

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, July 17, 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 May 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

2. Calleguas ASR Project Operations Study Group: Landowner Representative

Section 8.4 of the Judgment provides that “the Calleguas ASR Study Group will be assigned to develop recommendations for the Calleguas ASR Project Operations Plan.” The Study Group consists of equal representation from the FCGMA, Calleguas, and the Landowners. The FCGMA has appointed Rob Hampson as its representative, Calleguas has appointed Bryan Bondy, and the Landowners have appointed Bob Abrams. While the work of the ASR Project Operations Plan will be borne by the FCGMA (20%) and Calleguas (80%), Section 8.4.7 of the Judgment states that “Parties shall bear their own costs for attendance at meetings and analysis of completed work.”

As previously discussed, the Basin Assessment is the simplest mechanism for Landowners to pay for representation on the ASR Study Group. Watermaster has requested that the PAC make that recommendation official. To that end, the PAC will consider the attached draft recommendation report.

3. Watermaster FY2025-26 Budget

The PAC may discuss issues related to the fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 Watermaster budget.

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

F-1. PAC 2025-05-15 Meeting Minutes

F-2. Draft Recommendation Report – Calleguas ASR Study Group Landowner Representative Funding

LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2025

The Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held a regular hybrid meeting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 15, 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 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. Zone Mutual Water Company – John Menne
4. East Las Posas Large Agriculture – David Schwabauer (via Zoom)
5. East Las Posas Small Agriculture – Josh Waters
6. East Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Laurel Servin (via Zoom)
7. West Las Posas Small Agriculture – Richard Cavaletto
8. West Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Steven Murata (via Zoom)
9. Watermaster (non-voting) – Rob Hampson (via Zoom)

The following PAC members were absent:

1. Ventura County Waterworks Districts 1 and 19 – Jeff Palmer
2. Commercial – Art Aseo

C. Agenda Review: Vice-chair Grether stated that there is no new information regarding Agenda Item 4, Watermaster FY 2025/26 Budget, as the Fiscal Committee meeting scheduled for May 6, 2025, was cancelled. The item will stay on the agenda in case there are remarks or questions about the budget which the PAC and/or other participants would like to discuss.

D. Public Comments:

1) Daryl Smith, a local grower, commented that he is seeking a water allocation via an appeal to the Judgment, and he spoke about FCGMA's original charter and their role in the LPV community. He asked the PAC to support his efforts to obtain a water allocation as he continues his pursuit through the legal system and to discourage the imposition of fines and penalties for water usage until the appeal is finalized.

2) Doug Homze, a local grower, discussed his participation in an appeal to the Judgment with the group known as "the interveners." Mr. Homze and the other members of the group are seeking an amendment to the Judgment to secure water allocations, and he asked the PAC to advocate for the group as fellow farmers, friends and neighbors.

E. PAC Member Comments: Josh Waters spoke about the interveners' request to have fines and penalties for water usage stayed during the appeal period. This topic will be added to a future agenda for discussion.

F. Regular Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2025, Regular PAC Meeting

David Schwabauer moved to approve the minutes as stated for the May 1, 2025, meeting; Vice-chair Grether seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 2-Absent.

2. BOYS Preferred Modeling Alternative and Impacts to Schedule

The PAC discussed the pending draft Recommendation Report regarding the Basin Optimization Yield Study Preferred Modeling Alternative and Impacts to Schedule. The PAC maintains its position that determining the estimation of the BOY using the UWCD periodic evaluation model files to run new scenarios is the desired approach and if that is not feasible, the next best option is to have Dudek augment the existing model files to bring them up to date and to address and resolve concerns identified during the 5-Year Periodic Evaluation.

Although the schedule and budget for completion of the BOYS will be delayed by either option used to obtain updated modeling data, the PAC views the BOYS as an essential management tool for the PAC and the Watermaster when Basin enhancement projects are being evaluated and considered for implementation. Also, access to the most current and sound scientific data on the LPV Basin is necessary to ensure proper calculation of future Rampdown should it become necessary.

The PAC's Recommendation Report asks for cost and schedule impacts to upgrade and extend the modeling period through 2024, to recalibrate the model to recognize changes to the Somis fault, and to perform other analyses needed to support the model. This information will assist Watermaster in its decision of whether to wait for UWCD to finalize negotiations with FCGMA or to proceed with Dudek to do the modeling.

After a discussion and review of the draft report, Richard Cavaletto moved to approve and submit the Recommendation Report dated May 15, 2025. John Menne seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 8-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 2-Absent.

