

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

**Post-Meeting
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**Board Regular Meeting
of
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AN INTRODUCTION:

YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As this is my first opportunity to introduce myself to the stakeholder community, I would like to take a minute to provide my background. Prior to my arrival at FCGMA, I was the Range Sustainability Officer for the United States Navy's Naval Aviation Warfare Center Weapons Division in Point Mugu, California. In that role, I led a team managing the sustainability of both the Point Mugu Sea Range and the China Lake Ranges in the Mojave, where I was responsible for coordinating environmental planning, compliance, and natural and cultural resources management. I also served as a subject matter expert on renewable energy projects, frequency spectrum issues, and climate resiliency plans. Prior to this, I was the Deputy to the Garrison Commander at Fort Irwin and the National Training Center, managing all garrison operations and leading the Public Works Department, including planning and executing energy and water resiliency projects. I also held a leadership position at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and was a key figure in a \$100+ million Capital Improvement Program for campus renovations and utility upgrades. Before that role, I was the Chief Operations Officer for the Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District, providing executive leadership for maritime operations and security and leading the development of plans for shore-side power, harbor deepening, and wharf improvements.

Prior to my civilian career, I served for over 20 years as a Navy officer, completing numerous assignments both at sea and ashore. My last role in uniform was as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics and Infrastructure at the Naval Central Command, overseeing logistics ashore and afloat in the Middle East. I am looking forward to serving as the first dedicated Executive Officer and helping the Agency perform its important mission.

BALANCE REPORTS AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER

The Ventura County Financial Management System (VCFMS) is experiencing delays with fiscal year end processes following the recent VCFMS upgrade. As a result, the VCFMS

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Fiscal Year 2025-26 Period 1 (July) reports do not fully reflect all data, and our monthly Financial Status Reports will not provide your Board with complete FCGMA and LPV Watermaster information at this time. We expect to have updated reports, including July and August data, available for your Board's regular meeting in September. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

FCGMA BIENNIAL AUDIT

The FCGMA Biennial Audit report and findings, covering Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25, has been delivered to the Agency from independent Certified Public Accountancy firm Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP. Per your Board's recommendation¹, the Fiscal Committee will review the audit and provide feedback at their next meeting (see attached Exhibit 6A for an updated list of meetings) before the report is brought to a Board agenda.

SEMI ANNUAL EXTRACTION STATEMENT REPORTING

The second half of the 2024/2025 Water Year (reporting period 2025-2) will officially conclude on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. To support timely and accurate reporting of groundwater extractions occurring between April 1 and September 30, 2025, staff is preparing to distribute approximately 350 mailers to Well Operators with wells located in the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley, and Las Posas Valley Basins.

These mailers will serve as a reminder to:

- Capture meter photos
- Record meter readings
- Prepare for submission of the 2025-2 Semi-Annual Extraction Statement (SAES)



REMINDER
FCGMA SAES Reporting Coming Soon!

☒ Gather meter readings and photos for each well every **September 30th** and **March 31st**
☒ Label each photo with date, CombCode, State Well Number, & Serial Number

Note: Photos must contain legible image of meter totalizer reading, units, and multiplier. Digital models with multiple displays may require more than one photo per meter to satisfy the photo requirement. See manufacturer specifications for details.

Scan QR Codes for more information

Extraction Reporting | Reporting Periods | User Guide

For additional information visit www.fcgma.org or email FCGMA.Report@venturacounty.gov

All stakeholders are encouraged to stay informed by visiting the [FCGMA Groundwater Extraction Reporting page](#) for the latest updates and requirements.

LPV WATERMASTER ASSESSMENTS: WY 2024 BASIN ASSESSMENT UPDATE

On September 25, 2024, the Watermaster Board adopted a Basin Assessment for the Las Posas Valley Basin for Water Year (WY) 2024 at \$64.58 per acre-foot of groundwater allocation to be invoiced quarterly at \$16.145. On July 23, 2025, Watermaster cancelled invoicing and collection of the 4th Basin Assessment based on the Watermaster's Statement of Financial Position and recommendations from the Fiscal Committee. Watermaster thus invoiced and collected three Basin Assessments, reducing the Basin Assessment for WY 2024 to \$48.435 per acre-foot of groundwater allocation. Payments not received within one month of the due date are considered delinquent and shall bear

¹ June 26, 2024, Board meeting, see Item 12: <https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=18916>

interest at the current real property tax delinquency rate for Ventura County per the Judgment.

On October 2, 2024, WY 2024 **First** quarterly Basin Assessment (BA) invoices for Water Year 2024 were sent to water right holders via email with payments due November 1, 2024. Subsequently, two notices of delinquency were sent to delinquent Water Right Holders (WMIDs) on December 11 and December 21, 2024. As of August 24, 2025, \$22,645.26 is delinquent from 10 WMIDs, \$ 20,050.41 in Basin Assessments and \$2,594.75 in Basin Assessment interest. A list of delinquent 2024-1 WMIDs, as of August 21, 2025, is available on the Watermaster website at: https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/LPV-Basin-Assess-Delinq-Report-2024-1_2025-08-21.pdf.

On January 6, 2025, Watermaster released the **second** quarterly BA invoice with a due date of January 30, 2025. Two notices of delinquency were sent to delinquent WMIDs on March 10 and March 20, 2025. As of August 21, 2025, \$32,443.54 is delinquent from 16 WMIDs, \$29,411.91 in Basin Assessments and \$3,031.63 in Basin Assessment interest. A list of delinquent 2024-2 WMIDs, as of August 21, 2025, is available on the Watermaster website at: https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/LPV-Basin-Assess-Delinq-Report-2024-2_2025-08-21.pdf.

On April 1, 2025, Watermaster released the **third** quarterly BA invoice with a due date of May 1, 2025. Two notices of delinquency were sent to delinquent WMIDs on March 10 and March 20, 2025. As of August 21, 2025, \$32,634.97 is delinquent from 19 WMIDs, \$29,668.14 in Basin Assessments and \$2,966.83 in Basin Assessment Interest. A list of delinquent 2024-3 WMIDs, as of August 21, 2025, is available at: https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/LPV-Basin-Assess-Delinq-Report-2024-3_2025-08-21.pdf.

Adopted Annual Allocations for WY 2024 and the schedule of quarterly installments are available on the Watermaster website at: <https://fcgma.org/annual-allocations-wy-2024/>.

2023-1 DELINQUENT BASIN ASSESSMENTS

On December 15, 2025, Watermaster adopted a Basin Assessment for the Las Posas Valley Basin for WY 2023 at \$64.00 an acre-foot of groundwater allocation to be invoiced semi-annually at \$32.00 per acre-foot of groundwater allocation. On June 26, 2024, Watermaster cancelled invoicing and collection of the second Basin Assessment for WY 2023 based on Watermaster's Statement of Fiscal Position and the Fiscal Committee's recommendation. On May 5, 2024, Watermaster invoiced the First and only installment of the WY 2023 BA Invoice with a due date of April 5, 2024. 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 per the Judgment. As of August 21, 2025, Delinquent payments for WY 2023 amount to \$11,358.01 from 6 WMIDs, \$9,689.28 in Basin Assessments and \$1,668.73 in Basin Assessment Interest. Staff and counsel are taking the next steps consistent with its enforcement authorities to collect the delinquent basin assessments. A list of delinquent 2023-1 WMIDs, as of August 21, 2025, is available at: https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/LPV-Basin-Assess-Delinq-Report-2023-1_2025-08-21.pdf.

MEETINGS

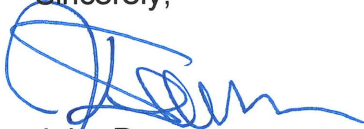
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Fiscal Committee has rescheduled its final meeting this calendar year, and will meet next on Monday, October 13, to discuss reserve policy development and the recently received Biennial Audit report and findings. More information about upcoming Board and Committee meetings is available in the attached Exhibit 6A, an updated schedule of meetings for calendar year 2025.

CONCLUSION:

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 650-4083.

Sincerely,



John Demers
Executive Officer

Attachment:

Exhibit 6A – Scheduled Meetings for Calendar Year 2025



Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Scheduled Meetings for Calendar Year 2025

Board Regular Meetings

Fourth Wednesday, Monthly

Date	Start Time	Room
Wednesday, January 22	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, February 26	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, March 26	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, April 23	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, May 28	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, June 25	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, July 23	11:00 AM	PCR
Wednesday, August 27	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, September 24	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, October 22	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, December 10	12:30 PM	BOS

Board Special Meetings

Typically, Second Friday, Monthly, As Needed

Wednesday, February 12	12:30 PM	BOS
Friday, April 11	12:30 PM	LPAR
Friday, May 9 – Closed Session	12:30 PM	LPAR
Friday, May 23 – Closed Session	9:30 AM	MPR
Friday, June 13	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, July 11	12:30 PM	LPAR
Friday, August 22	1:30 PM	MPR
Friday, September 12	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, October 10	12:30 PM	LPAR
Friday, November 14	12:30 PM	MPR

Executive Committee Meetings

As Needed

Thursday, January 9	1:30 PM	LPAR
Monday, March 17	10:00 AM	LPAR
Friday, April 18	1:30 PM	LPAR
Thursday, May 22 – CS	9:30 AM	ACR
Thursday, July 10	1:30 PM	LPAR
Thursday, September 4	1:30 PM	MPR
Thursday, November 6	1:30 PM	MPR

Fiscal Committee Meetings

As Needed

Thursday, February 27	9:00 AM	ACR
Tuesday, March 18	10:00 AM	LPAR
Tuesday, April 15	10:00 AM	MPR
Tuesday, May 6	10:00 AM	MPR
Tuesday, June 17	10:00 AM	MPR
Tuesday, July 15	10:00 AM	MPR
Monday, October 13	1:00 PM	LPAR

Operations Committee Meetings

As Needed

Monday, February 3	1:30 PM	MPR
Monday, April 7	12:30 PM	MPR
Monday, June 2	1:30 PM	MPR
Monday, August 4	1:30 PM	MPR
Monday, October 6	1:30 PM	MPR

ABOUT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- All meetings will be held at the Ventura County Government Center, Administration Building, at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California, unless otherwise noted.
- Special meetings and committee meetings are subject to necessity and may be rescheduled or may not be noticed to occur.**
- When a meeting is officially noticed per the Ralph M. Brown Act, it is confirmed to occur.
- To stay up to date, contact FCGMA@ventura.org to subscribe to our notification list.
- Alterations of the time or room are possible, so please check for facility or start time changes each month.
- Meeting schedules are online at <https://fcgma.org/events/>.

KEY

"As Needed"	Subject to Necessity
Row is Gray	Already Occurred
Strikethrough	Meeting Not Held
ACR	Atlantic Conference Room
BOS	Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
LPAR	Lower Plaza Assembly Room
MPR	Multi-Purpose Room
PCR	Pacific Conference Room, in the Hall of Justice Building

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July 18, 2025

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VIA E-MAIL

Las Posas Basin Watermaster
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Re: Proposed Mediation under Section 9.2.1.2 of the Las Posas Judgment Regarding Delayed Basin Management Actions

Dear FCGMA:

This letter follows our June 19, 2025 letter requesting mediation with the agency in its role as the Las Posas Basin Watermaster. Since that letter, the Watermaster adopted a final Basin Optimization Plan (“Optimization Plan”) and a preferred modeling alternative approach for the Basin Optimization Yield Study (“Yield Study”). We have also reviewed an email from your counsel, Elizabeth Ewens, dated June 25, 2025, in which she reports that “the Board suggests that the parties first engage in informal negotiations in an effort to resolve or substantially narrow the list of issues raised in the Letter prior to engaging in formal mediation in order to avoid unnecessary mediation costs.” We are amenable to that approach and provide further comments and requests below to frame the agenda for such a meeting.

First, we commend the Watermaster and Dudek on the final and much-improved Optimization Plan. In particular, we applaud the Watermaster for utilizing the correct standard in selecting projects that are “likely to be practical, reasonable, and cost-effective to implement prior to 2040 to maintain the Operating Yield at 40,000 AFY or as close thereto as achievable.” J’mnt § 5.3.2.2. We support the idea of a regional desalter feasibility study, and also appreciate the Optimization Plan’s more robust Chapter 3, which provides a timeline of the steps required to implement critical projects that will benefit the Basin.

While the progress is notable, it is imperative that Watermaster remain on track to timely promote the projects identified for further work in the Optimization Plan. To that end, we respectfully request that the Watermaster:

- Refer Chapter 3’s implementation schedule back to the PAC and TAC for feedback and to make any necessary changes.
- Hold quarterly check-ins with the Court to apprise His Honor on the status of the deadlines found in Chapter 3 of the Optimization Plan, as may be adjusted by the PAC and TAC (if at all).

- Schedule an Optimization Plan “townhall” this fall to allow the public to hear directly from the Watermaster about the projects, the implementation schedule, and to allow for public comment.

We should further discuss these procedural recommendations when we meet.

Second, we have concerns with the Watermaster’s characterization of the TAC’s recommendations regarding the proposed Basin Optimization Yield Study (“Yield Study”) and the Watermaster’s preferred modeling approach. In May, the TAC expressed concern over the agency’s preferred alternative to use modeling files from the periodic evaluation of the groundwater sustainability plan to complete the Yield Study. The TAC explained that those files misrepresent boundary conditions at the Somis Fault, making the preferred alternative “an inappropriate tool for simulating future conditions,” and noting that using those files were “likely to result in significant errors.” TAC Rec. Report (Item 13D) at 4-5 (May 9, 2025). The TAC recommended that the FCGMA/Dudek evaluate whether the model could be used given the model shows water is moving up-gradient. *See id.* at 4.

When agency staff reported out on the results of the committee consultation, they wrote: “[i]n general, both PAC and TAC appreciated the efforts of Agency staff and Dudek to prepare and provide a preferred alternative approach that maintains the original technical methodology employed in past evaluations of the basin and acknowledge that, under the circumstances, the preferred alternative is the best approach,” and acknowledged that the TAC had “raised concerns.” W’master Memo. to Bd. of Dir. (Item 13) at 2 (June 25, 2025).

We believe the Watermaster has not adequately addressed the TAC’s concerns and has misstated how the Judgment requires the Basin to be managed. In its response report, the Watermaster identified two reasons why using a flawed model was not a concern. The Watermaster first reasoned that “[b]ecause the Periodic Evaluation model” simulates groundwater elevations above critical SGMA levels, the model could be used in the interim (until WY 2027). LPV W’master Resp. Rpt. at 4 (Item 13F) (June 9, 2025). The Watermaster second noted that “Watermaster agrees with TAC that this simulated flow is not consistent with the hydrogeologic conceptual model, but notes **that groundwater management decisions will be based on observed water levels.**” *Id.* (emphasis added).

