

# LAS POSAS BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

## NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Las Posas Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will hold a meeting at 3:00 P.M. on **Thursday, August 15, 2024**, in the Board Meeting Room of the Calleguas Municipal Water District and via Zoom.

Calleguas Municipal Water District, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

*Via Zoom:*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84816327542?pwd=Y-bN4zt674FOphU6wRyxXw9swYTqvA.9bNuXf3yWWBZyrae>

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## AGENDA

### **A. Call to Order**

### **B. Roll Call**

### **C. Agenda Review**

### **D. Public Comments**

### **E. PAC Member Comments**

### **F. Regular Agenda**

#### **1. Approve the minutes of the August 1, 2024 Regular Meeting**

#### **2. Committee Consultation: Del Norte Assessment Protest**

On July 17, 2024, Watermaster submitted the attached Committee Consultation request regarding the Del Norte assessment protest. Also attached is a draft Recommendation Report, based on discussion at the August 1, 2024 PAC meeting. The PAC will discuss the draft Recommendation Report and consider finalizing and submitting it.

#### **3. Committee Consultation: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Watermaster Budget**

On July 22, 2024, the Watermaster submitted the attached memo and draft FY24-25 budget for PAC consultation per the Judgment. Also attached is a draft Recommendation Report reflecting input from the PAC at its August 1, 2024 meeting. The PAC will discuss the draft and consider finalizing and submitting it.

#### **4. PAC Subcommittee Reports**

PAC Subcommittee members attending pertinent FCGMA/Watermaster committee meetings will provide reports as appropriate.

### **G. Written Communication**

None.

### **H. Future Agenda Items**

The PAC will consider items for future agendas.

### **I. Adjourn**

ITEM F-1

LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2024

The Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held a meeting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, August 1, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Office and via Zoom.

A. Call to Order: Chair Prichard called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

B. Roll Call: All PAC members were present unless otherwise noted:

1. Calleguas Municipal Water District – Ian Prichard, Chair
2. Zone Mutual Water Company – John Menne
3. Ventura County Waterworks District Nos. 1 and 19 – David Fleisch – Not present
4. Commercial – Seat is vacant
5. Watermaster (non-voting) – Farai Kaseke – Via Zoom
6. East Las Posas Large Agriculture – David Schwabauer – Via Zoom
7. East Las Posas Small Agriculture – Josh Waters
8. East Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Laurel Servin
9. West Las Posas Large Agriculture – Rob Grether, Vice-Chair – Via Zoom
10. West Las Posas Small Agriculture – Richard Cavaletto – Not present
11. West Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Steven Murata

C. Agenda Review: There were no comments or requests related to the agenda.

D. Public Comments:

Darryl Smith and Bill Miller, members of the public, made comments regarding their ongoing pursuit to obtain water allocations from FCGMA post-Adjudication.

Derek Knobel, member of the public, made remarks to Chair Prichard and all members of the PAC thanking them for their time and commitment to the betterment of the LPV Basin and its constituents.

E. PAC Member Comments: There were no PAC member comments.

F. Regular Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2024 Special Meeting: David Schwabauer moved to approve the minutes as stated for the July 11, 2024 meeting; John Menne seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 7-Ayes, 0-Nays, 3-Absent.

2. Approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting: David Schwabauer moved to approve the minutes as stated for the July 18, 2024 meeting; John Menne seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 7-Ayes, 0-Nays, 3-Absent.

3. Committee Consultation: Del Norte Assessment Protest

John Orr, President of Del Norte Mutual Water Company (Del Norte), made a presentation to the PAC detailing the actions that Del Norte has taken to date notifying Watermaster/FCGMA of their position that their ongoing payment of assessments to United Water Conservation District (UWCD) plus the newly requested Watermaster/FCGMA Basin Assessments based on the Adjudication would create duplicative costs and inequitable circumstances for the company. Their geographical location in the LPV Basin and within the UWCD service area makes their situation unique. They also feel they will not directly benefit from projects done within the LPV boundaries to increase and enhance the LPV water supply. Del Norte is requesting reductions for the duplicative portions of any Watermaster/FCGMA Basin Assessments as mandated in the Final Judgment.

The PAC discussed this issue with John Orr and Watermaster present. Rob Grether recused himself from this discussion as he is a landowner in the UWCD service area.

