

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, October 17, 2024** in the Board Room of the Calleguas Municipal Water District and via Zoom.

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

Via Zoom:

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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 September 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

2. Committee Consultation: LPV 5-Year Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Update

The GSP ad hoc committee, formed at the September 19, 2024 regular meeting of the PAC, will present preliminary/conceptual comments on the GSP update for discussion by the PAC. The GSP Update is available on the FCGMA website.

G. PAC Subcommittee Reports

PAC representatives on subcommittees will provide reports

- a. Operations Subcommittee
- b. Executive Subcommittee
- c. Fiscal Subcommittee
- d. TAC Subcommittee

H. Written Communication

None.

I. Future Agenda Items

The PAC will consider items for future agendas.

J. Adjourn

LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2024

The Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held a meeting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 19, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Office and via Zoom.

A. Call to Order: Vice Chair Grether served as Acting Chair at this meeting, and called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

B. Roll Call: The following PAC members were present:

1. Calleguas Municipal Water District – Ian Prichard, Chair – via Zoom
2. West Las Posas Large Agriculture – Rob Grether, Vice Chair
3. Commercial – seat vacant
4. Zone Mutual Water Company – John Menne
5. Ventura County Waterworks District Nos. 1 and 19 – David Fleisch – via Zoom
6. Watermaster (non-voting) – Farai Kaseke – via Zoom
7. East Las Posas Large Agriculture – David Schwabauer – via Zoom
8. East Las Posas Small Agriculture – Josh Waters
9. East Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Laurel Servin – via Zoom
10. West Las Posas Small Agriculture – Richard Cavaletto
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: Two local members of the public spoke:

1. Doug Homze asked if it would be possible to have all California-certified wells in the Las Posas Valley (LPV) Basin included on the FCGMA Groundwater Allocations Water Year 2024 schedule even if their current allocation is zero.
2. Rob De Boni of De Boni Corporation asked for clarification as to how the historical use numbers were calculated during the adjudication for allocation purposes, and he asked if those numbers were calculated equitably and consistently for all landowners in the LPV Basin. Vice Chair Grether directed Mr. De Boni to Section 1.56 of the Final Judgment.

E. PAC Member Comments: Watermaster Farai Kaseke stated that the Watermaster does not have the authority to add or include any landowners on the Groundwater Allocations Water Year 2024 schedule when the landowner(s) do not have an allocation.

F. Regular Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2024, PAC Regular meeting: David Schwabauer moved to approve the minutes as stated for the September 5, 2024,

meeting; Richard Cavaletto seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 8-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstention (due to technical difficulties with Zoom).

2. Committee Consultation: LPV 5-Year Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Update: On August 26, 2024, Watermaster submitted a Committee Consultation request regarding the Draft 2025 GSP 5-Year Update for the Las Posas Valley Basin. Watermaster requested a Recommendation Report by October 7, 2024. Resulting from discussion at the September 5, 2024 meeting, the PAC Chair sent a letter to the Watermaster indicating the PAC's intention to deliver comments by November 11, 2024, the date established by the revised Important Dates negotiated by interested parties, including the FCGMA special counsel, and as adopted by the Court at the Joint Status Conference on September 4, 2024. As of September 19, 2024, Watermaster has not responded to the PAC's letter.

Vice Chair Grether suggested the development of an ad hoc committee whose role will be to develop a plan to manage the workflow within the PAC as they review the LPV 5-Year Groundwater Sustainability Plan. David Schwabauer made a motion to empower Chair Prichard to nominate an ad hoc committee to meet and develop a detailed plan to manage the workflow within the PAC; Steve Murata seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 8-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstention (due to technical difficulties with Zoom).

The members of the ad hoc committee are: Chair Ian Prichard, Vice Chair Rob Grether, Richard Cavaletto, and David Schwabauer.

3. Draft Las Posas Valley Basin Groundwater Allocations Calculations for Water Year 2024: On September 4, 2024, Watermaster submitted a Committee Consultation memo to the PAC containing draft allocation calculations. The Judgment states that Watermaster, following Committee Consultation, shall annually calculate the Annual Allocations using the protocols and formulas set forth in Exhibit D of the Judgment and publish the Annual Allocations Calculation. Watermaster requested feedback from the PAC on the calculation by September 20, 2024.

Vice Chair Grether performed a detailed review of the draft Annual Allocations schedule and confirmed its accuracy. The schedule includes a revision from 41,800 AF/year as was initially stated to 40,000 AF/year as mandated by the Judgment for the first two years of operation. The schedule also includes pending WMID ownership name changes, allocation splits due to property sales, and consideration of the conditional allocations.

Vice Chair Grether approved the pending changes and made a recommendation to the PAC to approve the Groundwater Allocations Water Year 2024 schedule. David Schwabauer made a motion to approve the Groundwater Allocations Water Year 2024 schedule and to provide a letter advising Watermaster of this approval; Richard Cavaletto seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 8-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstention (due to technical difficulties with Zoom). Chair Prichard will provide the written approval letter from the PAC to Watermaster.

G. PAC Subcommittee Reports:

1. Operations Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
2. Executive Subcommittee: September meeting was cancelled; nothing to report.
3. Fiscal Subcommittee: At the Board of Directors Special Meeting on September 13, 2024, the FCGMA Fiscal Committee recommended a 50/50 split between the FCGMA and Watermaster budgets for legal fees which were largely incurred by FCGMA for its appeal of the Judgment. This is a \$200,000 line item on the Watermaster's 2024/2025 budget for reimbursement to FCGMA for legal expenses incurred during the previous fiscal year. The FCGMA Board of Directors approved this recommendation and the Watermaster budget will include this expense.
4. TAC Subcommittee: The TAC will increase its meeting to a semi-monthly schedule with the next meeting on October 2, 2024. Their meetings are all virtual, by Zoom, and can be found on the Watermaster website.

TAC member/PAC Administrator: Update on approval and installment of PAC Administrator, Tony Morgan. The PAC submitted a request to have TAC member Tony Morgan serve in a dual role as the PAC Administrator in addition to his role as a TAC member. Mr. Morgan's contract is expected to be finalized soon.

G. Written Communication: None.

H. Future Agenda Items: None.

I. Adjournment: Vice Chair Grether adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM until the next regular PAC meeting on October 3, 2024.