It seems that Watermaster is saying that we can ignore this fundamental flaw in the model used for the periodic evaluation because the model does not project that water levels will drop below the GSP’s minimum thresholds and because basin management decisions, including rampdown, will be made based on observed water levels rather than modeling results. This conclusion is incongruous with respect to the Yield Study and the setting of the Basin Optimization Yield. Under the Judgment, rampdown occurs when the Basin Optimization Yield, as determined by the Yield Study, is less than the then-current Operating Yield. J’mnt § 4.10.1.4. The Basin Optimization Yield is defined as the “estimated yield that is projected to be available to achieve Sustainable Groundwater Management by 2040.” J’mnt § 1.21. The determination of the Basin Optimization Yield must “take into account: (i) water available from native Groundwater inflows; (ii) Return Flows; (iii) reasonably anticipated enhanced yield (i.e.,

managed replenishment excluding water stored and dedicated to the Calleguas ASR Project) projected to be available by Water Year 2040 consistent with the projected Basin Optimization Plan; and (iv) opportunities for optimization of the Sustainable Yield achieved by relocating Extraction and transmission of water to avoid Undesirable Results.” *Id.*

As is clear from this text, the Basin Optimization Yield determination is an estimate of future yield inclusive of future basin management actions. The determination must be based on modeling of the Basin under assumed future yield contributions and conditions; it cannot be based on observed water levels. Therefore, use of the model with its flawed assumptions (i.e., the extent of permeability of the Somis Fault and the direction of flow across the fault) will result in flawed estimates of future water levels. As a specific example, because the flawed model will inaccurately project water flowing from the WLPMA into the up-gradient ELPMA, a result that is counterfactual, the benefit of projects identified in the Optimization Plan to mitigate lower water levels in the eastern portion of the WLPMA will be inaccurately understated in the modeled projections. The result could be to either require rampdown (again rampdown is automatically required by the Judgment if the determined Basin Optimization Yield is less than the current Operating Yield) or a projection that more mitigation is required for the WLPMA than necessary once the flaw in the model is corrected.

As a solution to this problem, the Watermaster should hopefully have the opportunity to use the full and up-to-date United model soon, as we recently requested of United in a subpoena served in early July. Dudek, in consultation with the TAC, can then correct the identified flaw in the model (to the extent that flaw persists) and use the corrected model to more accurately model the Basin Optimization Yield within the Yield Study. We urge Watermaster to embrace this approach and would welcome further discussion concerning the same. We also note the utility of inviting technical representatives, including one or two TAC members, to participate in the meeting (as we have suggested in calls with Ms. Ewens) so all can benefit from their input and expertise on these technical issues.

We again appreciate the progress recently made by Watermaster and we look forward to meeting with Watermaster’s representatives to further discuss these issues. We hope to reach agreements that will avoid the need for mediation as Ms. Ewens reported is your Board’s preference. We request that we meet next week or no later than the week after. I will reach out to Ms. Ewens to further discuss participants, availability, and scheduling. Of course, if we cannot reach reasonable agreement on these issues, we must respectfully reserve all rights.

Sincerely,

/s/ Russell McGlothlin

Russell McGlothlin
*of O’Melveny
for the Las Posas Farming Group*

/s/ Steven R. Hagemann

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Meredith C. Horton; Michael E. Culbert;
Cristina Marie Kildee; Delcia Ann*

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/s/ R. Morgan Gilhuly

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From: [Patrick Barbieri](#)
To: [LPV Watermaster](#); [FCGMA](#)
Cc: [Barbara Brenner](#)
Subject: Del Norte Water Company Basin Assessment Protest and Request for Refund - Request for Mediation
Date: Friday, August 1, 2025 9:55:01 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image003.png](#)
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Dear Las Posas Valley Watermaster,

Please see the attached correspondence from attorney Barbara A. Brenner on behalf of Del Norte Water Company.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Thank you

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August 1, 2025

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Re: Del Norte Water Company Basin Assessment Protest and Request for Refund

Dear Gentilepersons:

Please accept this letter as a request by Del Norte Water Company (“DNWC”) to engage in mediation pursuant to Section 9.2.1.2 of the Judgment.¹ This request arises from the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors’ (serving as the Las Posas Valley Watermaster) June 25, 2025 Basin Management Action, as defined in the Judgment, to reject DNWC’s Basin Assessment Protest and Request for Refund.

Section 1.18 of the Judgment defines “Basin Management Actions” as “[a]ctions, failures to act, enforcement actions, decisions, or determinations by Watermaster related to the implementation of the Judgment as defined in Section 9.1.” DNWC interprets the Watermaster’s June 25, 2025 rejection of DNWC’s Basin assessment protest as a Basin Management Action subject to judicial review.

Section 9.2.1.2 of the Judgment states:

Prior to seeking judicial review of a Basin Management Action, Watermaster and the disputing Party(ies) shall first engage in mediation unless both Watermaster and the disputing Party(ies) agree in writing to forego mediation. Watermaster may waive the requirement to engage in mediation in which case a Party that has exhausted its administrative remedies with Watermaster and may seek

¹ “Judgment” refers to the Final Judgment entered on or about July 10, 2023 in the Las Posas Valley water adjudication, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENC100509700.

judicial review without having engaged in mediation. A Party must request mediation within 60 days of Watermaster taking a Basin Management Action. A Party must seek judicial review of a Basin Management Action within 30 days after the mediation is concluded, waived, or the mediator issues a notice of impasse.

Therefore, pursuant to the Judgment, DNWC requests to engage in mediation with the Watermaster. Please contact the undersigned to discuss the next steps in this process. In the event the Watermaster chooses to waive DNWC's requirement to engage in mediation under to the Judgment, please advise in writing so that DNWC may proceed accordingly.

Regards,

White-Brenner LLP



Barbara A. Brenner
BAB/prb

Cc: Del Norte Water Company Board of Directors

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John Demers

August 27, 2025

Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
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SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Contract Modification with Dudek to Prepare Water Year 2025 Annual Reports for the Oxnard Subbasin, and the Pleasant Valley and Las Posas Valley Basins – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract modification with Dudek for the development of the Water Year 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Annual Reports for the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley and Las Posas Valley Basins.

BACKGROUND:

California Water Code section 10728 mandates Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) must submit a report to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by April 1st following the adoption of a GSP, and each year thereafter. DWR regulations detail the required contents of the Annual Reports:

General information: An executive summary and general location map of the basin.

Basin conditions, including:

1. Groundwater elevation data from wells in the monitoring network:

Contour maps of seasonal high and low groundwater elevations by principal aquifer and hydrographs of groundwater elevations and water-year type from Jan 1, 2015, to the current reporting year.

2. Groundwater extraction data for the preceding water year:

A table of water use by sector utilizing the best available science, noting measurement method as either direct or estimated and the level of accuracy. This includes a map showing the general location and volume of extractions.

3. Surface water supply:

Surface water used or available for recharge/in-lieu, including quantitative volumes and descriptions of the sources used in the preceding year.

4. Total water use:

Data collected using the best available measurement methods and reported in a table that summarizes total water use by sector, water source type, and identification of the method of measurement

5. Change in groundwater storage:

Storage-change maps for each principal aquifer, including graphs showing water year type, groundwater use, annual and cumulative change in storage from Jan 1, 2015, to the current reporting year.

(23 C.C.R. § 356.2.) Additionally, GSP regulations require a description of progress towards implementing the plan, including achieving interim milestones, as well as implementation of projects or management actions since the previous annual report.

DISCUSSION:

Dudek has been an integral consultant for the Agency by providing technical support and ensuring the Agency's compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for the past 6 years. Previous deliverables completed by Dudek include preparation of the original GSPs¹ for Oxnard Subbasin, the Pleasant Valley Basin (both approved by the Department of Water Resources November 22, 2021), and the Las Posas Valley Basin (approved by DWR January 13, 2022); the past 5 years of Annual Reports, and the Periodic Evaluation of the three GSPs, which were submitted to DWR in early 2025. Dudek's current contract with the Agency is set to expire in October of 2025.

The current proposal memorandum (Exhibit 10A, attached) provides technical support and a continuation of work to complete the required annual reports for Water Year 2025. The proposed scope of work includes 3 tasks, detailed below.

Task 1: Technical Support

This item includes 12 hours per month of technical support for the Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Basins. Work and services may include attendance at Board of Director meetings, stakeholder or committee meetings, or providing staff with support as needed. Please note that technical support performed by Dudek related to ongoing litigation and the Las Posas Basin Adjudication are not within the scope of this contract but instead part of the scope of other contracts between the Agency and Dudek and thus will be charged against the separate Watermaster budget for that separate contract.

¹ Adopted by your Board December 13, 2019: <https://s42135.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Resolution-2019-05.pdf>

Total Task 1 Cost: \$32,000

Task 2: Preparation of the GSP Annual Reports

This task includes all work necessary to prepare and submit the annual reports to DWR in compliance with SGMA. Previous annual reports followed a template which was created before DWR released guidance documents for standard formatting. This year's annual reports will follow DWR guidance with an updated template. This task also includes additional time for report development. Development will include additional analysis to aid in understanding basin conditions and monitoring progress towards sustainability.

Deliverables:

Task 2.1 Oxnard Subbasin Annual Report: \$42,530

Task 2.2 Pleasant Valley Annual Report: \$42,530

Task 2.3 Las Posas Valley Annual Report: \$53,130

Task 2 Total Cost: \$138,190

Task 3: Project Management and Meetings

This task provides time for weekly meetings with Agency staff and monthly invoice preparation. This task is identified as Task 8 in the attached proposed contract modification and exhibits (attached as Exhibit 13B).

Task 3 Total Cost: \$14,580

Total Cost of Proposed Contract Modification: \$184,770.

These tasks are integrated into the proposed contract modification and exhibits (attached as Exhibit 10B).

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends your Board approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract modification with Dudek for the development of the Water Year 2025 Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Annual Reports for the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley and Las Posas Valley Basins for an additional contract cost not to exceed \$184,770.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 654-3952.

Item 10 – Dudek FCGMA SGMA Annual Reports Contract Modification
FCGMA Board Meeting August 27, 2025

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hampson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Hampson
Hydrologist IV

Attachments:

Exhibit 10A – Dudek Professional Services Contract Proposal
Memorandum, dated August 14, 2025
Exhibit 10B – Proposed Dudek Professional Services Contract Modification
No. 5 and Exhibits

August 14, 2025

Farai Kaseke, PhD, PH, PMP, CSM
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, Ca 93009

Subject: Proposal to Support FCGMA Implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and Las Posas Valley Basin

Dear Dr. Kaseke:

Dudek has prepared the following scope and budget to continue to assist the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) with implementing the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin (PVB), and Las Posas Valley Basin (LPVB). Dudek’s current contract to provide these services expires October 1, 2025. Dudek understands that FCGMA is requesting costs to provide a single year of support for its ongoing commitments to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), in implementing the GSPs. This scope includes time for Dudek to prepare annual reports for each basin or subbasin, as well as time to coordinate with FCGMA staff, and time to provide technical support on an as-needed basis. Dudek assumes that the work performed under this contract will occur between October 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Costs for each task have been developed using Dudek’s 2025 rate schedule, which is included as an attachment to this proposal.

Scope of Work

Task 1 Technical Support

In previous budgets, Dudek assumed that FCGMA would require up to 24 hours per month of technical support, attendance at stakeholder or committee meetings, or attendance at FCGMA Board meetings. These budgets covered LPVB, the Oxnard Subbasin, and the PVB. Costs for technical support in the LPVB are now covered under a separate watermaster budget, and the ongoing litigation in the OPV, has reduced the number of technical questions that are being investigated in the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB. Therefore, this budget assumes that FCGMA will require up to 12 hours per month of technical support to implement the GSPs through the duration of this contract. Costs to provide this level of technical support are anticipated to be \$32,000 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

Task 1 Deliverables

- Up to 12 hours per month of technical support for OPV related technical issues or questions.

Total for Task 1 \$32,000

TO: FARAI KASEKE, PHD, PH, PMP, CSM
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT FCGMA IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS FOR THE OXNARD SUBBASIN, PLEASANT VALLEY BASIN, AND LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN

Task 2 – GSP Annual Reports

FCGMA is required to submit GSP annual reports to DWR by April 1 of each year. Dudek has assisted FCGMA with preparing the annual reports for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB since the GSP for each basin was submitted in 2020. The original reports were prepared before DWR issued a guidance document on the formatting and contents of each annual report, and before FCGMA had a clear understanding of the information that should be included in each report to better facilitate management of each basin. Dudek proposes working with FCGMA staff to revise the annual reports to better conform with the DWR guidance documents and FCGMA needs.

Task 2 Deliverables

- GSP Annual Report for the Oxnard Subbasin covering water year 2025 (October 2024 to September 2025)
- GSP Annual Report for the PVB covering water year 2025 (October 2024 to September 2025)
- GSP Annual Report for the LPVB covering water year 2025 (October 2024 to September 2025)

Total for Task 2 \$138,190

Task 3 Project Management and Meetings

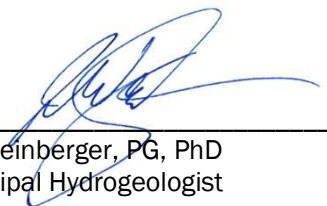
Under the previous contracts, Dudek has participated in weekly calls with FCGMA staff and prepared monthly invoices and project reports. Dudek has budgeted \$14,580 to continue these weekly conference calls attended by Jill Weinberger and Kim Loeb, and monthly invoice preparation. This assumes that approximately 40% of the time on each one hour call is spent discussing Oxnard and PVB related issues. The remaining time is assumed to be spent discussing LPVB issues and will be covered under a separate contract for Watermaster support.

Task 3 \$14,580

Total Cost \$184,770

Dudek appreciates the opportunity to work with FCGMA on implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions on this proposed scope of work.

