Basin Assessment was invoiced on March 1, 2024. The separate LPV Watermaster Fund was created April 2024 for the deposit of Basin Assessments and funding of ongoing LPV Watermaster activities. This fiscal year staff time spent on Watermaster tasks have been tracked separately from Agency tasks; as of April 2024, staff time has begun to be charged to the LPV Watermaster fund. Funds expended prior to April 2024 were paid from the Agency’s operating fund.

Legal expenses incurred since the Judgment include Agency counsel work and time for implementing the Judgment and advising the Watermaster on Judgment requirements and implementation of work and activities. In addition, both Agency and outside counsel expenses were incurred for representing the Agency in the appeal of the Judgment.

Fiscal Committee Recommendation to Policy Issue 2: LPV Watermaster Fund should reimburse the Agency for staff time spent implementing the Judgment and other Basin Management Actions since Judgment was entered on July 10, 2023. Discussion did not conclude with a recommendation on how to fund legal expenses for the appeal. Any reimbursement should be accomplished in this Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Policy Issue 3: Maintain a positive fund balance in the LPV Watermaster budget.

As explained above, LPV Basin Assessments were invoiced on March 1, 2024. Basin Assessments were due on April 1, 2024. Basin Assessments not paid by May 6, 2024, are delinquent and shall bear interest as provided by the Judgment. As of May 16, 2024, the Watermaster has collected \$977,234.85 in WY 2024 Basin Assessments (\$82,627.86 more than was reported to the committee on May 14, 2024). This amount is short of the invoiced \$1.28 million due to delinquent payments. Projections of year-end expenditures are expected to exceed revenue collected from the first initial assessment due to delinquencies (assuming reimbursement of Agency staff time spent on LPV Watermaster activities). The new LPV Watermaster Fund has no operating reserve. The second installment of the WY 2024 Basin Assessment is scheduled to be invoiced on June 1, 2024, due July 1, 2024, and will be considered delinquent if unpaid by August 1, 2024. The LPV Watermaster Fund will likely reach a zero-balance due to nonpayment of the first installment by

some Water Rights Holders and the timing of the second installment. A list of Water Rights Holders with delinquent payments is included in today's Executive Officer Report.

Fiscal Committee Recommendation to Policy Issue 3: Short-term LPV Watermaster cash flow can be resolved through increased collection effort of delinquent payments, and the potential of legal fees for the appeal of the Judgment not being charged to the LPV Watermaster Fund. Long-term solutions are the creation of an operating reserve of 10% of the budget and increasing the frequency levying of assessment from semi-annual to quarterly with the first assessment installment initiated early in the next Fiscal Year.

CONCLUSION:

Your Board's direction is requested on these policy issues regarding the LPV Basin Assessment and budget so staff can develop a draft FY 24-25 LPV Watermaster budget to bring to the Fiscal Committee on June 10, 2024.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-3942.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arne Erik Anselm". The script is cursive and fluid.

Arne Anselm
Interim Executive Officer

Las Posas Valley Watermaster

Basin Assessment and Budget Policy Issue Recommendations From Fiscal Committee

May 22, 2024



Arne Anselm
Interim Executive officer



Background

- The Adjudication Judgment entered July 10, 2023 appointed FCGMA as Watermaster to implement Judgment
- Judgment requires Watermaster to:
 - Take Management Actions by certain dates
 - Set, levy, and collect Basin Assessments & fees from Water Rights Holders to fund Management Actions and Basin Optimization Projects

LPV Watermaster Expenses

- Watermaster Administration
- Allocations & Record Keeping
 - Annual Allocations & Allocation Schedule
 - Carryover/Transfers/Overuse
- Basin Management
 - Basin Optimization Yield Study
 - Basin Optimization Plan
- Committee Coordination and Consultations
 - Policy and Technical Advisory Committee members
 - Watermaster Response Reports
- Budget and Assessments
- Calleguas Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project
- Legal Services
 - Advisory
 - Court's review of decisions by Watermaster

