

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

FULL AGENDA PACKAGE

**Board Special Meeting
of
September 13, 2024**



FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Board of Directors will hold a **Board Hybrid Special Meeting** at **1:30 P.M.** on **Friday, September 13, 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 SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

September 13, 2024
1:30 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 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.

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.

8. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9) INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF SUBDIVISION (d) OF SECTION 54956.9: NUMBER OF CASES: One**
9. **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. VENC10059700**
10. **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, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENC100555357**

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 and Las Posas Valley Watermaster Items

11. **Reimbursement of Legal Expenses Incurred by the Agency for Las Posas Valley Watermaster Rules Appeal – (New Item) RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on the reimbursement of the Las Posas Valley (LPV)**

Watermaster Rules Appeal, as recommended by the Fiscal Committee; and **(2)** Provide direction to staff.

Las Posas Valley Watermaster Items

12. **Appointment of Ventura Water Works Nos. 1 & 19 Representative to the Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee – (New Item) RECOMMENDATION:** Receive a presentation and appoint the replacement nominee for Ventura Water Works Districts 1 & 19 (WMIDs 2011, 2191 and 2192) to the LPV Watermaster PAC.
13. **Consideration of the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Recommendation to Appoint Tony Morgan to Serve as PAC Administrator – (New Item) RECOMMENDATION:** Consider and provide direction regarding the recommendations of the LPV PAC to appoint Tony Morgan and a separate administrative assistant to serve as the PAC Administrator and include \$170,000 annually in the Watermaster budget for this expense.

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Items

14. **Approve \$1,000,000 Loan from Surcharges Account to Operating Account – (New Item) RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 loan of \$1,000,000 from the Designated Surcharges Account to the Operating Account and defer repayment until FY 2025-2026.
15. **Hearing on Adoption of Resolution 2024-05 Extending a Groundwater Extraction fee at the Current Rate of \$20 per Acre-Foot to Maintain a Reserve Fund to be Used to Pay the Cost and Expenses of Actions and Proceedings Related to the Agency's Groundwater Sustainability Program – (New Item) RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that this item be continued to the Board Regular meeting on September 25, 2024.
16. **Adjourn Board Meeting**

STANDING NOTICES

The next Regular Meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors will be held Wednesday, September 25, 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.

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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/>

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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.

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September 13, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Reimbursement of Legal Expenses Incurred by the Agency for Las Posas Valley Watermaster Rules Appeal – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on the reimbursement of the Las Posas Valley (LPV) Watermaster Rules Appeal, as recommended by the Fiscal Committee; and (2) Provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND:

The Judgment for the LPV Adjudication (Judgment) appointed the Agency as Watermaster to implement the Judgment in the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). The Judgment authorizes and requires the Watermaster to take Management Actions to ensure the optimization and sustainability of the Basin and requires the Watermaster to set, levy, and collect Basin Assessments and fees from Water Rights Holders to fund Management Actions, Basin Optimization Projects, and the Watermaster's general administration of the Judgment. (Judgment § 7.1.) Your Board adopted an LPV Watermaster Budget and established an initial Basin Assessment of \$64 per acre foot on December 15, 2023. No funds were available for LPV Watermaster activities until the first Basin Assessments were paid and received.

The Fiscal Committee met on May 14, 2024, to discuss policy issues related to the Initial LPV Watermaster Budget adopted by your Board on December 15, 2023, and made recommendations for your Board's direction. Representatives of the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) attended the Fiscal Committee meeting and discussed the meeting's content during its May 16, 2024, meeting. The PAC provided a response letter dated May 17, 2024, attached as Exhibit 11A.

On May 22, 2024, your Board discussed the potential reimbursement of FCGMA funds expended on the LPV Watermaster Rules Appeal. Direction was given to return the item to the Fiscal Committee to discuss options for funding the LPV Watermaster Rules Appeal. The Fiscal Committee held a follow-up meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Until a separate LPV Watermaster Fund was created and the initial Basin Assessments received, the Agency was implementing Basin Management Actions without a specific source for funding Watermaster activities and work. The separate LPV Watermaster Fund was created April 2024 for the deposit of Basin

Assessments and funding of ongoing LPV Watermaster activities. Funds expended prior to April 2024 were paid from the Agency’s operating fund, including legal expenses.

