

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 HYBRID meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

In Person:

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 February 6, 2025 Regular Meeting

2. Status Report on Appointment of TAC member to ASR Study Group

The PAC will hear an update from Vice-Chair Grether on his outreach efforts to candidate TAC members regarding their availability and interest in serving on the ASR Study Group.

3. 2024 Draft Annual Report initial comments

The PAC will provide its initial comments on the draft annual report, including recently released Appendices A and E. Due to their size, the annual report and all supporting documents are available at <https://fcgma.org/annual-report/>. Watermaster requests feedback by March 7, 2025.

4. Watermaster Budget

The PAC will continue its discussion on how to engage in the budgeting efforts and identify priorities for engagement with FCGMA/WM. The discussion will consider actual v. budget expenditures, attached, and other budgeting materials that may be made available by the time of the PAC meeting. The next FCGMA/WM Fiscal Committee is scheduled for February 27, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

5. BOYS Modeling

The PAC will discuss modeling efforts associated with the Basin Optimization Yield Study.

6. CMWD Background

Ian Prichard, Deputy General Manager of Calleguas Municipal Water District, will provide information on the history, operations, and water resource development plans for the District.

G. PAC Subcommittee Reports

PAC representatives on subcommittees will provide reports

1. Operations Subcommittee
2. Executive Subcommittee
3. Fiscal Subcommittee
4. TAC Subcommittee

H. Written Communication

None

I. Future Agenda Items

The PAC will consider items for future agendas.

J. Adjourn

Attachments:

1. F-1 PAC 2025-02-06 Meeting Minutes
2. F-4 LPV Monthly Balance Report FY2024-25 (through January 2025)

LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2025

The Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held a regular hybrid meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Calleguas Municipal Water District, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA, and via Zoom.

A. Call to Order: Chair Ian Prichard called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

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. Ventura County Waterworks District Nos. 1 and 19 – Jeff Palmer* (via Zoom)
4. Commercial – Art Aseo (via Zoom)
5. Watermaster (non-voting) – Farai Kaseke (via Zoom)
6. Zone Mutual Water Company – John Menne
7. East Las Posas Large Agriculture – David Schwabauer (via Zoom)
8. East Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Laurel Servin (via Zoom)
9. West Las Posas Small Agriculture – Richard Cavaletto
10. West Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Steven Murata

The following PAC member was absent:

1. East Las Posas Small Agriculture – Josh Waters

*New member for Ventura County WWD 1 and 19; formal Watermaster approval pending.

C. Agenda Review: Vice-Chair Grether requested the removal of Item F.2 from this meeting’s agenda, as he reported the PAC’s recommendations concerning the revised schedule for the Basin Optimization Yield Study in person at the FCGMA monthly board meeting on January 22, 2025, as directed by the PAC on the same date. No further action by the PAC is required at this time.

D. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

E. PAC Member Comments: Laurel Servin inquired about the status of the letter that she forwarded to Watermaster/FCGMA in October 2024, on behalf of constituents in the East LPV. The letter provides details about a landowner in the LPV Basin who has a WMID but does not have an allocation listed in the Judgment. The constituents are asking for resolution and an understanding of how it may be possible for a landowner in the Basin to extract water if they are not in compliance with the LPV Judgment. Watermaster stated that they have taken action in this case, and more information will be provided at a future PAC meeting.

F. Regular Agenda

1. **Approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2025, Regular PAC Meeting:** David Schwabauer moved to approve the minutes as stated for the January 22, 2025, meeting; John Menne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8 Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 1-Absent.

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2. Basin Optimization Yield Study Revised Schedule – This agenda item was cancelled

The PAC's Recommendation Report for the Basin Optimization Yield Study revised schedule was communicated verbally to the Watermaster/FCGMA Board by Vice-chair Grether at their regular board meeting on January 22, 2025.

3. Discussion of PAC Comments on Draft Initial Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Plan

On December 12, 2024, Watermaster submitted to the PAC for committee consultation the Draft Initial Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Plan (dBOP). Comments submitted by PAC members to the PAC Administrator were compiled into a draft Recommendation Report and were reviewed at the January 22, 2025, PAC meeting. Suggestions for clarification and improvement were provided to the PAC Administrator, who prepared a revised draft Recommendation Report. The revised draft was discussed in detail by the PAC at the February 6 meeting. The following key points and observations were made.