LPV Watermaster Funding

- Initial Assessment of \$64 adopted December 15, 2023
 - First installment of \$32 levied March 1, 2024, delinquent May 6, 2024
- Separate fund created April 2024
 - Staff time and consultant invoices coded to this fund
 - Remaining funds at end of fiscal year held in LPV Watermaster Fund and available for following fiscal year
 - Judgment requires annual audits of Watermaster finances and full certified audits every three years
- FCGMA funded Watermaster activities prior to creation of LPV Fund in April
 - Staff time tracked, but paid by FCGMA

Policy Issues Discussed by Fiscal Committee May 14, 2024

- 1: Funding of programs required by both the LPV Judgment and FCGMA's enabling legislation or SGMA.
- 2: Reimbursement of FCGMA funds expended on LPV Watermaster activities prior to the collection of an LPV Basin Assessment.
- 3: Maintaining a positive fund balance in the LPV Watermaster budget.

1: Funding of programs required by both the LPV Judgment and FCGMA's enabling legislation or SGMA.

- Section IX.9.1 states, *"The Court orders that this Judgment govern all aspects of the FCGMA's management of the Basin, whether undertaken by the FCGMA in its role as a special act water management agency, the GSA under SGMA, or as Watermaster."*
- At the same time, the FCGMA retains all authorities and responsibilities as a State of California Water Agency and Groundwater Sustainability Agency.
- Agency has not historically had separate pump fees for different basins or management areas within its jurisdictional area.



1: Funding of programs required by both the LPV Judgment and FCGMA's enabling legislation or SGMA.

Fiscal Committee Recommendation:

- The LPV Basin Assessment should only fund efforts in the Judgment which are in addition to the tasks required by the Agency's enabling legislation, SGMA, or which have been historically performed by the Agency.

2: Reimbursement of FCGMA funds expended on LPV Watermaster activities prior to the collection of an LPV Basin Assessment.

- FCGMA funded implementation of Basin Management Actions July 2023 to April 2024
 - Staff time developing programs and budget
 - Legal Fees
 - Advisory (in-house)
 - Judicial review (outside counsel)
 - Appeals
 - Agency/Watermaster
 - Water Rights Holders



2: Reimbursement of FCGMA funds expended on LPV Watermaster activities prior to the collection of an LPV Basin Assessment.

Fiscal Committee Recommendation:

- LPV Watermaster Fund should reimburse the Agency for staff time spent implementing the Judgment and other Basin Management Actions since the Judgment was entered into on July 10, 2023.
- Discussion did not conclude with a recommendation on how fund legal expenses for the appeal.
- Any reimbursement should be accomplished in this Fiscal Year 2023-24.

3: A positive fund balance in the LPV Watermaster budget should be maintained.

- Initial budget adopted with no operating reserves
- Significant delinquent payments
- Timing of assessment payments creates cash flow issue in FY 24-25
 - Assumes FCGMA is reimbursed for staff and legal costs prior to April 2024

- 
- 3: A positive fund balance in the LPV Watermaster budget should be maintained.

Fiscal Committee Recommendation:

- Short-term: LPV Watermaster cash flow can be resolved through:
 - Increased collection effort of delinquent payments, and
 - The potential of legal fees for the appeal of the Judgment not being charged to the LPV Watermaster Fund.
- Long-term solutions include:
 - The creation of an operating reserve of 10% of the budget
 - Increasing the frequency of assessments from semi-annual to quarterly
 - First assessment installment initiated early in the next Fiscal Year.



Recommendations

- Provide policy direction on these issues for the development of the LPV Watermaster and Agency budgets
- Policy direction will guide discussions at future Fiscal Committee meetings:
 - Monday, June 10, 2024, to discuss the FY 24/25 LPV Watermaster budget and assessment.
 - Tuesday, June 11, 2024, to discuss the FY 24/25 FCGMA budget.

FCGMA Pump Charges

- The FCGMA Board's currently adopted fees total \$55 per AF and include the following three fees assessed per AF of groundwater extracted:
 - \$6 per AF Pump Fee
 - (only fee charged to domestic operators pumping 2 AF per year or less)
 - \$29 per AF Groundwater Sustainability Fee
 - \$20 per AF GEMES Reserve Fee

Judgment Section 7.2

“Watermaster’s ability to impose such Basin Assessment, acting as an agent of the Court and under its auspices and oversight, does not modify or amend the FCGMA’s separate, existing authority to adopt assessments or pursue funding including under SGMA and/or deriving from the FCGMA’s enabling legislation (collectively, “FCGMA Assessments”), provided that the FCGMA shall implement changes to the FCGMA Assessments to avoid inequitable, duplicative, or disproportionate financial burdens upon Groundwater users in the Las Posas Basin after taking into account funds raised for administration of the Basin through the Basin Assessment.”