Sincerely,



Jill Weinberger, PG, PhD
Principal Hydrogeologist

Attachment A

Detailed Cost Estimate





Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
FCGMA 2025_2026 GSP Implementation Support
DUDEK FEE ESTIMATE

8/14/2025

		Dudek Labor Hours and Rates										
Project Team Role:		Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer III	Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	Sr. Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	Project Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	Publications Specialist III	Creative Services II				
Team Member:		Jill Weinberger	Kimball Loeb	Daniel Culling	Devin Pritchard-Peterson	Samira Ismaili	Publications Specialist III	Creative Services II				
Billable Rate:		\$320	\$310	\$225	\$235	\$195	\$125	\$145	TOTAL DUDEK HOURS	DUDEK LABOR COSTS	OTHER DIRECT COSTS	TOTAL FEE
Task 1	General Technical Support	28	54	28					216	\$32,000		\$32,000
Task 2	Annual Reports for Oxnard, PV, and LPV											
2.1	Oxnard Annual Report 25_26	12	16	80	48	16	6	4	182	\$42,530		\$42,530
2.2	PV Annual Report 25_26	12	16	80	48	16	6	4	182	\$42,530		\$42,530
2.3	LPV Annual Report 25_26	12	16	126	48	16	8	4	230	\$53,130		\$53,130
Subtotal Task 2		36	48	286	144	48	20	12	594	\$138,190		\$138,190
Task 3	Project Management and Meetings											
3.1	Weekly FCGMA meetings	14	14						28	\$8,820		\$8,820
3.2	Project Management	18							18	\$5,760		\$5,760
Subtotal Task 3		54	14						68	\$14,580		\$14,580
Total Hours		118	116	314	144	48	20	12	878			
Total		\$46,080	\$70,680	\$76,500	\$33,840	\$9,360	\$2,500	\$1,740		\$184,770	\$0	\$184,770
Percent of Hours (Base)		13%	13%	36%	16%	5%	2%	1%				

Attachment B

2025 Dudek Schedule of Charges (Rate Sheet)



Engineering Services

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Engineer II	\$300.00/hr
Principal Engineer I	\$290.00/hr
Program Manager	\$275.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$275.00/hr
Project Manager	\$265.00/hr
Senior Engineer III	\$260.00/hr
Senior Engineer II	\$250.00/hr
Senior Engineer I	\$240.00/hr
Project Engineer IV/Technician IV	\$230.00/hr
Project Engineer III/Technician III	\$220.00/hr
Project Engineer II/Technician II	\$210.00/hr
Project Engineer I/Technician I	\$190.00/hr
3D Production Manager	\$220.00/hr
Senior Designer II	\$210.00/hr
Senior Designer I	\$200.00/hr
Designer	\$190.00/hr
Assistant Designer	\$185.00/hr
CADD Operator III	\$180.00/hr
CADD Operator II	\$195.00/hr
CADD Operator I	\$155.00/hr
CADD Drafter	\$175.00/hr
CADD Technician	\$125.00/hr
Project Coordinator	\$160.00/hr
Engineering Assistant	\$125.00/hr

Environmental Services

Senior Project Director	\$350.00/hr
Project Director	\$300.00/hr
Senior Specialist V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Specialist IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Specialist III	\$250.00/hr
Senior Specialist II	\$235.00/hr
Senior Specialist I	\$220.00/hr
Specialist V	\$210.00/hr
Specialist IV	\$195.00/hr
Specialist III	\$185.00/hr
Specialist II	\$175.00/hr
Specialist I	\$165.00/hr
Analyst V	\$155.00/hr
Analyst IV	\$145.00/hr
Analyst III	\$135.00/hr
Analyst II	\$125.00/hr
Analyst I	\$105.00/hr
Technician IV	\$100.00/hr
Technician III	\$90.00/hr
Technician II	\$80.00/hr
Technician I	\$70.00/hr
Project Coordinator II	\$170.00/hr
Project Coordinator I	\$135.00/hr

Mapping and Surveying Services

UAS Pilot	\$165.00/hr
Survey Lead	\$300.00/hr
Survey Manager	\$260.00/hr
Survey Crew Chief	\$195.00/hr
Survey Rod Person	\$145.00/hr
Survey Mapping Technician	\$135.00/hr

Construction Management Services

Principal Manager	\$215.00/hr
Senior Construction Manager	\$195.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$190.00/hr
Construction Manager	\$185.00/hr
Project Manager/Construction Management	\$175.00/hr
Resident Engineer	\$175.00/hr
Construction Engineer	\$175.00/hr
On-site Owner's Representative	\$160.00/hr
Prevailing Wage Inspector	\$160.00/hr
Construction Inspector	\$150.00/hr
Administrator/Labor Compliance	\$125.00/hr

Hydrogeology/HazWaste Services

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	\$310.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer I	\$300.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$255.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$245.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$235.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$225.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$215.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$205.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$195.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$185.00/hr
Hydrogeologist/Engineering Assistant	\$150.00/hr
HazMat Field Technician	\$135.00/hr

District Management & Operations

District General Manager	\$225.00/hr
District Engineer	\$215.00/hr
Operations Manager	\$165.00/hr
District Secretary/Accountant	\$150.00/hr
Collections System Manager	\$150.00/hr
Grade V Operator	\$140.00/hr
Grade IV Operator	\$125.00/hr
Grade III Operator	\$115.00/hr
Grade II Operator	\$95.00/hr
Grade I Operator	\$90.00/hr
Operator in Training	\$80.00/hr
Collection Maintenance Worker	\$85.00/hr

Project Delivery Services

Technology Specialist II	\$245.00/hr
Technology Specialist I	\$190.00/hr
GIS Analyst V	\$220.00/hr
GIS Analyst IV	\$200.00/hr
GIS Analyst III	\$185.00/hr
GIS Analyst II	\$145.00/hr
GIS Analyst I	\$130.00/hr
Creative Services IV	\$185.00/hr
Creative Services III	\$160.00/hr
Creative Services II	\$145.00/hr
Creative Services I	\$130.00/hr
Technical Editor IV	\$185.00/hr
Technical Editor III	\$160.00/hr
Technical Editor II	\$145.00/hr
Technical Editor I	\$130.00/hr
Publications Specialist IV	\$135.00/hr
Publications Specialist III	\$125.00/hr
Publications Specialist II	\$115.00/hr
Publications Specialist I	\$105.00/hr
Clerical Administration	\$100.00/hr

Expert Witness – Court appearances, depositions, and interrogatories as expert witness will be billed at 2.00 times normal rates.

Emergency and Holidays – Minimum charge of two hours will be billed at 1.75 times the normal rate.

Material and Outside Services – Subcontractors, rental of special equipment, special reproductions and blueprinting, outside data processing and computer services, etc., are charged at 1.15 times the direct cost.

Travel Expenses – Mileage at current IRS allowable rates. Per diem where overnight stay is involved is charged at cost.

Invoices, Late Charges – All fees will be billed to Client monthly and shall be due and payable upon receipt. Invoices are delinquent if not paid within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Client agrees to pay interest at a 10% annual rate for amounts unpaid greater than 30 days after the date of the invoice.

Annual Increases – Unless identified otherwise, these standard rates will increase in line with the CPI-U for the nearest urban area per the Department of Labor Statistics to where the work is being completed) or by 3% annually, whichever is higher.

Prevailing Wage – The rates listed above assume prevailing wage rates do not apply. If this assumption is incorrect Dudek reserves the right to adjust its rates accordingly.

MODIFICATION NO. 5 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
August 27, 2025

This modification ("MODIFICATION NO. 5") is made and entered into by and between the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, hereinafter referred to as AGENCY, and Dudek, hereinafter referred to as CONSULTANT.

WHEREAS there now exists a binding contract between AGENCY and CONSULTANT, originally dated 12/9/2022, for CONSULTANT to provide technical support services for AGENCY's ongoing groundwater management activities relating to AGENCY'S groundwater sustainability program (CONTRACT); and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACT has been modified several times to include additional scope and budget and to extend the term based on the work and services, and related schedules, of AGENCY; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the CONTRACT to extend sufficient time for CONSULTANT to perform work and services and to provide the deliverables currently included in the CONTRACT for additional years, as modified; and

WHEREAS, AGENCY has been pleased with CONSULTANT's performance of all work and services and the preparation of all deliverables under the CONTRACT, as modified; and

WHEREAS, AGENCY and CONSULTANT now wish to further modify the CONTRACT, as modified, as set forth in this MODIFICATION NO. 5.

NOW THEREFORE, AGENCY and CONSULTANT hereby agree to modify the CONTRACT, as previously modified, as follows:

1. Section 1 of Exhibit A to the CONTRACT is modified to include an additional year of work to be completed between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, specified under Tasks 1, 2, and 8.
2. The Table included in Section 1 of Exhibit B to the CONTRACT is modified so that the "End / Due Date" for Tasks 1, 2, 8, and sub-tasks 8.1 and 8.2 listed in Table 1 is "06/30/2026."
3. Exhibit C is updated throughout to reflect an additional amount of \$184,770 in fees associated with Tasks and sub-tasks identified in MODIFICATION NO. 5, which updates the Revised Amount Not To Exceed to \$2,252,942.
4. Exhibit D is updated to reflect the 2025 rates of CONSULTANT.
5. All provisions of the CONTRACT shall remain in full force and effect unless expressly modified by this MODIFICATION NO. 5.

6. This MODIFICATION NO. 5 may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
7. AGENCY and CONSULTANT agree that this MODIFICATION NO. 5 may be transmitted and signed by electronic or digital means by either/any or both/all parties and that such signatures shall have the same force and effect as original signatures, in accordance with California Government Code Section 16.5 and California Civil Code Section 1633.7.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AGENCY and CONSULTANT have executed this MODIFICATION NO. 5 through their duly authorized representatives as of the last date provided below.

**FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

DUDEK

By: _____

By: _____

Name: John Demers

Name: _____

Title: Executive Officer

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF WORK AND SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN FOX CANON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DUDEK FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPORT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATIONS

Original Contract Date: December 9, 2022

Modification No. 1: January 12, 2024

Modification No. 2: February 28, 2024

Modification No. 3: May 22, 2024

Modification No. 4: April 23, 2025

Modification No. 5: August 27, 2025

Overview of Project and Services

Dudek (CONSULTANT) shall provide technical support services to the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (AGENCY or FCGMA) for AGENCY's ongoing groundwater management activities including implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Las Posas Valley Basin (LPVB), Oxnard Subbasin, and Pleasant Valley Basin (PVB) in Ventura County, California. In addition to ongoing implementation support, CONSULTANT has included scope and budget to prepare GSP Periodic Evaluations for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB, which are due to Department of Water Resources (DWR) no later than January 31, 2025. As of January 12, 2024, the Contract was modified (Modification No. 1) to include preparation of the LPV Basin Optimization Plan; as of February 28, 2024, the Contract was modified (Modification No. 2) to include preparation of GSP amendments for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. The Contract was subsequently modified to provide Professional Services to comply with criteria specified in the Las Posas Valley Basin Adjudication Judgment and to garner additional support for the AGENCY's groundwater monitoring well project, which increased fees for a new total Contract amount of \$2,068,172 (Modification No. 3); the scope discussed below was previously for work to be completed between January 1, 2023, and October 1, 2025 (Modification No. 4). **The scope discussed below is modified (Modification No. 5) for an additional year of work to be completed between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.**

1. Scope of Services

CONSULTANT shall provide the following services to AGENCY as detailed in AGENCY's October 26, 2022, request for proposal from CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's November 16, 2022, proposal:

Task 1: Technical Support

CONSULTANT will provide on-going as needed hydrogeologic support to AGENCY technical staff, as directed, for implementation of the GSPs and sustainable management of the basins. This task includes, but is not limited to, data analysis, review and analysis of technical reports, evaluation of groundwater conditions, sustainability indicators, and progress toward achieving GSP sustainability goals. CONSULTANT will participate in, and make presentations at, stakeholder, advisory committee, and AGENCY Board meetings. CONSULTANT assumes that the AGENCY will continue to require up to 24 hours per month of technical support to implement the GSPs through the duration of this contract. Task 1 services will be specially tasked as needed

by the AGENCY project manager. **For the period between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, CONSULTANT will provide up to 12 hours per month of technical support, as needed, to implement the GSPs for the Oxnard Subbasin and the Pleasant Valley Basin.**

Task 1 Deliverables:

- Up to 24 hours per month of technical support.
- Annual Board meeting presentations in Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Task 1 Deliverables (Modification No. 5):

- **Up to 12 hours per month of technical support for OPV related technical issues or questions.**

Task 1.1: Additional Technical Support for implementation of the GSPs and sustainable management of the Basins, the Contract is modified to provide an additional 5 hours per month of technical support by CONSULTANT, through June 30, 2025.

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

Task 2: GSP Annual Reports

CONSULTANT shall prepare annual reports for submittal to DWR by April 1 for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB for the water years 2022, 2023, 2024 **and 2025**. **Modification No. 5 includes Water Year 2025 (October 2024 to September 2025) and allows for 594 total CONSULTANT hours for work to be completed between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.**

Task 2 Deliverables:

- GSP Annual Reports for the Oxnard Subbasin covering water years 2022, 2023, 2024, **and 2025**
- GSP Annual Reports for the PVB covering water years 2022, 2023, 2024, **and 2025**
- GSP Annual Reports for the LPVB covering water years 2022, 2023, 2024, **and 2025**

Task 2.1: LPVB GSP Annual Report Judgment Requirement Support

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

The LPV Adjudication Judgment expands AGENCY annual reporting requirements for LPV Basin GSP beyond criteria specified in SGMA (LPV Adjudication Judgment, Exh. A, § 2.7.10).

To comply with the Judgment, AGENCY must work with CONSULTANT to address the new requirements, including:

- Annual allocation accounting
- Basin Optimization Plan progress narrative
- Comprehensive accounting of the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) Aquifer Storage and Recover (ASR) Project operations
- Detailed Watermaster budget
- An annual Fiscal Report of the preceding Water Year's operations
- An Audit of all assessments and expenditures
- A review of Watermaster activities
- An updated Groundwater Allocation Schedule
- Annual allocations calculations and accounting
- An accounting of delinquent assessments
- A compilation of hydrologic data collection, including the purchase, and recharge of imported water, new or replacement well applications, new use applications

The Judgment created a new LPV Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), as well as a process requiring Watermaster to consult these Committees on basin management actions as specified in the Judgment. This consultation process provides the PAC and TAC an opportunity to prepare and submit Recommendation Reports to the Watermaster on basin management activities and requires the Watermaster to review and prepare Response and Recommendation Reports. Additional scope and budget are necessary to ensure that AGENCY, as Watermaster, is able to review and evaluate proposals included in Recommendation Reports and sufficiently respond and prepare Response Reports.

Task 3: Data Gap Analysis

CONSULTANT will support the AGENCY to continue to evaluate data gaps and identify projects that may reduce these data gaps. The GSPs identified data gaps including, but not limited to, data on groundwater quality, spatial and temporal water levels, subsidence, seawater intrusion, shallow groundwater near surface water bodies and groundwater dependent ecosystems, surface water flows in agricultural drains, and groundwater extractions. This task includes analysis of the data gaps, development of strategies and cost estimates for addressing data gaps, and prioritization. Additionally, CONSULTANT will provide ongoing technical support in the AGENCY'S evaluation of the hydrogeologic connectivity across the Bailey Fault in the PVB. CONSULTANT will provide the AGENCY technical support in reviewing existing groundwater and geologic data near the Bailey fault; designing a field test to evaluate the Bailey fault conductance; and coordinate with Camrosa Water District. CONSULTANT assumes that this support will occur during the 2023 calendar year and will not be a recurring cost throughout the entirety of this contract.

Task 4: Hydrogeologic Investigations / Field Support

CONSULTANT shall provide support to the AGENCY for the design and construction of monitoring wells partially funded by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program's SGMA Implementation – Round 1 award to AGENCY: three (3) multi-depth and three (3) shallow monitoring wells in the PVB; and two (2) multi-depth and three (3) shallow monitoring wells in the Oxnard Subbasin. CONSULTANT to provide AGENCY support in the bid, design, and construction of these wells.

- Bid Design: CONSULTANT to prepare bid specifications for all 11 wells to be completed. One bid specification for the deep well constructions in the PVB, one bid specification for

the shallow well constructions in the PVB, one bid specification for the deep well constructions in the Oxnard Subbasin, and one bid specification for the shallow well constructions in the Oxnard Subbasin. CONSULTANT to work closely with the AGENCY in the early phases of bid development. CONSULTANT to prepare complete bid specifications and provide Agency opportunity for one (1) round of bid specification review and revisions.

- Well Log Development: CONSULTANT to prepare as-built drawing, which will include geophysical data collected during construction of the 11 monitoring wells.
- Well Design: CONSULTANT will provide Agency technical support during monitoring design phases. After reviewing lithologic/ driller logs and geophysical logs CONSULTANT will prepare a recommended well design and screen interval.
- Field Support (*Optional*): At AGENCY's authorization, CONSULTANT to provide optional field support of up to three 10-hour days for one field staff at each of the 11 well sites. Field support may consist of geologic logging of borehole drill cuttings, observation of geologic logging, and supervision of well development and/or construction by CONSULTANT's staff geologists and/or hydrogeologists under the supervision of a California Registered Professional Engineer, California Registered Geologist, or California Certified Engineering Geologist.