- a. The LPV Basin Optimization Plan (BOP) is intended to address the long-term needs of the Basin through the identification of short and long-term projects to maintain the Basin operating yield at 40,000 AFY or as close thereto as possible.
- b. All projects must satisfy the criteria established under Judgment Section 5.3, and must be "practical, reasonable, and cost-effective" (Section 5.3.2.2). This includes compliance with SGMA and all reporting requirements.
- c. Comments in the draft report from individual PAC members as well as those made by the TAC in their recommendation report are similar in nature and reflect common goals and assumptions.
- d. The PAC's Recommendation Report will include a written Summary of Facts Report highlighting six priority items for consideration along with a master Excel table of individual comments for review and response from Watermaster.

The PAC discussed and requested some small refinements to the report and a motion was made by John Menne to approve the report as edited with the requested changes; Vice-chair Grether seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 8 Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 1-Absent. The final PAC Recommendation Report will be submitted to Watermaster by February 13, 2025.

4. Watermaster Budget

The PAC discussed how to engage in the budgeting efforts and identify priorities for engagement with FCGMA/Watermaster. The Watermaster budget including YTD-to-actual information is available in regular monthly FCGMA board meeting packets. Participation at the periodic Watermaster/FCGMA Fiscal Committee meetings, where budget development is discussed in detail, is encouraged; the PAC has a subcommittee assigned to the Board's Fiscal Committee.

The PAC is eager to receive and review the WY2023 extraction data and audit report from the GSP Annual Report as the committee continues its evaluation of policies related to the selection and implementation of projects for the Basin. Steve Murata asked if Watermaster would provide a presentation on the existing monitoring wells as the evaluation of adding new wells continues.

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The PAC affirmed its support for projects that are readily implementable and operationally flexible, e.g., Projects 2, 7, and 8, the two Calleguas in-lieu programs and the Least Cost Acquisition Program. The Calleguas in-lieu programs are available to Calleguas purveyors, who have existing turnouts. In the LPV Basin, this includes Berylwood Mutual, Zone Mutual, and Ventura Count Waterworks Districts Nos. 1 and 19. The ability to turn in-lieu deliveries on and off allows for immediate implementation and rapid evaluation of their benefits. Replenishment water, whether it comes from the Least Cost Acquisition Program or the Calleguas in-lieu programs, would require an increase in the basin assessment to fund a cost-recovery program.

Vice-Chair Grether made a motion to authorize Chair Prichard to write a letter to the Watermaster notifying them that the PAC is highly supportive of the evaluation of the Least Cost Acquisition project and the Calleguas in-lieu programs and recommending that Watermaster staff begin working with pertinent stakeholders in the basin. The letter will also relay PAC's request that Watermaster staff begin the process of determining the budget impact of these projects for FY 2025-26; the PAC recommends that any surplus funds in FY2024-25 be set aside for possible pilot implementation of one or more of these programs. David Schwabauer seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 8 Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 1-Absent.

G. PAC Subcommittee Reports:

1. Operations Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
2. Executive Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
3. Fiscal Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
4. TAC Subcommittee: The TAC meeting focused on the final review of their draft Basin Optimization Plan recommendation report, review of their draft recommendation report for the 2024 GSP Annual Report, and the scheduling of their future deliverables.

H. Written Communication: None.

I. Future Agenda Items: PAC and the public requested the following items be added to a future agenda:

1. Status report on the appointment of a TAC member to the ASR Study Group
2. A review of Watermaster budget-to-actual expenses YTD
3. Follow up from Watermaster on the WMID holder with no allocation who is extracting water
4. Discussion about allocation carryover and transfer of allocations within the Basin, including compliance with the Judgment and reporting to Watermaster
5. PAC's review of the GSP Annual Report

J. Adjournment: Chair Prichard adjourned the meeting at 5:21P.M., until the next regular hybrid PAC meeting which is scheduled for February 20, 2025, at 3:00 P.M.