Legal expenses incurred since the Judgment include Agency counsel time advising staff and your Board on interpretation and implementation of the Judgment and defending the Watermaster’s implementation of the Judgment against various parties. In addition, both Agency and outside counsel expenses were incurred for representing the Agency in the LPV Watermaster Rules Appeal, estimated at \$400,000. An exact accounting is unavailable as there was no system in place at the time.

The Fiscal Committee’s recommendation from the June 10, 2024, meeting was to evenly split the costs of the LPV Watermaster Rules Appeal, but to first provide your Board with a presentation on how the split will affect the two budgets. Further, the Fiscal Committee recommended that this presentation to the Board should also include the options of the LPV Watermaster paying the entire costs incurred and paying none of the costs. Exhibit 11B, attached, presents these three options for the Agency-wide budget, and Exhibit 11C, attached, presents these options for the LPV Watermaster budget. The table below provides the bottom line of those budget scenarios and their impact on the LPV Basin Assessment.

	No Reimbursement	Split Reimbursement	Full Reimbursement
FY 24-25 FCGMA Budget: Net Operating Results	(\$1, 607,067)	(\$1,407,067)	(\$1,207,067)
LPV Watermaster Budget: Grand Total	\$2,363,095	\$2,583,095	\$2,803,095
LPV Watermaster Basin Assessment (per Acre-Foot)	\$59.08	\$64.58	\$70.08
LPV Watermaster Quarterly Basin Assessment (per AF)	\$14.77	\$16.14	\$17.52

CONCLUSION:

The Fiscal Committee recommended the LPV Watermaster Appeal funding reimbursement be shared equally between the Agency and the LPV Watermaster. Action on this item will inform the FY 24-25 Agency budget and the separate FY 24-25 LPV Watermaster budget accordingly. Both budgets will be brought before your Board on this Agenda as separate items.

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

Attachments:

- Exhibit 11A – LPV PAC Response Letter dated May 17, 2024
- Exhibit 11B - FY 24-25 FCGMA Budget Legal Reimbursement Scenarios
- Exhibit 11C - FY 24-25 LPV Watermaster Budget Legal Reimbursement Scenarios