General consensus from the PAC during this initial discussion was that duplicative and/or inequitable circumstances should be resolved, and no duplicative payments should be collected. The PAC also agreed that additional technical information is required from the TAC to properly evaluate the hydrogeological aspects of this matter to ensure fairness to all WMID holders.

Chair Prichard will prepare a draft written response including recommendations for consideration by the PAC at the next regular PAC meeting on August 15, 2024.

#### 4. Committee Consultation: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Watermaster Budget

The PAC reviewed and discussed the draft of the FY 2024/25 budget. The two main items that remain in the PAC's focus are: 1) Directors and Officers liability insurance coverage to protect PAC members against any legal actions which may be brought against them; and 2) Legal Services fees that are currently listed on the draft budget in the amount of \$248,640. Laurel Servin presented some additional information to support the elimination of the FCGMA appeal-related Legal Services fees from the budget, and requested additional detail on the makeup of these charges. Watermaster agreed to discuss this request with the FCGMA/Watermaster board.

The PAC discussed the Insurance and Legal Services line items and determined that their position remains unchanged on both matters.

There was a question in the Allocations and Record Keeping category about how to handle the costs of New Uses/Subscription Projects, Transfers, Change of Point of Extraction, and New or Replacement Wells. The costs could be charged on a per transaction basis to the WMID holder, or could be absorbed by Watermaster. An estimate of these costs is less than \$2 per acre foot of Basin Assessment. "New use of groundwater" was not clearly defined by Watermaster. The PAC has been asked to provide a recommendation on how to handle these costs.

The PAC has agreed to provide its written feedback concerning the budget to Watermaster by August 16, 2024. Chair Prichard will prepare a draft written response including recommendations for consideration by the PAC at the next regular PAC meeting on August 15, 2024.

## 5. PAC Subcommittees

The PAC created subcommittees to mirror those of the FCGMA/Watermaster: Fiscal Committee, Executive Committee, Operations Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee. The following nominations were made:

- Fiscal Committee: Vice-chair Rob Grether and Laurel Servin
- Executive Committee: John Menne and Josh Waters
- Operations Committee: David Schwabauer and Richard Cavaletto
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Chair Ian Prichard, Steve Murata, Richard Cavaletto

Steve Murata made a motion to approve and appoint these individuals to their respective subcommittees; David Schwabauer seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 7-Ayes, 0-Nays, 3-Absent.

## G. Written Communication:

1. A packet of information was presented at the meeting by Del Norte Mutual Water Company for PAC review and consideration in support of Regular Agenda Item F.3. The packet was also made available in electronic form to those in attendance via Zoom.
2. No additional written communication items were presented to the PAC.

## H. Future Agenda Items

1. Chair Prichard circulated an updated 2024 PAC meeting calendar which includes a correction to the next August meeting date; the actual date of the next meeting is Thursday, August 15, 2024. There will be no meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2024.
2. Chair Prichard circulated a 2024 calendar of FCGMA meeting dates including the special committee meeting dates.

I. Adjournment: Chair Prichard adjourned the meeting at 4:48 PM until the next regular PAC meeting on August 15, 2024.

ITEM F-2

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

August 15, 2024

Re: PAC Recommendation Report concerning Del Norte Protest

Chair West:

At its August 1 and 15, 2024 meetings, the PAC discussed the Del Norte basin assessment protest letters submitted for committee consultation by Watermaster staff July 17, 2024.

The PAC understands Del Norte's position to be that United Water Conservation District (UWCD) provides sufficient basin management to protect and maintain Del Norte's pumping capacity, and that no activity on the part of the Watermaster, administrative or otherwise, can benefit Del Norte in any way that is not duplicative of UWCD activities. As such, as matter of equity, Del Norte believes it should not pay any basin assessment.

After much discussion, two central questions presented themselves to the PAC:

1. Where does Del Norte's water come from? That is, how much of the water produced at their wells comes from UWCD's recharge efforts and how much from other basin inflows?
2. What is the generalized benefit to the Del Norte service area of being in the Watermaster/FCGMA service area? That is, can the benefit accrued to Del Norte's wells of FCGMA's regulation of extractions since its inception be quantified? And, if so, what would that value be?

There are clearly policy aspects to the second question, but there are hydrogeological aspects to it, as well, and the PAC determined that without a technical foundation, it cannot develop any policy recommendations for the Watermaster.