Item 10 (2/12/2025 FCGMA Board Meeting) - LPV Watermaster Budget to Actual Report for January 2025

FUND: 0171 UNIT: 5796 LPV WATERMASTER	2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET	ACCUMULATED			EXPENDITURES BY ACCOUNTING PERIOD												
		OBJ	PROG	TOTAL	AP 01	AP 02	AP 03	AP 04	AP 05	AP 06	AP 07	AP 08	AP 09	AP 10	AP 11	AP 12	AP 13
					7/23	8/23	9/23	10/23	11/23	12/23	1/24	2/24	3/24	4/24	5/24	6/24	7/24
CASH BALANCE				1,127,504.76	1,127,504.76	1,050,837.78	1,076,742.91	1,074,025.08	1,386,410.44	1,412,842.35	1,438,769.91	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40
REVENUE:																	
INTEREST EARNINGS		8911	-	6,167.29	(9,651.42)		4,825.71		4,825.71		6,167.29						
BASIN ASSESSMENT FEE		9790	P6020670	972,176.68	(54,626.98)	38,593.60	15,837.76	403,185.65	85,301.81	70,356.86	413,527.98						
BASIN ASSESSMENT INTEREST		9790	P6020671	16,282.53	2,102.43	2,775.68	2,584.16	112.55		1,232.84	7,474.87						
TOTAL REVENUE				994,626.50	(62,175.97)	41,369.28	23,247.63	403,298.20	90,127.52	71,589.70	427,170.14	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE				2,122,131.26	1,065,328.79	1,092,207.06	1,099,990.54	1,477,323.28	1,476,537.96	1,484,432.05	1,865,940.05	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40
EXPENDITURES:																	
SUPPORT:																	
PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV WATERMASTER ADMINISTRATION	106,848	2205	P6020660	77,420.64	14,491.01	5,228.90	1,925.09	7,698.49	26,921.33	8,029.70	13,126.12						
PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV ALLOCATIONS & RECORD KEEPING	257,792	2205	P6020661	16,707.69		1,535.70	332.74	3,187.43	8,854.35	2,797.47							
PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV BASIN MANAGEMENT	156,880	2205	P6020662	20,486.66		1,319.55		3,126.10	6,132.81	3,981.92	5,926.28						
PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV COMMITTEE COORDINATION AND CONSULT	71,232	2205	P6020663	19,272.05		2,608.50	1,187.44	2,770.72	6,966.06	3,760.25	1,979.08						
PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV BUDGET & ASSESSMENTS	136,528	2205	P6020664	6,238.24				1,510.97	2,789.73	569.63	1,367.91						
PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV SERVICE & SUPPORT	200,000	2205	P6020667	14,404.02			79.68	4,727.78	4,605.03	3,085.77	1,905.76						
LPV CALLEGUAS ASR PROJECT OPERATIONS STUDY	81,408	2205	P6020665	-													
LEGAL:																	
LPV LEGAL SERVICES - COUNTY COUNSEL	248,640	2185	P6020666	45,045.00			10,647.00	25,184.25		9,213.75							
LPV LEGAL SERVICES - FCGMA LEGAL COST SHARE		2185	P6020666	200,000.00							200,000.00						
CONTRACTS:																	
RGS AUTHORITY	25,000	2199	P6020660	15,523.81		4,771.50	1,602.26	1,520.35	3,052.30	4,577.40							
TODD GROUNDWATER-TAC	259,200	2199	P6020662	38,613.75			10,191.25	18,152.50	8,853.75		1,416.25						
AQUILOGIC-TAC		2199	P6020662	15,890.00				11,860.00	570.00		3,460.00						
DANIEL B STEPHENS & ASSOCIATES-TAC/PAC	170,000	2199	P6020662	22,190.00				11,174.25	3,804.00	792.50	6,419.25						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				491,791.86	14,491.01	15,464.15	25,965.46	90,912.84	63,695.61	45,662.14	235,600.65	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCY																	
ENDING CASH BALANCE				1,630,339.40	1,050,837.78	1,076,742.91	1,074,025.08	1,386,410.44	1,412,842.35	1,438,769.91	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40	1,630,339.40

NOTES:
 • In January (AP 07), revenue totaled \$355,580.44, an increase of 497% from December, largely due to the quarterly 2024-2 Basin Assessment (BA) payments collected before the January 30, 2025, due date for the quarterly BA.
 • Interest earnings from the County Pooled Investment fund were higher by 28% compared to November (AP05); December (AP06) saw no interest earnings allocation.
 • Expenses increased 416% from December due to the Board-approved \$200,000 legal expense cost share transfer to LPV Watermaster, which occurred in January.