Exhibit 11A – LPV PAC Response Letter dated May 17, 2024

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

Item 11 - Exhibit 11B – FY 24-25 FCGMA Budget Legal Reimbursement Scenarios

FCGMA FY 2024-25 BUDGET - DRAFT

Fund O170 Unit 5795		2024-25 Draft Budget	2024-25 Draft Budget	2024-25 Draft Budget
		With no reimbursement	Split reimbursement	Full Reimbursement
1	BEGINNING YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$6,996,395	\$6,996,395	\$6,996,395
2	Revenues			
3	Pump Charge (Note 1)	\$726,000	\$726,000	\$726,000
4	Groundwater Sustainability Fee (Note 2)	\$3,509,000	\$3,509,000	\$3,509,000
5	Penalties / Interest	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
6	GMA Pumping Surcharges	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
7	GEMES (Reserve Fee)	\$2,420,000	\$2,420,000	\$2,420,000
8	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - DWR (Note 3)	\$2,577,800	\$2,577,800	\$2,577,800
9	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - Admin (Note 4)	\$46,472	\$46,472	\$46,472
10	Water Market / AMI Grant (Note 5)	-	-	-
11	Interest Earnings (Note 6)	\$287,000	\$287,000	\$287,000
12	Loan From Surcharges (Note 7)	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	LPV Watermaster for Rules Appeal (Note 8)	\$0	\$200,000	\$400,000
14	Misc. Revenue	-	-	-
15	Total Revenues	\$10,696,272	\$10,896,272	\$11,096,272
16	Expenditures			
17	Public Works Agency Charges (Note 9)	\$3,375,535	\$3,375,535	\$3,375,535
18	General Services Agency Charges (Note 10)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
19	FCGMA Online Support/GIS (Note 11)	\$247,061	\$247,061	\$247,061
20	LAFCO Funding (Note 12)	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$3,510
21	General Legal (County Counsel) (Note 13)	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000
22	Special Counsel (Stoel, Shute MW)	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000
23	County Counsel (Litigation) - GEMES	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
24	Board Member Insurance	\$4,085	\$4,085	\$4,085
25	Biennial Audit	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
26	AWA Dues / Symposium/Conference	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
27	Public Outreach & Notices	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
28	GSP Annual Reports (Note 14)	\$97,000	\$97,000	\$97,000
29	Et Weather Station Contract	-	-	-
30	Watershed Contributions / Match (Note 15)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
31	Computer Equipment, Software & Website	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
32	Office Equipment/Supplies/Printing	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
33	Misc Expense / Misc Payment	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
34	Special Expenditures	-	-	-
35	New FCGMA Data Management System (Note 16)	-	-	-
36	GSP Implementation Updates (Note 17)	\$989,000	\$989,000	\$989,000
37	SGM Impl. Grant Monit Well Install (OPV) (Note 18)	\$4,870,000	\$4,870,000	\$4,870,000
38	SGM Impl. Grant Round 1 (OPV) - App. (Note 19)	-	-	-
39	SGM Impl. Grant Round 1 - Administration (Note 20)	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
40	SGM Round 2 Grant Application (Note 21)	-	-	-
41	Stakeholder Facilitation / Public Outreach	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
42	AMI Data Support	\$61,648	\$61,648	\$61,648
43	Oxnard Well Destruction (Note 22)	-	-	-
44	Rate Counsel & Consultant (Note 23)	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
47	Contingency	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
48	Loan to Operations (Initiated FY 22-23)			
49	Total Expenditures	\$12,303,339	\$12,303,339	\$12,303,339
50	Net Operating Results	(\$1,607,067)	(\$1,407,067)	(\$1,207,067)
51	Operating Reserves	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
52	YEAR END FUND BALANCE	\$5,389,328	\$5,589,328	\$5,789,328

Footnotes:

- (1) FY 24-25 projected pump charge revenue assuming 121,000 AFY extraction at \$6.00 per AF.
- (2) Projected groundwater sustainability fee revenues assuming 121,000 AF extractions.
- (3) Projected reimbursement from DWR for SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 funds for FCGMA projects in the Oxnard & Pleasant Valley Basins.
- (4) Reimbursement from subgrantees City of Camarillo, UWCD, and PVCWD for consultant grant administration services per Board direction (7/20/2022).
- (5) Funding as subgrantee to The Nature Conservancy's Natural Resources Conservation Service grant. Ended FY 21-22.
- (6) Annual interest earnings apportionments projected to be received from the County Pooled Investment Fund.
- (7) Loan from Designated Surcharges Account approved by Board as part of FY 2022-23 Budget to be repaid in FY 2024-25.
- (8) Recommendation of Fiscal Committee for LPV Watermaster to repay 50% legal fees for LPV Watermaster Appeal
- (9) Projected PWA charges to implement FY 2024-25 Annual Workplan. Includes Executive Officer and Fiscal allocation.
- (10) County General Services Agency (GSA) fees for printing of Board packets and other materials, mail and shipping, Board room and AV fees, etc.
- (11) FY 24-25 Estimate for IT services to support, maintain, and improve FCGMA Online Data Management System
- (12) Payment to LAFCO Per Govt. Code Sect. 56381 (b) (1).
- (13) County Counsel services for regular FCGMA legal advisory services.
- (14) GSP Annual Report expense updated based on new Dudek scope approved by Board 12/9/2022 and amended 2/28/24.
- (15) Includes contributions to Watershed Coalition of Ventura County (\$2,200) and Santa Clara Watershed Committee (\$1,500).
- (16) New FCGMA data management system procurement planning-level projections.
- (17) Projected GSP implementation consultant costs. Updated based on Dudek contract scope approved by Board 12/9/2022 and subsequent contract modifications/amendments.
- (18) Monitoring well installation in OPV basins projected expense. Majority funded by DWR SGM Implementation Grant.
- (19) Consultant expenses for grant application for DWR SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 for projects in Oxnard & Pleasant Valley Basins.
- (20) Consultant to assist with DWR SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 Administration for the OPV Basins. Reimbursement from City of Camarillo, PVCWD, and UWCD. FCGMA net share \$9,748 annually.
- (21) Consultant expenses for grant application for DWR SGM Implementation Grant Round 2 for projects in Las Posas Valley Basin.
- (22) Projected cost to destroy Oxnard well; destruction complete and project wrapping up as of this draft Budget.
- (23) Rate counsel and consultant for planned replenishment fee. Projected expense in FY 2024-25 for GEMES by Jarvis Fay.