Task 4.1: Field Support for Monitoring Well Project

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

Project management and field supervision of the \$2,577,800 DWR grant funded drilling and installation of the 5 deep multi-depth and 6 shallow monitoring wells in the OPV Basins, which will be conducted under the supervision of licensed Professional Geologists. Technical staff will be in the field during drilling to log cuttings and oversee well installation operations. This task modification is to augment AGENCY staff to provide full field coverage as needed, which may be 24 hours a day for the deeper wells.

Task 5: Basin Management Scenarios and Model Coordination

CONSULTANT will provide ongoing coordination with UWCD as part of the GSP implementation for all three basins within the AGENCY's jurisdiction. Most of these coordination efforts will occur as part of the 5-year GSP Evaluations prepared for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB.

Task 6: Feasibility Studies

CONSULTANT will support the AGENCY in the design, development, and implementation of feasibility studies to support long-term sustainable management of the three groundwater basins within their jurisdiction.

Task 7: Grant Support

CONSULTANT shall provide support to the AGENCY as requested for additional grant opportunities throughout the duration of this contract.

Task 8: Project Management

CONSULTANT weekly conference calls, project management, and monthly invoice preparation.

Task 8.1: Project Management – Additional Coordination

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

CONSULTANT will provide 5 hours per month for project administration and weekly coordination calls with AGENCY staff for GSP implementation and other ongoing projects.

Task 8.2: Weekly AGENCY Meetings (Modification No. 5) up to 28 hours for the period between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Task 8.3: Project Management (Modification No. 5) up to 18 hours for the period between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

Task 9: Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation

CONSULTANT shall prepare the GSP evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin. The GSP evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the Subbasin, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the Subbasin; and re-evaluation of the basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and undesirable results.

Task 9.1: Executive Summary

CONSULTANT will prepare an executive summary of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP Evaluation that documents current conditions, changes to the basin setting, progress towards sustainability, implemented projects and management actions, and updates to the sustainable management criteria and program outlined in the GSP evaluation. The executive summary will include a location map that depicts the Oxnard Subbasin boundaries and surrounding basins.

Task 9.2: Evaluation of Current Condition

GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(a) require GSAs to provide a “description of the current groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator relative to measurable objectives, interim milestones and minimum thresholds.” This task will include data analyses that support AGENCY compliance with §356.4(a), and will include an evaluation of:

- precipitation and surface water flows in the Subbasin;
- groundwater levels;
- groundwater quality;
- groundwater in storage;
- land subsidence;
- depletion of interconnected surface water;
- and seawater intrusion.

Task 9.3: Future Model Scenarios

AGENCY will coordinate with UWCD to perform additional numerical modeling for the Oxnard Subbasin as part of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation. This numerical modeling will incorporate new information about projects currently being planned for and constructed in the Subbasin; management actions currently implemented and/or planned for implementation in the Subbasin; and

conjunctive use optimization strategies. CONSULTANT will support AGENCY in coordination of the numerical model scenarios; assessment and evaluation of numerical model results; and any additional analyses needed to integrate the numerical model results into the AGENCY's evaluation of long-term sustainability and the sustainable yield of the Oxnard Subbasin. CONSULTANT to complete the coordination efforts and technical analyses for up to 8 new model scenarios.

Task 9.4: Technical Evaluation of GSP

GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(c) and §356.4(d) require a detailed evaluation of the GSP Elements, including the basin setting, management areas, undesirable results, and sustainable management criteria. CONSULTANT will prepare technical analyses that support these re-evaluations. These technical analyses will include: a review of lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells constructed in the Subbasin; an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area; an evaluation of the existing monitoring network; and a re-evaluation of minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and undesirable results based on updated numerical model results and recent groundwater conditions.

Task 9.4.1: Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation Technical Analysis and Review

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

To support timely development of the Oxnard Subbasin 5-Year GSP Evaluation, an additional 46 Contract hours is specified herein for technical analysis and review by CONSULTANT, to augment the preliminary work performed by AGENCY.

Task 9.5: Preparation of Draft GSP Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin

The Draft GSP Evaluation will be prepared in compliance with GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4 and will include written, tabular, and graphical descriptions of the data compiled and analyzed in Tasks 9.2 through 9.4. In addition to describing Subbasin conditions as determined through the analyses completed in Tasks 9.2 through 9.4, the Draft GSP Evaluation will include a description of the projects and management actions implemented by the AGENCY; a description of significant new information that has been made available since GSP adoption by the AGENCY; a description of relevant actions taken by the AGENCY, including a summary of regulations or ordinances related to the GSP; a description of any enforcement or legal actions taken by the AGENCY in furtherance of the sustainability goal for the Subbasin; and a summary of coordination between agencies. This includes one (1) round of review by the AGENCY and revisions to the draft document. After incorporating revisions based on AGENCY comments, CONSULTANT will provide one (1) electronic copy of the draft GSP Evaluation to AGENCY to release for public comment.

Task 9.5.1: Oxnard Subbasin GSP Amendment

Amended – 2/28/2024 (Modification No. 2):

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) issued their first GSP implementation guidance document in October 2023. In this guidance document, DWR provided specific criteria that would warrant the preparation of a GSP amendment in addition to a periodic evaluation.

These criteria, which are not specifically outlined within the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) or GSP Emergency Regulations, include: changes made to the overall management of the basin, including sustainable management criteria, sustainability goals, addition or removal of management areas, or whole modifications to the representative monitoring sites network; and revisions made to the projects and management actions, including addition or removal of projects or management actions that could affect the projected water budget, sustainable yield, or achievement of measurable objectives, or that could impact the ability to mitigate overdraft.

Under this task, CONSULTANT will incorporate new modeling, technical evaluations, and project understandings into the Oxnard Subbasin GSP.

Based on the incorporation of this data, proposed revisions will impact the following GSP areas:

- Well Permitting and Procedures
- Notification and Communications
- AGENCY Public Meetings on Oxnard Subbasin GSP
- Projected Future Water Budget and Sustainable Yield
- Coastal Flux from UWCD Scenarios
- UWCD Simulated Particle Tracks for the Oxnard, Mugu, Hueneme and Fox Canyon aquifers
- Modeled 2040-2069 Groundwater Extraction Rates and Surface Water Deliveries for the Oxnard Subbasin
- Undesirable Results
- Minimum Thresholds
- Measurable Objectives
- Minimum Thresholds and Groundwater Elevation Contours in the Oxnard, Mugu, Hueneme, Fox Canyon, and Grimes Canyon aquifers
- Key well hydrographs for the Oxnard, Mugu, Hueneme, Fox Canyon, Grimes Canyon aquifers, and wells screened across multiple aquifers
- Minimum Threshold Groundwater Elevations by well, management area, and aquifer for key wells
- Measurable Objectives and Interim Milestones
- Description of Existing Monitoring Network; Identification of Potential Monitoring Network Improvements
- Projects listed, summarized, and described in the GSP
- Summary of Basin Setting and Conditions
- Overview of Sustainability Criteria
- Overview of Subbasin Monitoring Network

In accordance with DWR's 10/30/2023 GSP implementation guidance, these revisions will be tracked in a redline document that will be provided for public and Board review. CONSULTANT will compile the public comments on the GSP revisions and, as appropriate and in coordination with AGENCY staff, will revise the GSP amendment to address these comments. CONSULTANT will provide a final redlined and clean GSP amendment for the Oxnard Subbasin to AGENCY Board for review and approval. CONSULTANT will not revise any information in the

GSP documenting historical conditions, GSA jurisdictional information, the hydrogeologic conceptual model, and the existing monitoring network.

The revised GSP will undergo one (1) round of internal review prior to being released for one (1) round of public review and comment. CONSULTANT will, in coordination with AGENCY staff, revise the draft GSP amendment based on public comment and provide the FCGMA Board one (1) electronic copy of the redline GSP amendment and one (1) electronic copy of the clean GSP amendment for review and approval.

Following Board approval, CONSULTANT will provide AGENCY staff with the following deliverables: One (1) electronic redline copy and one (1) electronic clean copy of the draft Oxnard Subbasin GSP Amendment for public review; and one (1) electronic redline copy and one (1) electronic clean copy of the draft Oxnard Subbasin GSP Amendment provided to the FCGMA Board for review and approval.

Task 9.6: Preparation of Final GSP Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin

CONSULTANT will address public comment on the Draft GSP Evaluation and revise the Draft GSP Evaluation. CONSULTANT will prepare a comment matrix in Microsoft Excel that documents comments received, commenting agencies/stakeholder groups, and AGENCY response to comments/document revisions. After revising the draft GSP Evaluation to address public comments, CONSULTANT will format and finalize the GSP Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin. CONSULTANT will provide the AGENCY with an electronic copy of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation and all associated materials required to submit the GSP Evaluation to DWR's SGMA portal. AGENCY will upload the Final GSP Evaluation to DWR SGMA portal.

Task 9.7: Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings

Two CONSULTANT staff members to prepare for and attend four in-person stakeholder meetings/workshops to support the GSP Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin, and six quarterly Board meetings to discuss the work being done in the Oxnard Subbasin. CONSULTANT requests that three of the six Board meetings to occur in-person and three of the six Board meetings to occur virtually. The first in-person stakeholder meeting will discuss the GSP Evaluation process for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. The remaining three stakeholder meetings will be focused on the work performed in the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB.

Task 10: Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation

The GSP Emergency regulations require periodic evaluation of GSP's by the GSA at least every five years, which would require preparation and submittal of a GSP Evaluation to DWR by January 13, 2025. CONSULTANT shall prepare the GSP evaluation for the LPVB. The GSP evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the LPVB, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the LPVB; and re-evaluation of the basin setting, management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and undesirable results.

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

To support timely development of the Las Posas Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation, an additional 56 Contract hours is specified herein for additional technical analysis and review by CONSULTANT, to augment the preliminary work performed by AGENCY.

Task 10.1: Executive Summary

CONSULTANT will prepare an executive summary of the LPVB GSP Evaluation that documents current conditions, changes to the basin setting, progress towards sustainability, implemented projects and management actions, and updates to the sustainable management criteria and program outlined in the GSP evaluation. The executive summary will include a location map that depicts the LPVB boundaries and surrounding basins.

Task 10.2: Evaluation of Current Conditions

GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(a) require GSAs to provide a “description of the current groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator relative to measurable objectives, interim milestones and minimum thresholds”. This task will include data analyses that support AGENCY compliance with §356.4(a), and will include an evaluation of:

- precipitation and surface water flows in the LPVB;
- groundwater levels;
- groundwater quality;
- groundwater in storage;
- land subsidence;
- depletion of interconnected surface water.

Task 10.2.1: Committee Evaluation Review and Response

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

The LPV Adjudication Judgment requires a draft of the evaluation be shared with the PAC and TAC through the Committee consultation process (Exh. A, § 2.7.3). The PAC and TAC are provided the opportunity to review and prepare Recommendation Reports before AGENCY, acting as Watermaster, adopts a 5-Year GSP Evaluation for the LPV Basin. To support the Committee review process, Contract scope is expanded for CONSULTANT to prepare for and attend one TAC meeting, to review the Recommendation Reports on the draft 5-Year GSP Evaluation for the LPV Basin, and to prepare Response Reports on behalf of Watermaster. Additional scope and budget are included for CONSULTANT’s technical review of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation and to support AGENCY coordination and consultation work with the PAC and TAC.

Task 10.3: Numerical Model Update

The AGENCY will be leading the modeling efforts for the ELPMA as part of the 5-Year Evaluation and the CONSULTANT will extend the numerical model through the 2022 calendar year as part of this model update. As part of the numerical model update, CONSULTANT will: aggregate existing groundwater level, groundwater production, Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), and Simi Valley Water Quality Control Plant (SVWQCP) discharge data and integrate this information into the numerical model for the ELPMA. While integrating this new data, CONSULTANT will validate that the methodologies employed during model extension match those used by CMWD to ensure that the methods used to model pumping, recharge, surface water flows, and evapotranspiration losses are equivalent to those used during the GSP development. CONSULTANT will then extend the ELPMA model through the end of calendar year 2022. CONSULTANT will compare modeled and measured groundwater levels over the 7-year extension period (e.g., January 1, 2015, through December 30, 2022) to validate model calibration. Based on this vali-

dition exercise, CONSULTANT will provide recommendations for model updates and, as appropriate, revisions. CONSULTANT will document these recommendations in the GSP Evaluation prepared for the LPVB.

Task 10.4: Future Model Scenarios

CONSULTANT will support modeling of the WLPMA by coordinating scenario development with the UWCD and analyzing UWCD-provided model results to prepare future water budgets and update future scenario groundwater level hydrographs. For the ELPMA, CONSULTANT will develop up to six (6) future scenario model runs to re-evaluate projected conditions in the ELPMA. These scenarios will incorporate new information regarding projects planned for implementation, or currently being, implemented in the ELPMA; projected surface water supplies available for injection through CMWD's ASR wells; and revised groundwater production scenarios that incorporate recent production trends.

Task 10.5: Technical Evaluation of GSP

GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(c) and §356.4(d) require a detailed evaluation of the GSP Elements, including the basin setting, management areas, undesirable results, and sustainable management criteria. CONSULTANT will prepare technical analyses that support these re-evaluations. These technical analyses will include: a review of lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells constructed in the LPVB; an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area; an evaluation of the existing monitoring network; and a re-evaluation of minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and undesirable results based on updated numerical model results and recent groundwater conditions. As part of these evaluations, AGENCY, in response to DWR recommendations, will pursue new analyses that evaluate the impact of projected groundwater level declines on groundwater well function in regions where the minimum threshold groundwater levels drop below historical low conditions.

Task 10.5.1 Las Posas Valley Basin GSP Amendment

Amended – 02/28/2024 (Modification No. 2)

In keeping with the DWR GSP implementation guidance document (previously specified in Task 9.5.1) which provided specific criteria that warrants the preparation of a GSP amendment in addition to a periodic evaluation, CONSULTANT will incorporate new modeling, technical evaluations, and project understandings into the LPV Basin GSP. Based on the incorporation of this data, proposed revisions will impact the following GSP areas:

- Legal Authority
- Existing Monitoring and Management Plans
- Well Permitting and Procedures
- Notification and Communications
- AGENCY Public Meetings
- Projected Future Water Budget and Sustainable Yield
- Coastal Flux from UWCD Scenarios
- UWCD Model Scenario Extraction Rates for the WLPMA
- Modeled 2040-2069 Groundwater Extraction Rates for the ELPMA

- Undesirable Results
- Minimum Thresholds
- Measurable Objectives
- Key wells screened in the Fox Canyon Aquifer for the LPV Basin
- Particle Tracks for 2020-2070 from CMWD Model and Most Recent Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L) measured 2011-2015
- Minimum threshold groundwater elevations by well, management area, and aquifer for key wells
- Measurable Objectives and Interim Milestones
- Description of Existing Monitoring Network; Identification of Potential Monitoring Network Improvements
- Projects listed, summarized, and described in the GSP
- Summary of Basin Setting and Conditions
- Overview of Sustainability Criteria
- Overview of Subbasin Monitoring Network.

In accordance with DWR's 10/30/2023 GSP implementation guidance, these revisions will be tracked in a redline document that will be provided for public, Committee, and Board review. CONSULTANT will compile comments on the GSP revisions and, as appropriate and in coordination with AGENCY staff, will revise the GSP amendment to address these comments. CONSULTANT will provide a final redlined and clean GSP amendment for the LPV Basin to AGENCY Board for review and approval. CONSULTANT will not revise any information in the GSP documenting historical conditions, GSA jurisdictional information, the hydrogeologic conceptual model, and the existing monitoring network.