3. Attendance

Sections 6.6 and 6.10.2 of the Judgment provide attendance and participation requirements for PAC and TAC members. With regard to members who fail to meet the 75% attendance requirement, there is a language discrepancy between the statements "shall be removed by action of Watermaster" in Section 6.6 and "may be removed by Watermaster, following consultation with PAC, for cause where a PAC member fails to comply with requirements for Committee Attendance and Participation in Section [6.6]" in Section 6.10.2.

On May 2, 2025, Watermaster requested committee consultation on the issue of member attendance and expulsion. Watermaster provided an attendance report which highlighted attendance issues of concern; there were two members with attendance below 50%, and one member with attendance below 75% during the 2024 calendar year.

The PAC had a discussion about meeting attendance and noted that attendance varies but there has never been a need to cancel a PAC meeting because a quorum has not been reached. PAC members stated that there should be more awareness when an attendance problem is discovered and the committee should discuss the issue with the member(s) before expulsion is considered. It was noted that Watermaster had an 82% attendance record at PAC meetings throughout 2024.

Chair Prichard commented that the PAC has always operated with flexibility, generosity, and accommodations for its volunteer members and this has created a successful and productive environment. The PAC will consider ways to monitor attendance more closely with tracking of member attendance.

After the PAC's review and discussion about member attendance, Vice-chair Grether made a motion to submit the following recommendation to Watermaster: *"The PAC recommends to the Watermaster that, in the case of a PAC representative whose attendance has not met the threshold outlined in the Judgment, the Watermaster, in coordination with the PAC member, shall convene a meeting of the Constituency Group to nominate a representative to the PAC. If the Constituency Group nominates the individual currently serving as the PAC representative, the Watermaster shall permit them to continue serving on the PAC"*. Richard Cavaletto seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 8-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 2-Absent.

4. Watermaster FY2025-26 Budget

There was no new information to consider regarding the Watermaster FY2025-26 budget. This is an ongoing topic which will be reviewed at future meetings as information becomes available.

G. PAC Subcommittee Reports:

1. Operations Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
2. Executive Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
3. Fiscal Subcommittee: Meeting was cancelled; nothing to report.
4. TAC Subcommittee: The TAC held a meeting on May 6, 2025. Topics discussed were the review of their Recommendation Report for BOYS Preferred Modeling Alternative and Impacts to Schedule, and a review of the TAC's future scheduling commitments.

H. Written Communication: None.

I. Future Agenda Items:

1. The PAC may discuss the request from the interveners to have water usage penalties and fees stayed until the pending appeal to the Adjudication is finalized.
2. The PAC may continue its ongoing discussion about the Watermaster budget for FY 2025/26.

J. Adjournment: Chair Prichard adjourned the meeting at 4:03 PM, until the next regular hybrid PAC meeting which is scheduled for June 5, 2025, at 3:00 PM, unless otherwise noticed.

TO: Las Posas Valley Watermaster

FROM: Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee

RE: Recommendation Report – Calleguas ASR Study Group Landowner Representative Funding

DATE: July 17, 2025

The Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) provides this Recommendation Report on Committee Attendance.

Recommendation:

Fund the Landowners’ representative on the Calleguas ASR Study Group, Bob Abrams, through the Basin Assessment.

Policy Rationale for Recommendation:

The Basin Assessment provides the simplest way to collect funds from Landowners in the Las Posas Valley. Given the breakdown of ASR Study Group participants described by Section 8.4.1 of the Judgment (“Landowners,” “FCGMA,” and “Calleguas”), the “Landowner” participant would represent all constituent groups paying a Basin Assessment (neither the FCGMA nor Calleguas pay a Basin Assessment). As such, the Basin Assessment is the logical mechanism by which to collect funds and the PAC, representing as it does all constituent groups covered under the “Landowner” participant as defined in Section 8.4.1 of the Judgment, is the logical body to recommend this mechanism.

Summary of Facts in Support of Recommendation:

See Sections 8.4, 8.4.1, and 8.4.7 of the Judgment.

Tally of Committee Member Votes:

| | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Ian Prichard, Calleguas MWD | | | | |
| Jeff Palmer, VC WWD No. 1 & 19 | | | | |
| John Menne, Zone MWC | | | | |
| Rob Grether, West LPV Large Ag | | | | |
| David Schwabauer, East LPV Large Ag | | | | |
| Josh Waters, East LPV Small Ag | | | | |
| Richard Cavaletto, West LPV Small Ag | | | | |
| Laurel Servin, East LPV MWC | | | | |
| Steven Murata, West LPV MWC | | | | |
| Arturo Aseo, Commercial | | | | |

Report of Bases for Majority and Minority Committee Member Positions:

The Majority concurred that funding the Landowner representative on the Calleguas ASR Study Group through the Basin Assessment is logical and simple.

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