Item 11 - Exhibit 11C – FY 24-25 LPV Watermaster Budget Legal Reimbursement Scenarios

LPV Watermaster Budget FY 2024-25¹

No Watermaster Rules Appeal Reimbursement

Task	Reference ²	Labor Hours Estimate ³	Labor Cost Estimate ⁴	Contract Cost Estimate ⁵
Watermaster Administration				
Watermaster Meetings and Notice	Ex A 2.5	384	\$ 81,408	
Review of Records	Ex A 2.4	96	\$ 20,352	
Website	Ex A 2.4.1	24	\$ 5,088	
Subtotal - Watermaster Administration		504	\$ 106,848	\$ -
Allocations & Record Keeping				
Annual Allocations & Allocation Schedule	4.2, 4.3	40	\$ 8,480	
New Uses / Subscription Projects	4.6	40	\$ 8,480	
Carryover	4.11	192	\$ 40,704	
Transfers	4.12	96	\$ 20,352	
Change of Point of Extraction	4.13	96	\$ 20,352	
New or Replacement Well	4.14	96	\$ 20,352	
Overuse	4.15	80	\$ 16,960	
Extraction and use Monitoring and Reporting	Ex A, Article V	384	\$ 81,408	\$ 20,000
Data Management and Support		192	\$ 40,704	\$ 200,000
Subtotal - Allocations & Record Keeping		1,216	\$ 257,792	\$ 220,000
Basin Management				
GSP Update (5-year evaluation) ⁶	4.9.1	220	\$ 46,640	\$ 43,440
2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study ⁶	4.10	220	\$ 46,640	\$ 122,000
Annual Report ⁶	5.2.3, Ex A 2.7.10	120	\$ 25,440	\$ 48,860
Initial Basin Optimization Plan ⁶	5.3	180	\$ 38,160	\$ 78,000
Subtotal - Basin Management		740	\$ 156,880	\$ 292,300
Committee Coordination and Consultations				
Policy Advisory Committee	6.1, Ex A Article III	288	\$ 61,056	
PAC Administration ⁹				\$ 170,000
Technical Advisory Committee ⁶	6.11, Ex A Article IV	48	\$ 10,176	\$ 97,440
TAC Member Cost ⁷				\$ 259,200
Insurance ¹⁰				\$ 5,000
Subtotal - Committee Coordination and Consultations		336	\$ 71,232	\$ 526,640
Budget and Assessments				
Watermaster Budget	7.5, Ex A 2.7.6	80	\$ 16,960	
Basin Assessments	7.1-7.3, 7.6, Ex A 2.8	192	\$ 40,704	\$ 25,000
Processing Fees	7.4	192	\$ 40,704	
Audits	7.7	180	\$ 38,160	\$ 20,000
Subtotal - Budget and Assessments		644	\$ 136,528	\$ 45,000
Calleguas Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project				
Calleguas ASR Project Operations Study	8.4	384	\$ 81,408	
Subtotal - Calleguas Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project		384	\$ 81,408	\$ -
Legal Services⁸				
Advisory		576	\$ 149,184	
Judicial Review (challenges to court)	9.2	384	\$ 99,456	
LPV Water Rules Appeal				0
Subtotal - Legal Services		960	\$ 248,640	\$ -
TOTALS:				
		4,784	\$ 1,059,328	\$ 1,088,940
			Total:	\$ 2,148,268
			Operating Reserves¹¹:	\$ 214,827
			Grand Total:	\$ 2,363,095
			Total Annual Allocation (AF):	40,000
			Basin Assessment per AF:	\$ 59.08
			Quarterly Assessment	\$ 14.77