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West, *Chair, Director, Camrosa Water District*
Kelly Long, *Vice Chair, Supervisor, County of Ventura*
David Borchard, *Farmer, Agricultural Representative*
Lynn Maulhardt, *Director, United Water Conservation District*
Tony Trembley, *Mayor, City of Camarillo*

INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Arne Anselm

May 22, 2024

Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1610

SUBJECT: Las Posas Valley Semi-Annual Extraction and Use Reporting Tool – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive and file a presentation from Agency staff on the development, testing and schedule of the Las Posas Valley Semi-Annual Extraction and Use Reporting Tool.

BACKGROUND:

With limited exceptions, the Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment (Judgment) requires all Landowners to report to the Watermaster “both the total amount of all Groundwater Extracted and the total amount of Groundwater Used by the Landowner from any source[.]” (Judgment, § 4.5, Exhibit A, Article V). Any Party that Extracts or Uses Groundwater in a given Water Year must submit a completed Semi-Annual Groundwater Extraction and Use form to Watermaster specifying the total amount of Groundwater Extracted and Used by the Party (Judgment, Exhibit A, § 5.2). The Judgment also states that the Watermaster shall develop a form and following Committee Consultation, a schedule for the reporting of Semi-Annual Extractions and Use (Judgment, § 4.10.2, Exhibit A, § 5.2).

DISCUSSION:

In consultation with Regional Government Services, the Watermaster is developing an online Semi-Annual Groundwater Extraction and Use form (tool) consistent with the reporting requirements of the Judgment. On May 2, 2024, the Watermaster discussed with the Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) the development of the Semi-Annual Groundwater Extraction and Use form and its proposed schedule for Landowners to report their WY 2023 Extraction and Use. In response, the PAC provided comments on the Watermaster’s schedule. The revised WY 2023 Extraction and Use Reporting schedule consists of the following milestones and deadlines:

- Watermaster memo referral to PAC for Committee Consultation (Exhibit a, 4/25/2024)
- Committee Consultation - PAC Meeting (05/02/2024)
- PAC recommendation Report (Exhibit b, 05/03/2024)
- Beta Version testing by volunteers (05/13/2024 -05/16/2024)
- Refinement of form (05/17/2024 – 05/31/2024)
- Notice to reporting Water Right Holders (05/29/2024)
- Release of live version (06/03/2024)
- Due Date (07/03/2024)

In addition, a draft of the Extraction and Use Reporting tool has been shared with select members of the PAC with a request for their comments. Watermaster staff will review any comments it receives and may update the Tool prior to its release to LPV Basin Landowners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file this informational report.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaseke', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kudzai Farai Kaseke
Assistant Groundwater Manager

Las Posas Valley Basin Semi-Annual Extraction and Use Reporting Tool

Item No. 13 – May 22, 2024



Farai Kaseke (PhD, PMP, CSM)
Assistant Groundwater Manager

Background

- Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment (Judgment) requires all Landowners to report to the Watermaster “both the total amount of all *Groundwater Extracted* and the total amount of *Groundwater Used* by the Landowner from any source.” (Judgment, § 4.5, Exhibit A, Article V).
- Submit a Semi-Annual Groundwater Extraction and Use form to Watermaster specifying the total amount of Groundwater *Extracted* and *Used* by the Party (Judgment, § 4.10.1.2, Exhibit A, § 5.2).
- Watermaster shall develop form (Exhibit A, § 5.2)
- Committee Consultation develop reporting schedule (Judgment, § 4.10.1.2)

Discussion

- Staff in consultation with Regional Government Services is developing an [online Tool](#) consistent with the reporting requirements of the Judgment.
 - Watermaster memo referral to PAC for Committee Consultation (Exhibit a, 4/25/2024)
 - Committee Consultation - PAC Meeting (05/02/2024)
 - PAC Recommendation Report (Exhibit b, 05/03/2024)
 - Beta Version testing by volunteers (05/13/2024 -05/16/2024)
 - Refinement of form (05/17/2024 – 05/31/2024)
 - Notice to reporting Water Right Holders (05/29/2024)
 - Release of live version (06/03/2024)
 - Due Date (07/03/2024)