The revised GSP will undergo one (1) round of internal review, including Committee review, prior to being released for one (1) round of public review and comment. CONSULTANT will, in coordination with AGENCY staff, revise the draft GSP amendment based on public comment and provide the FCGMA Board one (1) electronic copy of the redline GSP amendment and one (1) electronic copy of the clean GSP amendment for review and approval.

Following Board approval, CONSULTANT will provide AGENCY staff with the following deliverables: One (1) electronic redline copy and one (1) electronic clean copy of the draft LPV Basin GSP Amendment for public review; and one (1) electronic redline copy and one (1) electronic clean copy of the draft LPV Basin GSP Amendment provided to the FCGMA Board for review and approval.

Task 10.6: Preparation of Draft GSP Evaluation for the LPVB

Draft GSP Evaluation will be prepared by CONSULTANT in compliance with GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4 and will include written, tabular, and graphical descriptions of the data compiled and analyzed in Tasks 10.2 through 10.5. In addition to describing LPVB conditions as determined through the analyses completed in Tasks 10.2 through 10.5, the Draft GSP Evaluation will include a description of the projects and management actions implemented by the AGENCY; a description of significant new information that has been made available since GSP adoption by the AGENCY; a description of relevant actions taken by the AGENCY, including a summary of regulations or ordinances related to the GSP; a description of any enforcement or

legal actions taken by the AGENCY in furtherance of the sustainability goal for the LPVB; and a summary of coordination between agencies. This includes one (1) round of review by the AGENCY and revisions to the draft document. After incorporating revisions based on AGENCY comments, CONSULTANT will provide one (1) electronic copy of the Draft GSP Evaluation to AGENCY to release for public comment.

Task 10.7: Preparation of Final GSP Evaluation for the LPVB

CONSULTANT will address public comment on the Draft GSP Evaluation and revise the Draft GSP Evaluation. CONSULTANT will prepare a comment matrix in Microsoft Excel that documents comments received, commenting agencies/stakeholder groups, and AGENCY response to comments/document revisions. After revising the draft GSP Evaluation to address public comments, CONSULTANT will format and finalize the GSP Evaluation for the LPVB. CONSULTANT will provide the AGENCY with an electronic copy of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation and all associated materials required to submit the GSP Evaluation to DWR's SGMA portal. AGENCY will upload the Final GSP Evaluation to DWR SGMA portal.

Task 10.8: Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings

Two CONSULTANT staff members to prepare for and attend four in-person stakeholder meetings/workshops to support the GSP Evaluation for the LPVB, and six quarterly Board meetings to discuss the work being done in the LPVB. CONSULTANT requests that three of the six Board meetings to occur in-person and three of the six Board meetings to occur virtually. The first in-person stakeholder meeting will discuss the GSP Evaluation process for the LPVB, PVB, and Oxnard Subbasin. The remaining three stakeholder meetings will be focused on the work performed in the three management areas of the LPVB.

Task 11: Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation

CONSULTANT will prepare the GSP evaluation for the PVB. The GSP evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the Basin, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the Basin; and re-evaluation of the basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and undesirable results.

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

To support timely development of the Pleasant Valley Basin 5-Year GSP Evaluation, an additional 46 Contract hours are specified herein for additional technical analysis and review by CONSULTANT, to augment the preliminary work performed by AGENCY.

Task 11.1: Executive Summary

CONSULTANT will prepare an executive summary of the PVB GSP Evaluation that documents current conditions, changes to the basin setting, progress towards sustainability, implemented projects and management actions, and updates to the sustainable management criteria and program outlined in the GSP evaluation. The executive summary will include a location map that depicts the PVB boundaries and surrounding basins.

Task 11.2: Evaluation of Current Conditions

GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(a) require GSAs to provide a “description of the current groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator relative to measurable objectives, interim milestones and minimum thresholds”. This task will include data analyses that support agency compliance with §356.4(a), and will include an evaluation of:

- precipitation and surface water flows in the Subbasin;
- groundwater levels;
- groundwater quality;
- groundwater in storage;
- land subsidence;
- depletion of interconnected surface water;
- and seawater intrusion.

Task 11.3: Future Model Scenarios

The AGENCY will coordinate with UWCD to perform additional numerical modeling for the PVB as part of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation. This numerical modeling will incorporate new information about projects currently being, and planned for, construction in the PVB; management actions currently implemented and/or planned for implementation in the PVB; and conjunctive use optimization strategies. CONSULTANT will support AGENCY in coordination of the numerical model scenarios; assessment and evaluation of numerical model results; and any additional analyses to integrate the numerical model results into the AGENCY’s evaluation of long-term sustainability and the sustainable yield of the PVB. CONSULTANT to complete the coordination efforts and technical analyses for up to 8 new model scenarios.

Task 11.4: Technical Evaluation of GSP

GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(c) and §356.4(d) require a detailed evaluation of the GSP Elements, including the basin setting, management areas, undesirable results, and sustainable management criteria. This task consists of technical analyses that support these re-evaluations. CONSULTANT will prepare technical analyses to include: a review of lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells constructed in the Basin; an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area; an evaluation of the existing monitoring network; and a re-evaluation of minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and undesirable results based on updated numerical model results and recent groundwater conditions.

Task 11.4.1: Pleasant Valley Basin GSP Amendment

Amended – 02/28/2024 (Modification No. 2)

In keeping with the DWR GSP implementation guidance document (previously specified in Tasks 9.5.1 and 10.5.1) which provided specific criteria that would warrant the preparation of a GSP amendment in addition to a periodic evaluation, CONSULTANT will incorporate new modeling, revised numerical modeling, technical evaluations, and project understandings into the Pleasant Valley Basin GSP. Based on the incorporation of this data, proposed revisions will impact the following GSP areas:

- Well Permitting and Procedures

- Notification and Communications
- AGENCY Public Meetings
- Projected Future Water Budget and Sustainable Yield
- Coastal Flux from UWCD Scenarios
- UWCD Model Scenario Results
- Undesirable Results
- Minimum Thresholds
- Measurable Objectives
- Minimum Thresholds and Groundwater Elevation Contours in Oxnard, Mugu, Hueneme, Fox Canyon, and Grimes Canyon aquifers
- Key well hydrographs for Older Alluvium, Fox Canyon aquifer, and wells screened across multiple aquifers
- Minimum threshold groundwater elevations by well, management area, and aquifer for key wells
- Measurable Objectives and Interim Milestones
- Description of Existing Monitoring Network; Identification of Potential Monitoring Network Improvements
- Projects listed, summarized, and described in the GSP
- Summary of Basin Setting and Conditions
- Overview of Sustainability Criteria
- Overview of Subbasin Monitoring Network

In accordance with DWR's 10/30/2023 GSP implementation guidance, these revisions will be tracked in a redline document that will be provided for public and Board review. CONSULTANT will compile comments on the GSP revisions and, as appropriate and in coordination with AGENCY staff, will revise the GSP amendment to address these comments. CONSULTANT will provide a final redlined and clean GSP amendment for the Pleasant Valley Basin to AGENCY Board for review and approval. CONSULTANT will not revise any information in the GSP documenting historical conditions, GSA jurisdictional information, the hydrogeologic conceptual model, and the existing monitoring network.

The revised GSP will undergo one (1) round of internal review, prior to being released for one (1) round of public review and comment. CONSULTANT will, in coordination with AGENCY staff, revise the draft GSP amendment based on public comment and provide the FCGMA Board one (1) electronic copy of the redline GSP amendment and one (1) electronic copy of the clean GSP amendment for review and approval.

Following Board approval, CONSULTANT will provide AGENCY staff with the following deliverables: One (1) electronic redline copy and one (1) electronic clean copy of the draft PV Basin GSP Amendment for public review; and one (1) electronic redline copy and one (1) electronic

clean copy of the draft PV Basin GSP Amendment provided to the FCGMA Board for review and approval.

Task 11.5: Preparation of Draft GSP Evaluation for the Pleasant Valley Basin

CONSULTANT will prepare the Draft GSP Evaluation for the PVB. The Draft GSP Evaluation will be prepared in compliance with GSP Emergency Regulations Â§356.4 and will include written, tabular, and graphical descriptions of the data compiled and analyzed in Tasks 11.2 through 11.4. In addition to describing Basin conditions as determined through the analyses completed in Tasks 11.2 through 11.4, the Draft GSP Evaluation will include a description of the projects and management actions implemented by the AGENCY; a description of significant new information that has been made available since GSP adoption by the AGENCY; a description of relevant actions taken by the AGENCY, including a summary of regulations or ordinances related to the GSP; a description of any enforcement or legal actions taken by the AGENCY in furtherance of the sustainability goal for the PVB; and a summary of coordination between agencies. This includes one (1) round of review by the AGENCY and revisions to the draft document. After incorporating revisions based on AGENCY comments, CONSULTANT will provide one (1) electronic copy of the draft GSP Evaluation to AGENCY to release for public comment.

Task 11.6: Preparation of Final GSP Evaluation for the Pleasant Valley Basin

CONSULTANT will address public comment on the Draft GSP Evaluation and, as appropriate, revise the Draft GSP Evaluation. As part of this, CONSULTANT will prepare a comment matrix in Microsoft Excel that documents comments received, commenting agencies/stakeholder groups, and AGENCY response to comments/document revisions. After revising the Draft GSP Evaluation to address public comments, CONSULTANT will format and finalize the GSP Evaluation for the PVB. CONSULTANT will provide the AGENCY with an electronic copy of the 5-Year GSP Evaluation and all associated materials required to submit the GSP Evaluation to DWR's SGMA portal. The AGENCY will upload the Final GSP Evaluation to DWR's SGMA portal.

Task 11.7: Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings

Two CONSULTANT staff members to prepare for and attend four (4) in-person stakeholder meetings/workshops to support the GSP Evaluation for the PVB, and six (6) quarterly Board meetings to discuss the work being done in the PVB. CONSULTANT requests that three of the six Board meetings to occur in-person and three of the six Board meetings to occur virtually. The first in-person stakeholder meeting will discuss the GSP Evaluation process for the PVB, Oxnard Subbasin, and LPVB. The remaining three stakeholder meetings will be focused on the work performed in the PVB and Oxnard Subbasin.

Task 12: Preparation of Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Plan

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1) [Task 12 – Task 12.7]

The Adjudication Judgment for the Las Posas Valley Basin (Judgment) requires that AGENCY, as Watermaster, prepare a Basin Optimization Plan. Section 5.3 of the Judgment defines the elements of the Basin Optimization Plan, which are broken down into subtasks of Task 12, below; Section 5.4 identifies the Projects that must be considered in the Basin Optimization Plan (removal of Arundo from the Las Posas Valley watershed, importing of surplus water, Arroyo

Las Posas storm water capture and recharge, constructing desalter(s) to address water quality issues in the Arroyo Simi Creek, agreement with City of Simi Valley to maintain up-stream wastewater treatment plant discharges into the Arroyo Simi Creek, agreement with Simi Valley for recycled water deliveries to LPV users via pipeline, designing and constructing new or modified infrastructure to deliver in lieu water to water deficit areas and to increase water conveyance within the Basin, developing a program for acquisition of allocation or carryover as an alternative to replenishment, and using Calleguas facilities for Replenishment).

Task 12.1: Defining Project Evaluation Criteria

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1)

Task 12.1 defines the project evaluation criteria for determining the priority and feasibility of each Basin Optimization Project. To the extent feasible and consistent with the Judgment, the process, and criteria for evaluation of projects developed by the Operations Committee that was approved by AGENCY Board on June 28, 2023, will form the basis of the criteria and scoring framework, which will be subject to one round of Committee Consultation.

Task 12.2: Project Review and Evaluation

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1)

The Projects listed in Task 12 from Section 5.4 of the Judgment will be evaluated based on the criteria defined in Task 12.1. Contract Modification 1 scope presumes that each Project will have an AGENCY lead proponent that will provide sufficient information about the project to evaluate and score it against the criteria defined in Task 1. AGENCY, alongside CONSULTANT, will serve as the agency proponent in developing this information for the Arundo removal (§ 5.4.1), an agreement with Simi Valley to continue discharges of treated effluent to the Arroyo Simi (§ 5.4.5), and the program for acquisition of allocation and/or carryover (§ 5.4.8) projects.

Task 12.3: Consistency with SGMA, Undesirable Results, and Material Injury

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1)

Each of the Projects will be evaluated for consistency with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and a qualitative description of the potential benefits and/or negative impacts resulting from the Project based on information provided by the Project proponents.

Task 12.4: Schedule and Budget Development

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1)

A Basin Optimization Project implementation schedule and budget will be developed using the information provided by the Project proponents. The implementation schedule will include timelines for evaluation, scoping, design, financing, and development through at least Water Year 2040.

Task 12.5: Basin Optimization Plan

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1)

The information developed in Tasks 12.1 through 12.4 will be summarized in a draft Basin Optimization Plan. The draft Basin Optimization Plan will be provided to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for Committee Consultation. The PAC and TAC Recommendation Reports will be reviewed and discussed via a Watermaster Agenda Item at an AGENCY Board meeting. The Basin Optimization Plan will be revised based on the Recommendation Reports, as appropriate, and based on Board direction. The final Basin Optimization Plan will be submitted for Board adoption.

Task 12.6: Watermaster Response Report

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1)

Task 6 consists of assisting AGENCY staff in preparation of Response Report to the PAC and TAC Recommendation Reports regarding the draft Basin Optimization Plan, as required by the Judgment, which will be provided to the Board in an Agenda Item that documents responses to PAC and TAC recommendations.

Task 12.7: Project Management and Coordination

Amended – 1/12/2024 (Modification No. 1)

Task 12.7 includes biweekly (every other week) coordination calls with AGENCY staff, invoicing, and general project management throughout development of the Basin Optimization Plan.

Task 13: Watermaster Support Services

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

The LPV Adjudication provides that the TAC shall include a non-voting representative of the Watermaster. It also outlines specific tasks to be performed by the TAC within the first year of LPV Adjudication implementation of the Judgment, which will be a significant effort of the TAC.

These tasks include but are not limited to the following:

- Development of the Initial Basin Optimization Plan
- Development of the Basin Optimization Yield Study
- Development of the Draft Calleguas Municipal Water District Aquifer Storage and Recovery Projects Operations Plan

Preparation of these plans and studies, which are part of the LPV Adjudication's technical basin management strategy, will require significant effort and work from the TAC. To support development of these plans, as well as coordination with the PAC and TAC, additional Contract support is allocated to provide for sufficient Watermaster technical representation on matters including, but not limited to, (i) the preparation, review, and evaluation of technical groundwater materials, reports, and studies; (ii) attending and representing the Watermaster in TAC meetings and discussions; and (iii) reviewing TAC Recommendation Reports and preparing Response Reports on behalf of the Watermaster as required by the Judgment.

Task 14: OPV Technical Workshop

Amended — 5/22/24 (Modification No. 3)

AGENCY held GSP 5-Year Evaluation workshops, and OPV-based stakeholders requested an additional technical workshop to discuss the assumptions, results, and interpretations of the 5-Year GSP evaluation numerical modeling. The technical workshop includes review of future numerical modeling scenarios, simulated groundwater budgets, simulated groundwater elevations at key wells in the OPV Basins, and the evaluation's approach to estimating the sustainable yield.