Footnotes

- 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.
- Reference to LPV Adjudication Judgment section, "Ex A" is Exhibit A of the Judgment.
- Estimated annual hours for Ventura County staff.
- Labor cost estimate based on Ventura County Public Works Agency providing LPV Watermaster staff at a blended rate.
- Contract cost estimate for outside services.
- Contract costs for Dudek for assisting with Response Reports (approved 5/22). Assumes one TAC meeting and response reports.
- Contract cost estimate for three TAC members including preparation of Recommendation Reports. Assumes two meetings per month.
- Legal Services labor costs based on Ventura County Counsel providing LPV Watermaster legal services; Judicial Review includes outside counsel costs.
- PAC 5/3/2024 Letter requested \$170,000 for PAC administrator
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Item 11 - Exhibit 11C – FY 24-25 LPV Watermaster Budget Legal Reimbursement Scenarios

LPV Watermaster Budget FY 2024-25¹

50/50 Watermaster Rules Appeal Reimbursement

Task	Reference ²	Labor Hours Estimate ³	Labor Cost Estimate ⁴	Contract Cost Estimate ⁵
Watermaster Administration				
Watermaster Meetings and Notice	Ex A 2.5	384	\$ 81,408	
Review of Records	Ex A 2.4	96	\$ 20,352	
Website	Ex A 2.4.1	24	\$ 5,088	
Subtotal - Watermaster Administration		504	\$ 106,848	\$ -
Allocations & Record Keeping				
Annual Allocations & Allocation Schedule	4.2, 4.3	40	\$ 8,480	
New Uses / Subscription Projects	4.6	40	\$ 8,480	
Carryover	4.11	192	\$ 40,704	
Transfers	4.12	96	\$ 20,352	
Change of Point of Extraction	4.13	96	\$ 20,352	
New or Replacement Well	4.14	96	\$ 20,352	
Overuse	4.15	80	\$ 16,960	
Extraction and use Monitoring and Reporting	Ex A, Article V	384	\$ 81,408	\$ 20,000
Data Management and Support		192	\$ 40,704	\$ 200,000
Subtotal - Allocations & Record Keeping		1,216	\$ 257,792	\$ 220,000
Basin Management				
GSP Update (5-year evaluation) ⁶	4.9.1	220	\$ 46,640	\$ 43,440
2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study ⁶	4.10	220	\$ 46,640	\$ 122,000
Annual Report ⁶	5.2.3, Ex A 2.7.10	120	\$ 25,440	\$ 48,860
Initial Basin Optimization Plan ⁶	5.3	180	\$ 38,160	\$ 78,000
Subtotal - Basin Management		740	\$ 156,880	\$ 292,300
Committee Coordination and Consultations				
Policy Advisory Committee	6.1, Ex A Article III	288	\$ 61,056	
PAC Administration ⁹				\$ 170,000
Technical Advisory Committee ⁶	6.11, Ex A Article IV	48	\$ 10,176	\$ 97,440
TAC Member Cost ⁷				\$ 259,200
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Subtotal - Committee Coordination and Consultations		336	\$ 71,232	\$ 526,640
Budget and Assessments				
Watermaster Budget	7.5, Ex A 2.7.6	80	\$ 16,960	
Basin Assessments	7.1-7.3, 7.6, Ex A 2.8	192	\$ 40,704	\$ 25,000
Processing Fees	7.4	192	\$ 40,704	
Audits	7.7	180	\$ 38,160	\$ 20,000
Subtotal - Budget and Assessments		644	\$ 136,528	\$ 45,000
Calleguas Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project				
Calleguas ASR Project Operations Study	8.4	384	\$ 81,408	
Subtotal - Calleguas Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project		384	\$ 81,408	\$ -
Legal Services⁸				
Advisory		576	\$ 149,184	
Judicial Review (challenges to court)	9.2	384	\$ 99,456	
LPV Water Rules Appeal				\$ 200,000
Subtotal - Legal Services		960	\$ 248,640	\$ -
TOTALS:		4,784	\$ 1,059,328	\$ 1,288,940
			Total:	\$ 2,348,268
			Operating Reserves¹¹:	\$ 234,827
			Grand Total:	\$ 2,583,095
			Total Annual Allocation (AF):	40,000
			Basin Assessment per AF:	\$ 64.58
			Quarterly Assessment	\$ 16.14