As such, at this juncture, the PAC recommends, per Section 6.4 of the Judgment, that Watermaster assign this issue to TAC for review. Once a TAC recommendation report has been developed and returned to the PAC, the PAC can discuss the policy implications and develop a recommendation report to the Watermaster regarding the Del Norte protest.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important matter of equity.

Sincerely,

Ian Prichard, Chair, LPV Watermaster PAC

# FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 17, 2024  
**To:** Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee  
**From:** Kudzai F. Kaseke, Assistant Groundwater Manager  
**Subject:** Protest of Water Year 2023 Basin Assessment levied on Del Norte Water Company (WMID 3500).

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Dear Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC):

Attached for committee consultation is communication from Del Norte Water Company (WMID 3500) protesting the Water Year 2023 Basin Assessment levied against the company and its shareholders.

The Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment states that, the Watermaster, following Committee Consultation, may reduce the amount of the Basin Assessments levied on Water Right Holders that pay an assessment to United Water Conservation District (UWCD), if such a reduction is appropriate as a matter of equity. (Judgment § 7.9). The Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment also provides that, “Any Party seeking judicial review of a Basin Management Action must have timely exhausted opportunities for relief through the submission of written comment(s) to Watermaster, either individually or through a written report submitted by PAC or TAC, concerning the Basin Management Action;” (Judgment § 9.2.1.1).

Watermaster brings this issue before the PAC for discussion in compliance with the Judgment. Please provide feedback to the Watermaster by August 9, 2024.

Please contact me at 805 654 2010 or [LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org](mailto:LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org) with any questions or concerns.



# Del Norte Water Company

Post Office Box 4065  
Ventura, California 93007  
Phone (805) 647-1092 Fax (805) 647-2805

July 12, 2024

## Via E-Mail Transmission

Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
[LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org](mailto:LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org)

Re: Protest of Basin Assessment-Release Date 03/05/2024

Dear Sir or Madam:

By letter dated April 18, 2024, Del Norte Water Company (“DNWC”) sent a letter to the Watermaster protesting the payment of the Basin Assessment based on Section 7.9 of the Final Judgment (the “April 18 Protest”). [A copy of the April 18 Protest is attached hereto as Exhibit “1”.] No response has been received from the Watermaster. Please be advised that DNWC intends to seek relief pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.2 of the Final Judgment:

Section 9.2.1.1 of the Final Judgment provides: “Any Party seeking judicial review of a Basin Management Action must have timely exhausted opportunities for relief through the submission of written comment(s) to Watermaster, either individually or through a written report submitted by PAC or TAC, concerning the Basin Management Action.”

Section 9.2.1.2 of the Final Judgment provides: “Prior to seeking judicial review of a Basin Management Action, Watermaster and the disputing Party(ies) shall first engage in mediation unless both Watermaster and the disputing Party(ies) agree in writing to forego mediation. Watermaster may waive the requirement to engage in mediation in which case a Party that has exhausted its administrative remedies with Watermaster may seek judicial review without having engaged in mediation.”

The April 18 Protest was DNWC’s good faith attempt to initiate a dialogue with Watermaster regarding Section 7.9 assessment reductions. Having received no response from Watermaster on the protested matter, DNWC has exhausted administrative remedies and will continue to pursue its sought-after remedies through the above-referenced channels. The Watermaster assessment is for activities and administration that either duplicate the activities of

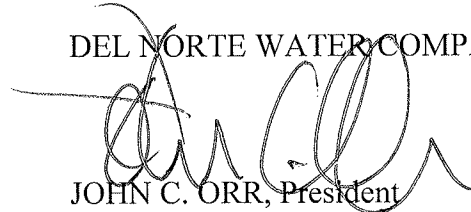
the UWCD or has no benefit to DNWC and its Shareholders. Notwithstanding the protest, DNWC complied with the Notice of Assessment and paid the \$187,832.00 basin assessment in full. DNWC seeks the following remedies:

- 1) An Amended Notice of Assessment reflecting a reduction that is proportionate to the duplicative or non-beneficial activities and administration referenced above; and
- 2) Reimbursement that is proportionate to the reduction in the Amended Notice of Assessment.

DNWC remains hopeful that an agreement can be reached without resorting to mediation or judicial review. Please advise whether mediation or review by the Santa Barbara Superior Court will be necessary to enforce Section 7.9 of the Final Judgment.

Very truly yours,

DEL NORTE WATER COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Orr", is written over the printed name and title.