Additional tasks may be requested of CONSULTANT related to the scope of work and services described above. Additional tasks shall be performed by CONSULTANT when ordered in writing by the AGENCY Project Manager. The AGENCY's written order will include a statement of the work required and time schedule for completion. Payment for extra services performed by CONSULTANT will be paid by AGENCY as provided in Exhibit C.

End of Exhibit A

EXHIBIT B – TIME SCHEDULE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN FOX CANON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DUDEK FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPORT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATIONS

Original Contract Date: December 9, 2022

Modification No. 1: January 12, 2024

Modification No. 2: February 28, 2024

Modification No. 3: May 22, 2024

Modification No. 4: April 23, 2025

Modification No. 5: August 27, 2025

1. Schedule

All Work on this contract shall be completed by 10/1/2025 (Modification No. 4) **except that which is amended to be completed by 8/27/2026 (Modification No. 5).**

Tasks added or revised via modification are reflected in the table below, even if they are sub-tasks. CONSULTANT shall complete tasks as follows:

Task	Start Date	End / Due Date
<u>Task 1: Technical Support</u>	01/01/2023	<u>06/30/2026</u>
Task 1.1: Additional Technical Support (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025
<u>Task 2: GSP Annual Reports</u>	01/01/2023	<u>06/30/2026</u>
<u>Draft Annual Reports</u>	01/01/2023	<u>06/30/2026</u>
<u>Final Annual Reports</u>	01/01/2023	<u>06/30/2026</u>
Task 2.1: LPVB GSP Annual Report – Judgment Requirement Support (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025
Task 3: Data Gap Analysis	01/01/2023	10/01/2025
Task 4: Hydrogeologic Investigation / Field Support	01/01/2023	10/01/2025
Task 4.1: Field Support for Monitoring Well Project (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025
Task 5: Basin Management Scenarios and Model Coordination	01/01/2023	10/01/2025
Task 6: Feasibility Studies	01/01/2023	10/01/2025
Task 7: Grant Support	01/01/2023	10/01/2025
<u>Task 8: Project Management</u>	01/01/2023	<u>08/27/2026</u>

Task 8.1: Project Management – Additional Coordination (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025
<u>Task 8.1: Weekly Team Meetings (Modification No. 5)</u>	<u>10/01/2025</u>	<u>06/30/2026</u>
<u>Task 8.2: Project Management (Modification No. 5)</u>	<u>10/01/2025</u>	<u>06/30/2026</u>
Task 9: Oxnard GSP Evaluation	01/01/2024	10/01/2025
Task 9.4.1: 5-Year GSP Evaluation Technical Analysis and Review (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025
Task 9.5.1 Oxnard GSP Amendment (Modification No. 2)	02/28/2024	10/01/2025
Task 10: LPVB GSP Evaluation (Modification No. 3)	01/01/2024	10/01/2025
Task 10.2.1: Committee Evaluation Review and Response (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025
Task 10.5.1 LPV GSP Amendment (Modification No. 2)	02/28/2024	10/01/2025
Task 11: PVB GSP Evaluation (Modification No. 3)	01/01/2024	10/01/2025
Task 11.4.1 PVB GSP Amendment (Modification No.2)	02/28/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12: LPV Basin Optimization Plan (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12.1: Defining Project Criteria (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12.2: Project Review and Evaluation (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12.3: Consistency with SGMA, Undesirable Results, and Material Injury (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12.4: Schedule and Budget Development (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12.5: Basin Optimization Plan (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12.6: Watermaster Response Report (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 12.7: Project Management and Coordination (Modification No. 1)	01/12/2024	10/01/2025
Task 13: Watermaster Support Services (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025
Task 14: OPV Technical Workshop (Modification No. 3)	05/22/2024	10/01/2025

2. Delays

If all work under this contract cannot be completed by the dates specified in Exhibit B through no fault of CONSULTANT, the fee for the work not then completed may be adjusted to reflect increases in cost which occur, due to delay, from the date that the work was required to be

complete as specified in Exhibit B until the time the work can actually be completed. Any payments of additional fee as described in this paragraph must be authorized by AGENCY with a modification to this contract.

End of Exhibit B

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EXHIBIT C – FEES AND PAYMENTS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN FOX CANON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DUDEK FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPORT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATIONS

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Modification No. 5: August 27, 2025

1. Compensation Summary

The following summarizes the maximum amount of compensation available to CONSULTANT under this contract. The actual amount of compensation shall be established and paid in accordance with the applicable provisions of the contract including this Exhibit C.

Original Total Amount Not to Exceed:	\$1,417,410
Revised Amount Not to Exceed (Modification No. 1):	\$1,493,435
Revised Amount Not to Exceed (Modification No. 2):	\$1,734,585
Revised Amount Not To Exceed (Modification No. 3):	\$2,068,172
<u>Revised Amount Not To Exceed (Modification No. 5):</u>	<u>\$2,252,942</u>

2. Fees for Basic Services

AGENCY agrees to pay CONSULTANT the following fees for Basic Services:

An **hourly rate** compensation, for actual hours of Basic Services performed that is based upon the hourly rates set forth in the following rate schedule, which rates shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract, not to exceed the **maximum fee amount of \$2,252,942. The total fee for tasks identified in Modification No. 5 equals \$184,770.** The maximum fees for the respective tasks identified in Exhibit A as well as the total maximum fee amount are shown in the below Task Table. In no case shall a fee for a specific task exceed that which is listed below without prior written approval by the AGENCY. **Rates to be charged for Tasks identified in Modification No. 5 are per the CONSULTANT Schedule of Charges dated 8/14/2025, attached as Exhibit D.**

Task Table

Task	Description	Maximum Fee
<u>1</u>	<u>Technical Support</u>	
	GSP Implementation Technical Support (2023)	\$36,570
	GSP Implementation Technical Support (2024)	\$71,370
	GSP Implementation Technical Support (2025)	\$71,370

Task	Description	Maximum Fee
	<u>GSP Implementation Technical Support (2026)</u>	<u>\$32,000</u>
1.1	Additional Technical Support (Modification No. 3)	\$17,700
<u>2</u>	<u>GSP Annual Reports for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB</u>	
	GSP Annual Reports for Oxnard Subbasin (2022, 2023, 2024)	\$65,730
	<u>GSP Annual Reports for Oxnard Subbasin (2025)</u>	<u>\$42,530</u>
	GSP Annual Reports for PVB (2022, 2023, 2024)	\$65,730
	<u>GSP Annual Report for PVB (2025)</u>	<u>\$42,530</u>
	GSP Annual Reports for LPVB (2022, 2023, 2024)	\$65,730
	<u>GSP Annual Report for LPVB (2025)</u>	<u>\$138,190</u>
2.1	LPVB GSP Annual Report – Judgment Requirement Support (Modification No. 3)	\$48,860
3	Data Gap Analysis	\$31,000
4	Hydrogeologic Investigation/Field Support	\$44,780
4.1	Field Support – Monitoring Well Project (Modification No. 3)	\$55,302
	Field Support (Optional)	\$64,355
5	Basin Management Scenarios and Model Coordination	\$18,820
6	Feasibility Studies	\$97,600
7	Grant Support	\$33,525
8	Project Management	\$65,850
8.1	Project Management – Additional Coordination	\$17,700
<u>8.2</u>	<u>Weekly AGENCY Meetings</u>	<u>\$8,820</u>
<u>8.3</u>	<u>Project Management</u>	<u>\$5,760</u>
9	Oxnard GSP Evaluation	
9.1	Executive Summary	\$6,460
9.2	Evaluation of Current Conditions	\$43,630
9.3	Future Model Scenarios	\$36,360
9.4	Technical Evaluation of GSP	\$29,080
9.4.1	5-Year GSP Evaluation Technical Analysis and Review (Modification No. 3)	\$13,570
9.5	Preparation of Draft GSP Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin	\$61,750
9.5.1	Preparation of GSP Amendment for the Oxnard Subbasin (Modification No. 2)	\$86,865
9.6	Preparation of Final GSP Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin	\$19,780
9.7	Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings	\$22,235
10	LPVB GSP Evaluation (Modification No. 3)	\$16,520
10.1	Executive Summary	\$6,460
10.2	Evaluation of Current Conditions	\$34,260

Task	Description	Maximum Fee
10.2.1	Committee Evaluation Review and Response (Modification No. 3)	\$43,440
10.3	Numerical Model Update	\$45,980
10.4	Future Model Scenarios	\$29,860
10.5	Technical Evaluation of GSP	\$32,040
10.5.1	Preparation of GSP Amendment for the LPVB (Modification No. 2)	\$85,870
10.6	Preparation of Draft GSP Evaluation for the LPVB	\$61,750
10.7	Preparation of Final GSP Evaluation for the LPVB	\$19,780
10.8	Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings	\$31,630
11	PVB GSP Evaluation (Modification No. 3)	\$13,570
11.1	Executive Summary	\$6,460
11.2	Evaluation of Current Conditions	\$36,980
11.3	Future Model Scenarios	\$27,640
11.4	Technical Evaluation of GSP	\$29,080
11.4.1	Preparation of GSP Amendment for the PVB (Modification No. 2)	\$68,415
11.5	Preparation of Draft GSP Evaluation for the Pleasant Valley Basin	\$61,750
11.6	Preparation of Final GSP Evaluation for the Pleasant Valley Basin	\$19,780
11.7	Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings	\$22,235
12	LPV Basin Optimization Plan (Modification No. 1)	
12.1	Defining Project Evaluation Criteria (Modification No. 1)	\$6,655
12.2	Project Review and Evaluation (Modification No. 1)	\$11,950
12.3	Consistency with SGMA, Undesirable Results, and Material Injury (Modification No. 1)	\$3,680
12.4	Schedule and Budget Development (Modification No. 1)	\$3,180
12.5	Basin Optimization Plan (Modification No. 1)	\$25,850
12.6	Watermaster Response Report (Modification No. 1)	\$14,490
12.7	Project Management and Coordination (Modification No. 1)	\$10,220
13	Watermaster Support Services (Modification No. 3)	\$97,440
14	OPV Technical Workshop (Modification No. 3)	\$9,485
<u>Total Fee for Modification No. 5</u>		<u>\$184,770</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$2,252,942</u>

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4. Payment

AGENCY shall make payments to CONSULTANT under the contract as follows:

Requests for Payment

Each request for payment shall include: (i) personnel time records for Basic Services and Extra Services actually performed at the rates specified in this Exhibit C if applicable; (ii) receipts for all authorized reimbursable expense, along with the written AGENCY authorization for any specific reimbursable expenses requested for payment if required above.

When invoicing for Extra Services, CONSULTANT shall clearly mark which request for payment items are for Extra Services and keep them separate from items for Basic Services and shall include a copy of the written AGENCY authorization for the Extra Services requested for payment.

CONSULTANT shall submit all requests for payment to:

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue, L#1610
Ventura, CA 93009-1670

FCGMA@venturacounty.gov

Payment Schedule

Payments shall be made monthly by AGENCY upon presentation of a properly completed AGENCY claim form that has been approved by AGENCY.

Timely Invoicing

Timely invoicing by CONSULTANT is required. Delays in invoicing for services performed increases the management effort required by AGENCY to ensure accurate payments to CONSULTANT and manage project budgets. Accordingly, CONSULTANT shall request payment for services no later than 30 calendar days after the date that the services were performed.

CONSULTANT shall submit a final invoice within 30 days of the earliest of the following events:

1) completion and acceptance by AGENCY of all Work required by the contract; or 2) termination of the contract.

4. Extra Services

AGENCY may request that CONSULTANT perform services beyond the tasks described in Exhibit A, hereinafter referred to as "Extra Services." Extra Services shall be performed by CONSULTANT only when ordered in writing by the Project Manager for AGENCY. AGENCY'S written

order will include a statement of the work required and time schedule for completion. Payment for extra services performed by CONSULTANT will be made at the rates specified in this Exhibit unless otherwise agreed. CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to payment for any Extra Services for which advance written approval has not been given by the Project Manager for AGENCY. Any increase in the maximum amount of compensation available to CONSULTANT shall require a modification in accordance with Section 15.c. of the contract.

End of Exhibit C

EXHIBIT D – RATE SCHEDULE**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN FOX CANON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DUDEK FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPORT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND 5-YEAR GSP EVALUATIONS**

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Modification No. 5: August 27, 2025**2025 CONSULTANT Hours and Rates (Modification No. 5)**

<u>Project Team Role:</u>	<u>Principal Hydrogeologist / Engineer III</u>	<u>Principal Hydrogeologist / Engineer II</u>	<u>Project Hydrogeologist / Engineer V</u>	<u>Sr. Hydrogeologist / Engineer I</u>	<u>Project Hydrogeologist / Engineer II</u>	<u>Publications Specialist III</u>	<u>Creative Services II</u>
<u>Billable Rate:</u>	<u>\$320 Hourly</u>	<u>\$310</u>	<u>\$225</u>	<u>\$235</u>	<u>\$195</u>	<u>\$125</u>	<u>\$145</u>

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CONSULTANT 2025 Standard Schedule of Charges**DUDEK 2025 Standard Schedule of Charges****Engineering Services**

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Engineer II	\$300.00/hr
Principal Engineer I	\$290.00/hr
Program Manager	\$275.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$275.00/hr
Project Manager	\$265.00/hr
Senior Engineer III	\$260.00/hr
Senior Engineer II	\$250.00/hr
Senior Engineer I	\$240.00/hr
Project Engineer IV/Technician IV	\$230.00/hr
Project Engineer III/Technician III	\$220.00/hr
Project Engineer II/Technician II	\$210.00/hr
Project Engineer I/Technician I	\$190.00/hr
3D Production Manager	\$220.00/hr
Senior Designer II	\$210.00/hr
Senior Designer I	\$200.00/hr
Designer	\$190.00/hr
Assistant Designer	\$185.00/hr
CADD Operator III	\$180.00/hr
CADD Operator II	\$195.00/hr
CADD Operator I	\$155.00/hr
CADD Drafter	\$175.00/hr
CADD Technician	\$125.00/hr
Project Coordinator	\$160.00/hr
Engineering Assistant	\$125.00/hr

Environmental Services

Senior Project Director	\$350.00/hr
Project Director	\$300.00/hr
Senior Specialist V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Specialist IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Specialist III	\$250.00/hr
Senior Specialist II	\$235.00/hr
Senior Specialist I	\$220.00/hr
Specialist V	\$210.00/hr
Specialist IV	\$195.00/hr
Specialist III	\$185.00/hr
Specialist II	\$175.00/hr
Specialist I	\$165.00/hr
Analyst V	\$155.00/hr
Analyst IV	\$145.00/hr
Analyst III	\$135.00/hr
Analyst II	\$125.00/hr
Analyst I	\$105.00/hr
Technician IV	\$100.00/hr
Technician III	\$90.00/hr
Technician II	\$80.00/hr
Technician I	\$70.00/hr
Project Coordinator II	\$170.00/hr
Project Coordinator I	\$135.00/hr

Hydrogeology/HazWaste Services

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	\$310.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer I	\$300.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$255.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$245.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$235.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$225.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$215.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$205.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$195.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$185.00/hr
Hydrogeologist/Engineering Assistant	\$150.00/hr
HazMat Field Technician	\$135.00/hr

District Management & Operations

District General Manager	\$225.00/hr
District Engineer	\$215.00/hr
Operations Manager	\$165.00/hr
District Secretary/Accountant	\$150.00/hr
Collections System Manager	\$150.00/hr
Grade V Operator	\$140.00/hr
Grade IV Operator	\$125.00/hr
Grade III Operator	\$115.00/hr
Grade II Operator	\$95.00/hr
Grade I Operator	\$90.00/hr
Operator in Training	\$80.00/hr
Collection Maintenance Worker	\$85.00/hr

Project Delivery Services

Technology Specialist II	\$245.00/hr
Technology Specialist I	\$190.00/hr
GIS Analyst V	\$220.00/hr
GIS Analyst IV	\$200.00/hr
GIS Analyst III	\$185.00/hr
GIS Analyst II	\$145.00/hr
GIS Analyst I	\$130.00/hr
Creative Services IV	\$185.00/hr
Creative Services III	\$160.00/hr
Creative Services II	\$145.00/hr
Creative Services I	\$130.00/hr
Technical Editor IV	\$185.00/hr
Technical Editor III	\$160.00/hr
Technical Editor II	\$145.00/hr
Technical Editor I	\$130.00/hr
Publications Specialist IV	\$135.00/hr
Publications Specialist III	\$125.00/hr
Publications Specialist II	\$115.00/hr
Publications Specialist I	\$105.00/hr
Clerical Administration	\$100.00/hr

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Mapping and Surveying Services

UAS Pilot	\$165.00/hr
Survey Lead	\$300.00/hr
Survey Manager	\$260.00/hr
Survey Crew Chief	\$195.00/hr
Survey Rod Person	\$145.00/hr
Survey Mapping Technician	\$135.00/hr

Construction Management Services

Principal Manager	\$215.00/hr
Senior Construction Manager	\$195.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$190.00/hr
Construction Manager	\$185.00/hr
Project Manager/Construction Management	\$175.00/hr
Resident Engineer	\$175.00/hr
Construction Engineer	\$175.00/hr
On-site Owner's Representative	\$160.00/hr
Prevailing Wage Inspector	\$160.00/hr
Construction Inspector	\$150.00/hr
Administrator/Labor Compliance	\$125.00/hr

Expert Witness – Court appearances, depositions, and interrogatories as expert witness will be billed at 2.00 times normal rates.