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September 13, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Appointment of Ventura Water Works Nos. 1 & 19 Representative to the Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee [LPV Watermaster] – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a presentation and appoint the replacement nominee for Ventura Water Works Districts 1 & 19 (WMIDs 2011, 2191 and 2192) to the Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee.

INTRODUCTION:

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) is an 11-member advisory body to the Las Posas Valley Basin Watermaster (LPV Watermaster) on policy-related matters of a non-technical nature. The PAC includes: 5 basin wide representatives (Zone Mutual Water Company, Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 & 19, Calleguas, Commercial and Watermaster Representative (*non-voting*)) and 6 representatives for the East and West Management Areas (Large Agriculture, Small Agriculture and Mutual Water Companies) (Judgment, § 6.10.2.).

Each member of the PAC will serve until that member resigns or is replaced pursuant to Section 6.10.2 of the Judgment and in the event of a vacancy, the applicable Landowner Constituency Group shall hold a vote to nominate a replacement pursuant to the procedure for initial selection set forth in the Judgment. However, Basin wide and Watermaster representatives may select their respective PAC members pursuant to their own internal governance process. (Exhibit A, § 3.1.6).

DISCUSSION:


Ventura County Waterworks Districts Nos. 1 & 19 (WWD) notified Watermaster of a replacement nominee to the PAC, Mr. David Fleisch, pursuant to the WWD's internal governance process, in a letter dated August 16, 2024. This letter is attached as Exhibit 12A. Pursuant to the Judgment, Watermaster shall appoint or decline to appoint a nominee within 60 days of the nomination and shall only decline to appoint a nominee for cause. (Judgment, § 6.10.2.).

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board appoint the nominee, Mr. David Fleisch, to the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee as the Ventura Waterworks Districts 1 & 19 representative.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-2954.

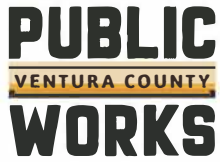
Sincerely,

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Kathy Jones
Staff Services Specialist

Attachment:

Exhibit 12A – Letter dated August 16, 2024, regarding Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 and 19 LPV PAC Membership Replacement



COUNTY of VENTURA

Gregg Strakaluse
Agency Director

David Fleisch
Assistant Director

Central Services
Joan Araujo, Director

Engineering Services
Vacant, Director

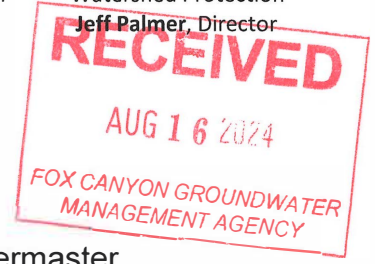
Roads & Transportation
Anitha Balan, Director

Water & Sanitation
Vacant, Director

Watershed Protection
Jeff Palmer, Director

August 16, 2024

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



RE: Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 and 19 Las Posas Valley Policy
Advisory Committee Membership Replacement.