JOHN C. ORR, President

JCO:nsh  
Attachment

cc: DNWC Board of Directors – *Via E-Mail Transmission*  
Barbara Brenner, Esq. – *Via E-Mail Transmission*

**EXHIBIT "1"**

**[DNWC'S APRIL 18 PROTEST]**

# Del Norte Water Company

Post Office Box 4065  
Ventura, California 93007  
Phone (805) 647-1092 Fax (805) 647-2805

April 18, 2024

## Via E-Mail Transmission

Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
[LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org](mailto:LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org)

Re: Protest of Basin Assessment - Release Date: 03/05/2024

Dear Sir or Madam:

Del Norte Water Company (“DNWC”) received a Notice of Basin Assessment Release Date: 03/05/2024 made pursuant to Final Judgment filed 07/10/2023 in *Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, et al.*, Case No. VENCI00509700. A copy of said Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

As you are aware, appeals of the Judgment are pending, although it has not been stayed.

On April 6, 2024, DNWC forwarded a check to the Watermaster of the funds collected by it from its Shareholders in response to the Notice of Assessment.

DNWC, for itself and each of its Shareholders (see List of WMIDs attached hereto as Exhibit “B”), hereby Protests the payment of the Basin Assessments made, with full reservation of all applicable rights against the Las Posas Valley Watermaster, because of the provisions of Section 7.9 of the Judgment which reads:

“7.9 **Adjustments to Basin Assessments for UWCD Assessments.** Water Right Holders located in the western portion of the Basin within the UWCD’s service area presently pay assessments to UWCD, a portion of which is used to finance UWCD’s ongoing activities that are designed to replenish the Basin and neighboring basins. Watermaster may reduce the amount of the Basin Assessments levied on Water Right Holders that pay an assessment to UWCD if Watermaster determines, following Committee Consultation, that such a reduction is appropriate as a matter of equity.”

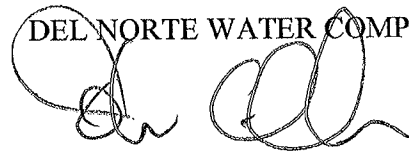
DNWC completed the UWCD’s Semi-Annual Groundwater Production Statements (attached hereto as Exhibit “C”) for the period 07/01/2023 to 12/31/2023. DNWC has partially paid 25% of the \$187,832 that was due and will pay the balance on June 30, 2024.

Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
April 18, 2024  
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The UWCD assessment is based on replenishment activities that benefit DNWC and its Shareholders. DNWC is informed and believes the Watermaster assessment is for activities and administration that either duplicate the activities of the UWCD or has no benefit to DNWC and its Shareholders.

DNWC apologizes that, due to clerical error, this Protest was not made at the time the assessment monies were forwarded to the Watermaster on April 6, 2024.

Very Truly Yours,

DEL NORTE WATER COMPANY  
  
JOHN C. ORR, President

JCO:mjr

cc: Shareholders of DNWC

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ITEM F-3

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

August 15, 2024

Re: PAC Recommendation Report concerning Watermaster FY2024-25 Budget

Chair West:

At its August 1 and 15, 2024 meetings, the PAC discussed the Watermaster Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 budget submitted for committee consultation by Watermaster staff July 22, 2024. The PAC has the following recommendations:

1. **Administrative fees:** the PAC recommends removing the line items for New Uses/Subscription Projects, Transfers, Change of Point of Extraction, and New or Replacement Wells from the Allocations & Record Keeping section. These activities will be triggered by the (likely infrequent) application of landowners and should be borne by the applicants as fees charged as part of said application.
2. **Directors and Officers Liability Insurance:** the PAC appreciates staff's addition of the line item for D&O insurance and requests that the PAC be added to the FCGMA/Watermaster's existing coverage, rather than acquiring separate coverage.
3. **Legal fees:** The PAC maintains its position that legal fees associated with the FCGMA's appeal of the Judgment should be borne by FCGMA as a whole, recuperated through extraction fees, and not by the LPV landowners, recuperated through the basin assessment. The FCGMA agreed to serve as Watermaster for the Las Posas Basin and to perform the duties assigned to it under the Phase 3 Settlement and Judgment, consistent with the Judgment's terms and the Watermaster Rules and Regulations. This includes establishment of the Physical Solution, establishment of the PAC and TAC, and the Basin Optimization Plan.