Emergency and Holidays – Minimum charge of two hours will be billed at 1.75 times the normal rate.

Material and Outside Services – Subcontractors, rental of special equipment, special reproductions and blueprinting, outside data processing and computer services, etc., are charged at 1.15 times the direct cost.

Travel Expenses – Mileage at current IRS allowable rates. Per diem where overnight stay is involved is charged at cost.

Invoices, Late Charges – All fees will be billed to Client monthly and shall be due and payable upon receipt. Invoices are delinquent if not paid within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Client agrees to pay interest at a 10% annual rate for amounts unpaid greater than 30 days after the date of the invoice.

Annual Increases – Unless identified otherwise, these standard rates will increase in line with the CPHJ for the nearest urban area per the Department of Labor Statistics to where the work is being completed) or by 3% annually, whichever is higher.

Prevailing Wage – The rates listed above assume prevailing wage rates do not apply. If this assumption is incorrect Dudek reserves the right to adjust its rates accordingly.

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**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025
Updated March 6, 2025**

Original CONSULTANT Schedule of Charges

DUDEK 2023 Standard Schedule of Charges

Engineering Services		Hydrogeology/HazWaste Services	
Project Director	\$325.00/hr	Project Director	\$325.00/hr
Principal Engineer III	\$290.00/hr	Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	\$295.00/hr
Principal Engineer II	\$280.00/hr	Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer I	\$275.00/hr
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Program Manager	\$260.00/hr	Senior Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$250.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$260.00/hr	Senior Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$240.00/hr
Project Manager	\$250.00/hr	Senior Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$230.00/hr
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Senior Engineer II	\$235.00/hr	Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$205.00/hr
Senior Engineer I	\$225.00/hr	Project Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$195.00/hr
Project Engineer IV/Technician IV	\$215.00/hr	Project Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$185.00/hr
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Designer	\$180.00/hr	District General Manager	\$225.00/hr
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Technician II	\$75.00/hr
Technician I	\$65.00/hr

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Application Developer II	\$195.00/hr
Application Developer I	\$155.00/hr
GIS Analyst V	\$205.00/hr
GIS Analyst IV	\$165.00/hr
GIS Analyst III	\$145.00/hr
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FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCY



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August 27, 2025

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Amended 2025 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Conflict of Interest Code – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign the proposed Amended 2025 Conflict of Interest Code (Amended 2025 COIC) for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and (2) Direct staff to file the Amended 2025 COIC with the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND:

Subject to limited exceptions, the Political Reform Act (Government Code section 81000 et. seq.) requires local governments and public agencies to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code and review and amend it as needed. (Gov. Code, § 87300.) Among other things, Conflict of Interest Codes are required to specify the elected officials and executive level staff that must prepare and file annually with the FPPC statements of financial interests that “disclos[e] reportable investments, business positions, interests in real property, and income.” (Gov. Code, § 87302(a).) In 2024, the Legislature amended the Political Reform Act to require the “executive director, general manager, or other equivalent position of the groundwater sustainability agency” to prepare and file statements of financial with the FPPC. (Gov. Code, § 87200.5(a), (b).)

DISCUSSION:

Local public agencies are required to review and update their Conflict of Interest Codes every other year. In addition, agencies must amend their Conflict of Interest Codes when “changed circumstances” occur, including, for example, “the creation of new positions which must [prepare and file statements of financial interest] and relevant changes in the duties assigned to existing positions.” (Gov. Code, § 87306(a).) In August 2025, the Agency hired a new Executive Officer, John Demers. Accordingly, the Agency’s current Conflict of Interest Code needs to be updated to list the Agency Executive Officer as one of the designated positions required to prepare and file statements of financial interest with the FPPC. (See Gov. Code, § 87306(a).) In addition, the proposed Amended 2025 COIC updates the number of designated Agency positions required to file statements with the FPPC. Redline and clean versions of the proposed Amended 2025 COIC are attached as

Item 11 - Adoption of Amended 2025 FCGMA COIC
FCGMA Board Meeting, August 27, 2025

Exhibits 11B and 11C, respectively. If adopted by your Board, the Amended 2025 COIC and related materials will be submitted to the Clerk of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends your Board approve, and authorize the Chair to sign, the Amended 2025 COIC and direct staff to file the Amended 2025 COIC with the Ventura County Board of Supervisors as required by the Political Reform Act.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 2014.

Sincerely,



Elka Weber
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Attachments:

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- Exhibit 11B – Redline Version of 2025 FCGMA Revised COIC
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- Exhibit 11D – 2024 FCGMA COIC, as of October 23, 2024

2025 Local Agency Revision Notice

Name of Agency: Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Mailing Address: 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93003-1610
Contact Person: Elka Weber Phone No. 805-654-2014
Email: elka.weber@venturacounty.gov Alternate Email: fcgma@venturacounty.gov

Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code and has determined that *(check one BOX)*:

☒ **An amendment is required. The following amendments are necessary:**

(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Include new positions
- ☒ Revise disclosure categories
- ☐ Revise the titles of existing positions
- ☐ Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions
- ☒ Other *(describe)* Revise number of counsel and consultants

☐ **The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.**

☐ **No amendment is required.** (If your code is over five years old, amendments may be necessary.)

Verification (to be completed if no amendment is required)

This agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. The disclosure assigned to those positions accurately requires that all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions are reported. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

Date

This notice reflects the intent of an FCGMA 2025 amended code. The next biennial review is scheduled for 2026.

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2025 Proposed Revision

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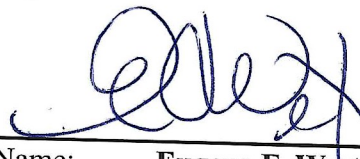
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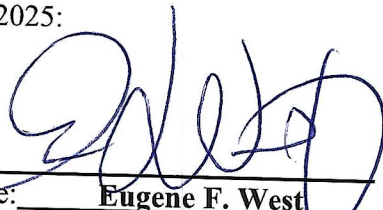
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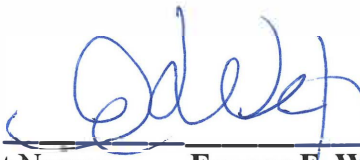
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John Demers

August 27, 2025

Board of Directors
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Ventura, CA 93009-1610

SUBJECT: Appointment of Patty Martinez to Serve on the Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee as the East Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture Representative [LPV Watermaster] – (Returning Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Patty Martinez to serve as the East Las Posas Management Area (ELPMA) Small Agriculture representative on the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND:

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), creates two stakeholder committees, the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The committees' function "to obtain policy and technical recommendations from stakeholders on matters related to Basin management and to ensure that decisions by Watermaster are made following full consideration of diverse policy and technical views." (Judgment, § 6.2.) While the TAC is "the primary advisory body to Watermaster on all matters requiring technical expertise," the PAC is "the primary advisory body to Watermaster on policy-related matters of a non-technical nature." (Judgment, §§ 6.10.1, 6.11.1.) In addition, the PAC's objectives are to "[p]rovide all Water Right Holders with a meaningful voice and representation on policy matters" and "[p]rovide input and recommendations to Watermaster to assist Watermaster in fulfilling its duties." (Judgment, §§ 6.10.1.1, 6.10.1.2.)

Because of the important policy and technical advisory roles PAC and TAC play to inform Basin Management decisions, the Judgment provides attendance and participation requirements for PAC and TAC members: "Members of the Committee must regularly attend all Committee meetings. Any Committee member who fails to attend at least 75 percent of regular Committee meetings in a calendar year shall be removed by action of Watermaster." (Judgment, § 6.6.) While this requirement applies to both PAC and TAC members, Section 6.10.2 of the Judgment provides a specific process for removing a PAC member that fails to comply with the attendance and participation requirements:

A member of PAC also 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] or otherwise is preventing PAC or Watermaster from carrying out their respective duties and responsibilities under the Judgment. (Judgment, § 6.10.2.)

The PAC is an 11-member advisory body that specifically 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.).

On June 13, 2025¹, following consultation with PAC as required by the Judgment, the Watermaster Board approved the removal of the East Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture Representative for failure to comply with the attendance and participation requirements of the Judgment (Judgment, § 6.6.). The Watermaster Board directed staff to inform members of the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group of the vacancy and to conduct an election to replace the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of the Judgment.

DISCUSSION:

On June 17, 2025, Watermaster staff sent a notice informing all ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group members of the Watermaster's removal of the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group representative from the PAC and direction to convene a meeting to elect a new representative to the PAC (attached as Exhibit 12A). On July 17, 2025, Watermaster staff working with the Chair of the PAC and Calleguas Municipal Water District sent a second notice to the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group and provided a venue, date and time for the constituency group to convene a meeting and elect a new representative to the PAC.

On July 30, 2025, the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group held a hybrid meeting to elect a new PAC representative. The meeting and election were held in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Judgment (Exh A, § 3.1.6).

On August 4, 2025, the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group submitted meeting minutes to Watermaster as required by the Judgment and officially notified Watermaster of the nomination of Ms. Patty Martinez as the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group Representative to the PAC (attached as Exhibit 12B). Pursuant to the Judgment, Watermaster must 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.). Staff do not find any cause to decline appointment of Ms. Patty Martinez as the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group Representative to the PAC.

¹ June 13, 2025 materials (see Item 19): <https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=21217>

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board appoint the nominee, Ms. Patty Martinez, to the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee as the East Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture representative.

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

Sincerely,



Kudzai Farai Kaseke (PhD, PH, PMP, CSM)
Assistant Groundwater Manager

Attachments:

Exhibit 12A – LPV PAC Member Attendance Watermaster Email Notification,
dated July 17, 2025

Exhibit 12B – East Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture Election
Minutes, dated July 30, 2025

Item 12A - LPV PAC Member Attendance Watermaster Email Notification

From: [LPV Watermaster](#)
To: [LPV Watermaster](#)
Subject: Meeting to Elect Representative to Serve on PAC as East Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture Group
Constituency Representative
Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025 5:03:26 PM

Dear LPV Adjudication Party/Landowner/Water Right Holder and Designee(s):

Under the judgment in *Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (LPV Judgment), “Upon a vacancy of a Landowner Constituency Group PAC member, the applicable Landowner Constituency Group shall hold a vote amongst its members to nominate a replacement PAC member pursuant to the procedure for initial selection set forth in this Article.” (Watermaster rules § 3.16, LPV Judgment § 6.10.2). Failure to appoint a nominee within 90 days of the vacancy, then the appointment will be decided by the Court on noticed motion. (LPV Judgment § 6.10.2).

On June 13, 2025 the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board acting as Watermaster adopted a motion to 1) remove the East Las Posas Management Area (ELPMA) Small Agriculture Constituency Group representative on the PAC for failure to comply with the Judgment’s attendance and participation requirements; and 2) notify the ELPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group to convene a meeting and hold a vote to elect a new representative to the PAC. This email serves as notification to the East Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture Constituency Group of the adopted motions.

Your WMID is designated as a member of the [East Las Posas Management Small Agriculture Group](#), and is eligible to participate in the vote to nominate a replacement PAC member.

A hybrid meeting to elect a representative to serve on the Policy Advisory Committee as the East Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture Constituency Group Representative, is scheduled for:

July 30, 2025, at Calleguas Municipal Water District
at 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM 2100 Olsen Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82143350760?pwd=VNSuQjuKTHB18N9Ocoiv7qdsT6vbh7.1>

For more information regarding LPV Adjudication constituency groups including to review the Watermaster's Constituency Group Designation List, please visit the following links: [Watermaster's Initial Organizational Meeting](#) and [Current Service List](#).

Please direct questions to Watermaster at LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org.

LPV Watermaster

c/o Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

800 S. Victoria Avenue, L#1610

Ventura, CA 93009

Email: LPV.Watermaster@ventura.org

Website: <https://fcgma.org/las-posas-valley-watermaster/>

Meeting for Selection of PAC Representative Constituency Group:
East Las Posas Management Area for Small Agriculture

Date: July 30, 2025

Time: 2:30 P.M.

Place: Calleguas Municipal Water District, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91367,
and via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Policy Advisory Committee Chair Ian Prichard called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM.
2. **Appointment of Presiding Officer:** Laurel Servin recommended PAC Chair Ian Prichard to preside over the meeting; there was general consensus from the group to have Chair Prichard assume this role.

3. **LPV Watermaster Rules for Voting**

Chair Prichard announced that the purpose of the meeting was to elect a representative to replace East LPV Small Ag representative Josh Waters.

Chair Prichard continued with a review of Article III of the LPV Watermaster Rules, which defines eligibility and nomination requirements and details of the election process. He explained that, per the Judgment, voting shall be weighted and the presiding officer shall count the votes based on each voting party's proportionate share of the total Allocation Basis.

4. **Attendance:** Introductions were made by all attendees as follows:

- Debra Tash, ELPV constituent
- Rob Grether, ELPV constituent representative
- Justine Oseguera, ELPV constituent representative
- Matt Bryant, ELPV constituent representative
- John Berns, ELPV constituent
- Laurel Servin, ELPV constituent
- Josh Waters, ELPV constituent and representative (via Zoom)
- Patty Martinez, ELPV constituent representative (via Zoom)
- Caroline Wesley, minute taker (non-voting)
- LPV Watermaster, Farai Kaseke (via Zoom) – (non-voting)
- Ian Prichard, PAC Chair, Calleguas Municipal Water District (non-voting)

5. **Nominations**

Chair Prichard called for nominations. There were two parties who self-nominated for the East LPV representative position: Debra Tash and Patty Martinez.