Chair West:

The Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 and 19 is party to the Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (Judgment) and is assigned a seat on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). In accordance with the provisions of the Judgment, Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 and 19 nominate David Fleisch as the replacement nominee for the Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 and 19 on the PAC. (Judgment, Exh. A, § 3.1.6.)

Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 and 19 look forward to your approval for appointment of this nomination consistent with section 6.10.2. of the Judgment.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gregg Strakaluse, P.E.
Director



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September 13, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Las Posas Valley (LPV) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Recommendation to Appoint Tony Morgan to Serve as PAC Administrator [LPV Watermaster] -- (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Consider and provide direction regarding the recommendations of the LPV PAC to appoint Tony Morgan and a separate administrative assistant to serve as the PAC Administrator and include \$170,000 annually in the Watermaster budget for this expense.

BACKGROUND:

The judgment entered in *Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, et al.*, Santa Barbara Sup. Case No. VENC100509700 (LPV Adjudication) provides that the PAC may appoint a PAC Administrator responsible for organizing PAC meetings, preparing PAC meeting agendas, taking and preparing PAC meeting minutes, drafting and preparing PAC recommendation reports, and presenting PAC reports to Watermaster if requested. (Judgment, § 6.10.3.1, 6.10.3.2.) The Watermaster must consent to the PAC's appointment in the absence of cause. (Judgment, § 6.10.3.1.)

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that your Board consider the PAC's recommendations to appoint Tony Morgan and the administrative assistant currently already staffing PAC (Caroline Wesley) to serve as PAC Administrator and to include in the Watermaster budget \$170,000 annually to pay for these PAC Administrator positions.

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: Exhibit 13A: PAC Letter dated May 2, 2024, Requesting Appointment of PAC Administrator and Budget

Item 13 - Exhibit 13A – LPV PAC Letter, dated May 3, 2024, RE: PAC Administrator Appointment and Budget Request

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

May 3, 2024

Re: PAC Administrator Appointment and Budget Request

Chair West:

At its April 4, 2024 meeting, the Las Posas PAC determined to appoint Tony Morgan, of Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, as the PAC Administrator. Mr. Morgan's role as a Technical Advisory Committee member, his knowledge of the basin and its stakeholders, and his exceptional interpersonal skills make him an ideal candidate to carry the PAC's message to the Watermaster board and the community.

The Watermaster budget does not currently include funding for a PAC Administrator. At its December 15, 2023 meeting, the Watermaster Board requested that the PAC develop a work plan and budget and submit them along with the nomination for PAC Administrator. The attached table categorizes the main functions of the PAC Administrator. In the interest of efficiencies, the PAC determined to name a "PAC Administrative Assistant" in addition to the PAC Administrator. At its April 4 meeting, the PAC appointed Caroline Wesley to this role. Ms. Wesley has been serving as the de facto clerk of the PAC since our establishment last fall, and the PAC hopes to continue availing itself of her organizational prowess and clear communication. It is anticipated she will subcontract to Mr. Morgan/DBS&A.

To establish a budget for the PAC Administrator and Administrative Assistant, the PAC reviewed the duties listed in Section 6.10.3.2 of the Judgment and, based on our collective experience of PAC activities to date and similar efforts elsewhere, estimated work hours required to fulfill them. Assuming no more than **four days a month** for each position, and using \$317 for the PAC Administrator, based on our understanding of Mr. Morgan's rate, and \$125 for the PAC Administrative Assistant, the PAC requests a line item for PAC Administration in the Watermaster budget of **\$170,000 per year**.