Recommendation

- Receive and file this report

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Scheduled Meetings for Calendar Year 2024



Board Regular Meetings

Fourth Wednesday, monthly

January 24 th	1:30 pm
February 28 th	1:30 pm
March 27 th	12:30 pm
April 24 th	12:30 pm
May 22 nd	12:30 pm
June 26 th	12:30 pm
July 24 th	12:30 pm
**August 28 th	12:30 pm
September 25 th	12:30 pm
October 23 rd	12:30 pm
November	N/A
December 4 th	12:30 pm

*Board Special Meetings

Second Friday, monthly

January 12 th	1:30 pm
February 9 th	1:30 pm
March 8 th	1:30 pm
April 12 th	1:30 pm
May 10 th	1:30 pm
June 14 th	1:30 pm
July 12 th	1:30 pm
**August 9 th	1:30 pm
September 13 th	1:30 pm
October 11 th	1:30 pm
November 8 th	1:30 pm
December 13 th	1:30 pm

*Executive Committee Meetings

Third Thursday, every 3 months

March 21 st	2:00 pm
June 20 th	9:00 am
September 19 th	9:00 am
December 19 th	9:00 am

*Operations Committee Meetings

First Monday, every 2 months

February 5 th	2:00 pm
April 1 st	2:00 pm
June 3 rd	2:00 pm
August 5 th	2:00 pm
October 7 th	2:00 pm
December 2 nd	2:00 pm

*Fiscal Committee Meetings

LPV Watermaster	May 14 th	2:00 pm
LPV Watermaster	June 10 th	2:00 pm
FCGMA	June 11 th	2:00 pm

Key

***All meetings listed with an asterisk (*) are subject to necessity.**

****August Board meetings** will not be held in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room as per usual. Instead, they **will be held in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room.**

	<i>Already Occurred</i>
Meeting Date & Time	<i>Did Not Hold Meeting</i>

**FOX CANYON
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Ventura County Government Center Hall of Administration
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009-1610
Phone: (805) 654-2014 Website: www.fcgma.org

DIRECTORS

Eugene F. West (Chair) – Small Water Districts (805) 657-2121 (*Term Exp 2-28-25*)
Executive Committee, Fiscal Committee

Kelly Long (Vice Chair) – Ventura County Board of Supervisors (805) 654-2276 (*Term Exp 2-28-25*)
Executive Committee

David Borchard – Farming Interests (805) 485-3525 (*Term Exp 2-28-26*)
Operations Committee, Flynn Award Selection Committee

Lynn Maulhardt – United Water Conservation District (805) 982-0780 (*Term Exp 2-28-26*)
Operations Committee

Tony Trembley – Five Cities (805) 388-5307 (*Term Exp 2-28-26*)
Fiscal Committee, Flynn Award Selection Committee

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

Raul Avila – Small Water Districts (818) 798-8745 (*Term Exp 2-28-25*)

Michael Craviotto – Farming Interests (805) 766-9602 (*Term Exp 2-28-26*)

Vianey Lopez – Ventura County Board of Supervisors (805) 654-2613 (*Term Exp 2-28-25*)

Sheldon Berger – United Water Conservation District (805) 312-7653 (*Term Exp 2-28-26*)

Bert Perello – Five Cities (805) 240-6194 (*Term Exp 2-28-26*)

STAFF

Arne Anselm – Interim Agency Executive Officer (805) 654-3942

Alberto Boada – Agency Legal Counsel (805) 654-2578

Jason Canger – Agency Assistant Legal Counsel (805) 654-2879

Farai Kaseke – Assistant Groundwater Manager (805) 654-2497

Kathy Jones – Staff Services Specialist I (805) 645-1372

Robert Hampson – Groundwater Specialist (805) 654-3952

John Gauthier – Groundwater Specialist (805) 654-5164

Kylen Wooley – Water Resources Compliance Specialist (805) 658-4374

Elka Weber – Management Assistant | Clerk of the Board (805) 662-6831