The Judgment allows for certain legal fees to be borne by the Watermaster, but these are for implementation of the Judgment, not for contesting the Judgment. Contesting the Judgment via an appeal strikes the PAC as the FCGMA's "own costs" as described in Section 12.4 of the Judgment:

*Costs. Except subject to any existing Court orders and stipulation or separate agreement of one or more Parties, each Party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees arising from the Comprehensive Adjudication.*

Thank you for the opportunity to review the LPV Watermaster FY2024-25 Budget.

Sincerely,

Ian Prichard, Chair, LPV Watermaster PAC

# FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 22, 2024  
**To:** Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee  
**From:** Kudzai F. Kaseke, Assistant Groundwater Manager  
**Subject:** Committee Consultation Las Posas Valley Watermaster Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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Dear Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC):

The Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment requires that Watermaster annually prepare a Watermaster Budget following the Watermaster Rules and Committee Consultation and that such budget shall include: (i) the estimated annual costs of administrative management of the Basin; (ii) the estimated annual costs of Groundwater enhancement or Basin Optimization Projects and reference to the five year-year budget included within the Basin Optimization Plan; and (iii) any adjustments to the Basin Assessment. (Judgment, § 7.5). The Watermaster Budget will be adopted at the same meeting that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency adopts its annual budget. (Watermaster Rules, § 2.7.6).

Watermaster has developed a draft Watermaster Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and in compliance with the provisions of the Judgment, refers said budget for committee consultation. Please provide feedback via the email below to the Watermaster by August 16, 2024.

Please contact me at 805 654 2010 or [LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org](mailto:LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org) with any questions or concerns.



**Las Posas Valley Basin  
Watermaster Budget FY 2024-25<sup>1</sup>**

Task	Reference <sup>2</sup>	Labor Hours Estimate <sup>3</sup>	Labor Cost Estimate <sup>4</sup>	Contract Cost Estimate <sup>5</sup>	Hours / Week	Hours / Month	Hours / Year	Blended Rate	Cost
<b>Watermaster Administration</b>									
Watermaster Meetings and Notice	Ex A 2.5	384	\$ 81,408		8	32	384	\$ 212	\$ 81,408
Review of Records	Ex A 2.4	96	\$ 20,352		2	8	96	\$ 212	\$ 20,352
Website	Ex A 2.4.1	24	\$ 5,088		0.5	2	24	\$ 212	\$ 5,088
<b>Subtotal - Watermaster Administration</b>		<b>504</b>	<b>\$ 106,848</b>	<b>\$ -</b>					
<b>Allocations &amp; Record Keeping</b>									
Annual Allocations & Allocation Schedule	4.2, 4.3	40	\$ 8,480				40	\$ 212	\$ 8,480
New Uses / Subscription Projects	4.6	40	\$ 8,480		1	4	40	\$ 212	\$ 8,480
Carryover	4.11	192	\$ 40,704		4	16	192	\$ 212	\$ 40,704
Transfers	4.12	96	\$ 20,352		2	8	96	\$ 212	\$ 20,352
Change of Point of Extraction	4.13	96	\$ 20,352		2	8	96	\$ 212	\$ 20,352
New or Replacement Well	4.14	96	\$ 20,352		2	8	96	\$ 212	\$ 20,352
Overuse	4.15	80	\$ 16,960				80	\$ 212	\$ 16,960
Extraction and use Monitoring and Reporting	Ex A, Article V	384	\$ 81,408	\$ 20,000	8	32	384	\$ 212	\$ 81,408
Data Management and Support		192	\$ 40,704	\$ 200,000	4	16	192	\$ 212	\$ 40,704
<b>Subtotal - Allocations &amp; Record Keeping</b>		<b>1,216</b>	<b>\$ 257,792</b>	<b>\$ 220,000</b>					
<b>Basin Management</b>									
GSP Update (5-year evaluation) <sup>6</sup>	4.9.1	220	\$ 46,640	\$ 43,440			220	\$ 212	\$ 46,640
2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study <sup>6</sup>	4.10	220	\$ 46,640	\$ 122,000			220	\$ 212	\$ 46,640
Annual Report <sup>6</sup>	5.2.3, Ex A 2.7.10	120	\$ 25,440	\$ 48,860			120	\$ 212	\$ 25,440
Initial Basin Optimization Plan <sup>6</sup>	5.3	180	\$ 38,160	\$ 78,000	0	-	180	\$ 212	\$ 38,160
<b>Subtotal - Basin Management</b>		<b>740</b>	<b>\$ 156,880</b>	<b>\$ 292,300</b>					
<b>Committee Coordination and Consultations</b>									
Policy Advisory Committee	6.1, Ex A Article III	288	\$ 61,056		6	24	288	\$ 212	\$ 61,056
PAC Administration <sup>9</sup>				\$170,000					
Technical Advisory Committee <sup>6</sup>	6.11, Ex A Article IV	48	\$ 10,176	\$ 97,440	1	4	48	\$ 212	\$ 10,176
TAC Member Cost <sup>7</sup>				\$ 259,200					
Insurance <sup>10</sup>				\$ 5,000					
<b>Subtotal - Committee Coordination and Consultations</b>		<b>336</b>	<b>\$ 71,232</b>	<b>\$ 526,640</b>					