Section 6.10.3.1 of the Judgment requires that the Watermaster, absent a demonstration of cause not to, consent to this appointment. I will be available for consultation before the Watermaster board when you agendaize this item, hopefully May 22, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration,

Item 13 - Exhibit 13A

Ian Prichard, Chair

LAS POSAS WATERMASTER POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR DUTIES		
DUTIES	TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES	ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES
<u>PAC Administrator</u>		
Determine, in consultation with PAC Chair, agenda for PAC meetings	X	
Prepare draft and final PAC Recommendation Reports	X	
Present Recommendation Reports to the WM Board during WM meetings	X	
Provide reports to PAC on TAC's findings/recommendations	X	
Address technical issues/questions from the PAC	X	
Other duties as assigned by PAC or as defined in WM Rules	X	
<u>PAC Administrative Assistant</u>		
Organize PAC meeting materials, coordinate with host venue as necessary		X
Prepare and distribute meeting agendas		X
Take and produce meeting minutes		X
Circulate draft reports and other data for PAC approval		X
Coordinate and liaise with PAC and constituents as required		X
Other duties as assigned by PAC or as defined in WM Rules		X

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September 13, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Approve 1,000,000 Loan from Surcharges Account to Operating Account – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 loan of \$1,000,000 from the Designated Surcharges Account to the Operating Account and defer repayment until FY 2025-2026.

BACKGROUND:

With the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget, your Board approved a \$1,000,000 loan from the Designated Surcharges Account to the Agency's Operating Account to cover the projected shortfall due to expenses for installing monitoring wells in the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley (OPV) Basins as part of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant program.

At that time, your Board directed the loan to be repaid in FY 2024-25. As the creation of the original loan was not a specific action by your Board, the Fiscal Committee recommended your Board provide formal approval of the loan and defer repayment of this loan until FY 2025-26.

DISCUSSION:

Surcharge revenue is not used for operating expenses and can only be used for Board-designated expenses, which have been principally for water replenishment or supporting projects to increase the water supplies and/or sustainable yield of the Basins. The information obtained from the monitoring wells being drilled under the SGM Grant will support implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plans and the management of the basins toward sustainable yield.

Due to a delay by DWR in initiating the grant, none of the loaned funds were expended in FY 23-24. In FY 23-24 the grant was initiated, and the Agency entered into a contract with a well driller. However, the late start means the expenses will occur in FY 24-25. The loan was originally scheduled to be repaid in this fiscal year, FY 24-25, but that no longer makes sense because project work and services will occur

this fiscal year but need to be paid next fiscal year. The DWR SGM Grant wells will be completed in FY 25-26, and thus repayment should be deferred until at least that fiscal year.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends your Board approve the loan of \$1,000,000 from the Designated Surcharges Account to the Operations Account and defer payment of this loan until FY 2025-2026.

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

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



Board Regular Meetings

Fourth Wednesday, monthly

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

*Board Special Meetings

Second Friday, monthly

January 12 th	1:30 pm	BOS
February 9 th	1:30 pm	BOS
March 8 th	1:30 pm	BOS
April 12 th	1:30 pm	BOS
May 10 th	1:30 pm	BOS
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*Executive Committee Meetings

Third Thursday, every 3 months

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

*Operations Committee Meetings

February 5 th	2:00 pm	MPR
April 1 st	2:00 pm	MPR
June 3 rd	2:00 pm	MPR
August 28 th	2:00 pm	LPAR
October 7 th	2:00 pm	MPR
December 2 nd	2:00 pm	MPR

*Fiscal Committee Meetings

LPV Watermaster	May 14 th	2:00 pm	ACR
LPV Watermaster	June 10 th	2:00 pm	ACR
FCGMA	June 11 th	2:00 pm	LPAR
FCGMA	July 9 th	8:30 am	MPR
FCGMA	August 9 th	1:30 pm	MPR

Key

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

	Already Occurred
Meeting Date & Time	Did Not Hold Meeting

^^All Regular and Special Board meetings will be held in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room (BOS) unless noted.

ACR = Atlantic Conference Room

LPAR = Lower Plaza Assembly Room

MPR = Multi-Purpose Room

This brochure may help with locating conference rooms in the Hall of Administration:

<https://docs.vcrma.org/images/pdf/planning/brochures/HOA-Brochure-Map.pdf>

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Tony Trembley – Five Cities (805) 388-5307 (*Term Exp 2-28-26*)
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