

LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

NOTICE OF BASIN ASSESSMENT

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Under the judgment entered in Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (Judgment), Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), acting as the Watermaster for the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), is required to set, levy, and collect Basin Assessments to fund administrative management of the Basin, investigations, inspections, compliance and enforcement, personnel costs, general operation and maintenance, infrastructure maintenance, utilities, and Basin optimization and groundwater enhancement projects. (Judgment, §§ 7.1, 7.2.)

On September 25, 2024, the Watermaster approved a total Basin Assessment of \$64.58 per acre-foot for Water Year 2024-25 (WY2024) to be invoiced in four equal installments of \$16.145 on October 1, 2024, January 6, 2025, April 1, 2025, and July 1, 2025. The third installment will be invoiced the week of April 1 and is due by May 1, 2025 (Due Date). Payments not received within a month of the Due Date are considered delinquent and shall bear interest at the current real property tax delinquency rate for Ventura County. (Judgment, Exh. A, § 2.8.2.)

Basin Assessments are annually paid by all Water Right Holders. (Judgment, § 7.) Unlike FCGMA fees (which are invoiced separately and in addition to Basin Assessments), Basin Assessments are based on a Water Right Holder's Annual Allocation rather than the amount of groundwater extracted during a reporting period. (Judgment, § 7.2.) Because Allocations are calculated annually, the amount of Basin Assessments may vary from year to year. Water Right Holders' WY2024 Allocation Calculations are organized by WMID in the "Water Year 2024-25 Annual Allocations Calculations," which can be accessed on the Watermaster's website at: [LPV Annual Allocations - Fox Canyon GMA \(fcgma.org\)](https://www.fcgma.org/LPV-Annual-Allocations-Fox-Canyon-GMA).

Please contact the Watermaster at LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org with any questions.