**Las Posas Valley Basin  
Watermaster Budget FY 2024-25<sup>1</sup>**

Task	Reference <sup>2</sup>	Labor Hours Estimate <sup>3</sup>	Labor Cost Estimate <sup>4</sup>	Contract Cost Estimate <sup>5</sup>	Hours / Week	Hours / Month	Hours / Year	Blended Rate	Cost
<b>Budget and Assessments</b>									
Watermaster Budget	7.5, Ex A 2.7.6	80	\$ 16,960				80	\$ 212	\$ 16,960
Basin Assessments	7.1-7.3, 7.6, Ex A 2.8	192	\$ 40,704	\$ 25,000	4	16	192	\$ 212	\$ 40,704
Processing Fees	7.4	192	\$ 40,704		4	16	192	\$ 212	\$ 40,704
Audits	7.7	180	\$ 38,160	\$ 20,000			180	\$ 212	\$ 38,160
<b>Subtotal - Budget and Assessments</b>		<b>644</b>	<b>\$ 136,528</b>	<b>\$ 45,000</b>					
<b>Calleguas Aquifer Storage &amp; Recovery Project</b>									
Calleguas ASR Project Operations Study	8.4	384	\$ 81,408		8	32	384	\$ 212	\$ 81,408
<b>Subtotal - Calleguas Aquifer Storage &amp; Recovery Project</b>		<b>384</b>	<b>\$ 81,408</b>	<b>\$ -</b>					
<b>Legal Services<sup>8</sup></b>									
Advisory		576	\$ 149,184		12	48	576	\$ 259	\$ 149,184
Judicial Review (challenges to court)	9.2	384	\$ 99,456		8	32	384	\$ 259	\$ 99,456
<b>Subtotal - Legal Services</b>		<b>960</b>	<b>\$ 248,640</b>	<b>\$ -</b>					
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>\$ 1,059,328</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,940</b>					
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,148,268</b>					
			<b>Operating Reserves<sup>11</sup>:</b>	<b>\$ 214,827</b>					
			<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,363,095</b>					
			<b>Total Annual Allocation (AF):</b>	<b>40,000</b>					
			<b>Basin Assessment per AF:</b>	<b>\$ 59.08</b>					
			<b>Quarterly Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 14.77</b>					

FTEs: 2.12 PWA  
0.53 County Counsel  

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2.66 Total

**Footnotes**

- 1 The FY 2024-25 Budget is for estimated Watermaster administration expenses. It is anticipated that the Basin Assessment may need to be adjusted with addition of Basin Optimization Projects costs following Committee Consultation.
- 2 Reference to LPV Adjudication Judgment section, "Ex A" is Exhibit A of the Judgment.
- 3 Estimated annual hours for Ventura County staff.
- 4 Labor cost estimate based on Ventura County Public Works Agency providing LPV Watermaster staff at a blended rate.
- 5 Contract cost estimate for outside services.
- 6 Contract costs for Dudek for assisting with Response Reports (approved 5/22). Assumes one TAC meeting and response reports.
- 7 Contract cost estimate for three TAC members including preparation of Recommendation Reports. Assumes two meetings per month.
- 8 Legal Services labor costs based on Ventura County Counsel providing LPV Watermaster legal services; Judicial Review includes outside counsel costs.
- 9 PAC 5/3/2024 Letter requested \$170,000 for PAC administrator
- 10 PAC request for PAC and TAC members insurance
- 11 Operating reserves are calculated to be maintained at 10% of annual budget