6. Vote

Chair Prichard conducted the vote and displayed the worksheet tallying weighted votes.

The votes that were cast had a value of 1,250.26 Allocation Basis acre-feet (AF). There were 931.32 AF votes in favor of Patty Martinez (74.5%) and 318.94 AF votes (25.5%) in favor of Debra Tash. See attached printout of voting worksheet.

Patty Martinez won the vote for East LPV Small Ag PAC representative. Under the terms of the Judgment, this selection must be ratified by LPV Watermaster and will be submitted to them for approval the week of August 4, 2025. Watermaster shall appoint or decline to appoint the nominee within 30 days of receipt of the nomination, as provided in the Judgment.

7. Adjournment

Chair Prichard announced Patty Martinez as the winner of the East LPV Small Ag PAC representative seat and invited her to join the next regularly scheduled PAC meeting on August 7, 2025, in anticipation of LPV Watermaster's formal appointment of Ms. Martinez to this role.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Submitted by: Caroline Wesley and Ian Prichard

Email: iprichard@calleguas.com

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10. East Las Posas Management Area - Small Agricultural

WMID	Landowner	Allocation Basis	Member Voting	PAC Candidate Supported	PAC Candidate Supported	Total Allocation Basis in Support	Share of Support
1004	Samuel and Sylvia Alvarez Family Revocable Trust dated 02/20/1998, Samuel andSylvia Alvarez, Trustees	88.67	Patty Martinez	Patty Martinez	Patty Martinez	931.32	74.5%
1005	Samuel and Sylvia Alvarez Family Revocable Trust dated 02/20/1998, Samuel andSylvia Alvarez, Trustees	98.15	Patty Martinez	Patty Martinez			
1007	Apricot Lane Farm Holdings, LLC	67.72					
1008	Bryce and Elaine Bannatyne Trust, Bryce Bannatyne, Trustee	27.43					
1009	Bryce and Elaine Bannatyne Trust, Bryce Bannatyne, Trustee	219.05					
1013	Berkshire Investments, LLC, a California limited liability company	81.00					
1017	William A. Miller, Trustee of the William A. Miller Living Trust dated August 6, 2003, et al.	224.48					
1018	William A. Miller, Trustee of the William A. Miller Living Trust dated August 6, 2003, et al.	41.51					
1021	Lauren A. Borchard, Trustee for the LAB Trust; Leslie K. Borchard	43.26					
1023	Broadway Road Moorpark, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	149.97					
1025	John S. Broome Trust dated June 1, 1967, John S. Broome, Jr., Trustee, et al.	83.37	Rob Grether	Patty Martinez			
1026	Bruecker 2005 Revocable Family Trust, Kenneth A. and Juli A. Bruecker, Co-Trustees	87.15					
1027	Burdullis Ranches LLC	39.37					
1028	Burdullis Ranches LLC	37.22					
1032	John-Yon Chang	230.66					
1036	D&D Coastal, LLC	32.79					
1039	Dent Ranch, LP	23.49					
1053	James D. Engel, Trustee for the James D. Engel and Kay A. Engel Trust Dated April 15,1998	40.00					
1055	Green Fuse Botanicals, LLC	16.09					
1058	Gwyn Goodman, Trustee for the Goodman Family Trust	54.57					
1060	James A. Waters, III, Trustee for The J&H Waters Revocable Trust Dated July 18, 2008; James A. Waters, III, Trustee for TI	143.26					
1061	James A. Waters, III, Trustee for The J&H Waters Revocable Trust Dated July 18, 2008	35.00					
1068	Jose de Jesus and Maria de la Cruz Gutierrez, Joint Tenants	21.06					
1069	Jose de Jesus and Maria de la Cruz Gutierrez, Joint Tenants	15.30					
1071	Hagel, Timothy et al	8.82					
1072	Harris Endeavors, LLC	31.63					
1078	Kirschbaum, LLC	65.17					
1083	Lowe Family Trust dated 07/28/1996, David Huei-Chung and Florence Ai-Lieng LoweTrustees	33.66					
1084	Mahan Ranch, et al	184.49					
1085	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	245.52	Patty Martinez	Patty Martinez			
1091	Audelio Martinez	23.80	Patty Martinez	Patty Martinez			
1092	Audelio Martinez	29.43	Patty Martinez	Patty Martinez			
1094	Mastro Culbert Farms, LLC & Steven Mastro	232.40					
1103	Brian L. Moore Revocable Trust dated 10/30/2009, Brian L. Moore, Trustee	33.84					
1105	Benchmark Partners Ag, LLC	43.60					
1106	Mueller Family Trust, Scott R. Mueller	21.85					
1108	Paul Naumes, Trustee for the Paul Naumes 2013 Living Trust, San Joaquin Door & Supply, Inc.	82.14					
1109	Charles R. and Kathleen M. Northcross Family Trust dated 05/27/2000, Charles andKathleen Northcross, Trustees	33.01					
1116	Quine Ranch LP	88.04	Josh Waters	Deborah Tash			
1117	Davidson Family Trust dated 09/23/1992, Jerry Davidson, Trustee	42.40					
1119	Mark Ratto, Trustee of the Mark Ratto Revocable Living Trust dated February 2, 2016	67.40					
1125	Santa Paula Hay & Grain and Ranches, LLC	64.69					
1129	Santa Paula Hay & Grain and Ranches, LLC	237.02					
1134	Chris Marcussen	48.80					
1135	Newman Trust dated 01/27/2000, Ronald Newman, Trustee	29.43					
1136	James A. Fitzgerald Trust No. II, Brian Fitzgerald, Trustee	29.83					
1139	Gayl Family 1992 Trust, Robert Gayl, Trustee	29.51					
1143	Thomas Staben	59.79					
1145	Lee Stoeckle Living Trust dated 10/19/2009, Leo Stoeckle, Trustee	88.40					
1146	Richard Sundberg and Odelia Sundberg	50.41					
1153	Urban-D Ranch Limited Partnership	157.93					
1154	VH Farms LP	31.85					
1155	Joshua L. Waters, Trustee for the the Joshua Exempt Trust, et al.	87.33	Josh Waters	Patty Martinez			
1158	Waters & Sons Farms LP	93.55	Josh Waters	Deborah Tash			
1159	Magana Ranch, LLC	145.38					
1160	James D. Hearn and Shira C. Hearn, husband and wife	24.73					
1161	CE + D Mabry Family LP	89.62					
1162	Patsy D. Waters, Trustee for the 1994 Bypass Trust	90.49	Patty Waters	Patty Martinez			
1163	Ronald and Nickioletta Partain Family Trust, Ronald Partain, Trustee	30.83					
1166	Wise Orchards at Somis LLC	92.85					
1167	Wise Orchards at Somis LLC	43.30					
1171	Yong, Jeffrey	117.26					
Total Allocation Basis Participating						1,250.26	

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1178 Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	73.78	Patty Martinez	Patty Martinez
1179 Ali Seyedi Revocable Trust dated 12/30/2019, Ali Seyedi, Trustee	38.71		
1181 Charles and Mary Wehrheim, Co-Trustees of the Wehrheim Family Trust	79.91		
1188 Larry Raymond, as Trustee of the Rayday Survivors' Trust	35.02		
1189 Timothy Hoke and Barbara Hoke	46.55		
1190 Gordon and Luanne Hilton	36.88		
1191 Brian A. Lee and Maria G. Lee as Trustees of the Lee Family Trust	36.65		
1192 JRRE Horizon LLC	66.52		
1193 Thomas A. Kestly, as Trustee for the Thomas A. Kestly Family Trust 2003	37.97		
1194 Alfonso Gonzalez, Trustee of the Alfonso Gonzalez 2013 Separate Property Trust	24.91		
1195 Brian A. Lee and Maria G. Lee as Trustees of the Lee Family Trust	25.43		
1196 Lynch Land & Cattle, LLC, et al.	37.99		
1197 Charles Blanc	28.71		
3101 Westfield Farms	22.91		
3102 Spencer E. Love	28.07		
3103 Spencer E. Love	1.34		
3104 Roy T. Butera, Trustee of the Butera Family Trust dated March 9, 1998	28.44		
3105 Kirpal Dhallwal, et al.	23.25		
3106 Keith and Laura Huss, Trustees of the Huss Family Trust dated October 22, 2013	34.23		
3107 Joseph W. and Lisa Sutter, Trustees of the Sutter Family Trust u/d/t dated October 27, 2007	12.17		
3110 Jesus Jr. and Maribel Aguilera, Trustees of Aguilera Family 2015 Revocable Trust dated February 11, 2015	43.74		
3111 Glen R. Carmichael and Kimberly T. Carmichael, Trustees of the Glen Carmichael and Kimberly Carmichael Joint Living Trust	42.88		
3112 Chirag and Khushbu Dalsania	28.21		
3113 Benjamin and Leonila Vazquez	33.01		
3114 Alan Clark Goddard and Deborah Lynne Goddard	0.12		
3201 8201 Bixby Road LLC	55.12		
3204 Patty Grubman (The City Farm)	20.83		
3205 Waters Family Ranches Oasis - Caldwell Morris K Tr	23.94		
3206 John & Cynthia Schoustra	28.12		
3207 Marlene Valter	0.89		
3210 Mark Ellrott	1.85		
3301 Aceves, Jose L. and Donald M. Herman (Plants Plus)	16.35		
3302 Shen, Xiaoyang	18.72		
3304 Weider, Eric & Renee Lynn (6/28/21 VIK Holdings, LLC)	70.62		
3305 Ventura County Nursery	16.74		
3306 McMahon, Julian	36.13		
3307 Balcom Canyon Ranch, LLC c/o Matthew Lamishaw	42.19		
3309 Avalos, Heliodoro and Yadira Trustees (Laguna - Posita Ranch)	28.17		
3310 Berney, Charles and Carol	40.81		
3312 Hameed, Rashid & Salmeen	16.28		
3313 Servin, Vincent W. Trust, pledged CCFLB	58.38	Laurie Servin	Deborah Tash
3316 Maryann McCormick	65.37		
3319 Foulkrod, Marc J. & Jamie Foulkrod Trustees	21.57		
3321 Ivan and Jennifer Amodei Family Trust	45.64		
3323 Becerra Roberto and Maria Trustees, pledged to CCFLB	48.96		
3330 Lim, Basilio And Rosie Chu Lim Trustees, pledged to CCFLB	92.70		
3333 Javier A. Rodriguez and Gabrielle R. Rodriguez, husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship	7.55		
3334 Kapigian, John and Linda, pledged to Ames & Marjorie Borrell	4.82		
3335 Baron, Richard A. & Sandra	38.50		
3338 Valley Growers (Under Tash APN)	27.36	Deborah Tash	Deborah Tash
3342 Gatling, Richard E. or Bonnie L. Gatling	13.03		
3343 Rosales, Rojalia	17.90		
3344 Sasaki and Suzuki, pledged to Equitable (Laguna Sasaki)	31.49		
3345 Tash Trust, George and Debra as Trustees	51.61	Deborah Tash	Deborah Tash
3346 Lucas, Thomas and Kim Darlene Staats	51.54		
3601 Bought The Farm, LLC	30.40		
3602 Katherine Cannon & Oliver Hutchinson	29.10		
3603 Rodney A. Spicer & Suzan R. Hall-Spicer	1.45		
3605 Guzman Investments and Loan Inc.	33.36		
3606 Jeffrey S. Yong & Margaret K. Yong	86.91		
3607 Luzyro, LLC	45.29		
3608 Mustang Creek Ranch, LLC	70.83		
3609 PenMeg LLC	126.44		
3610 Walter E. Johnson and Dawn-Marie Johnson, Trustees of the Johnson Family Trust	53.93		
3611 Vista 11, LLC	64.42		
3612 Patrice McNicoll	73.43		

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3613 GFO, LLC	116.89		
3614 Josep J. Bilic, Trustee of the Bilic Living Trust Dated April 10, 1984	59.49		
3615 Fremont HGS, LLC	61.95		
3616 Moshe Ben-Dayana & Stephanie McColgan	56.34		
3617 Geraldine P. Berns, Trustee of the Geraldine P. Berns Family Trust No. One Established April 17, 1987	64.88	John Berns	Patty Martinez
3618 PenMeg, LLC	56.88		
3619 Mark A. Mallas and Dawn-Marie Johnson, Trustees of the Mallas Family Trust Dated 7-9-1991, and Mark A. Mallas	54.19		
3620 GFO, LLC	119.18		
3804 Charles R. Knowles Jr. and Marie L. Knowles, Trustees, or their successors in trust of the Knowles Family Trust D.T.D. 3/9,	30.06		
3807 Paul R. Jacques	0.59		
3901 James E. Pierce	16.71		
4101 Miguel Magdaleno, Jr., Trustee of the Magdaleno Living Trust dated April 4, 2002	17.16		
4102 Louis McCutcheon and Anne McCutcheon	56.57		
4201 AMS Craig LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	23.11	Matt Bryant	Patty Martinez
4209 Agoure Ranch, LLC	64.00		
4221 Urban-D Ranch Limited Partnership	23.57		
4228 AMS Craig LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	22.79	Matt Bryant	Patty Martinez
4232 The Lim Family Trust U/D/T 02-01-90, Basilio Y. Lim, Trustee and Rosie C. Lim, Trustee	40.05		
4245 James E. Pierce and Janice Pierce, Trustees of the James E. Pierce and Janice Pierce Revocable Trust, established August 11	19.24		
4259 Nancy D. O'Reilly	0.99		
4260 Nicandro Luna and Ernestina Luna, husband and wife, as joint tenants	1.83		
4261 Paul D. Burns and Lisa A. Burns, Co-trustees of the Paul and Lisa Burns Family Trust	16.46		
4263 Benjamin Vasquez and Leonila C. Vasquez, husband and wife as joint tenants	104.35		
4264 James R. Thiessen, an unmarried man; James R. Thiessen, Trustee of the James R. Thiessen Trust dated November 30, 201	17.93		
Total	8,332.10		

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

John Demers

August 27, 2025

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

SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Contract Modification with Dudek for Technical Groundwater Services in Support of Las Posas Valley Watermaster Functions and Work – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract modification with Dudek for technical groundwater services in support of Las Posas Valley Watermaster functions and work.

BACKGROUND:

On October 23, 2024¹, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors, acting in your role as Watermaster for the Las Posas Valley Basin (LPVB), approved a scope of work for Dudek to prepare the 2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS) for the LPVB. On December 13, 2024², this contract was modified to include additional modeling necessary to complete that study. This contract originally included limited time for committee consultation and technical support specifically related to the BOYS.

DISCUSSION:

Dudek has been a valuable consultant for FCGMA for the past 6 years. They have been integral in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and have provided substantial technical analysis and work to the Agency throughout the LPVB Adjudication and continue to do so in FCGMA's role as Watermaster.

In its role as Watermaster, FCGMA continues to administer and implement the Las Posas Valley Basin Adjudication Judgment, including projects proposed in the Basin

¹ October 23, 2024, meeting materials: <https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=19367>

² December 13, 2024, meeting materials: <https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=19561>

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Optimization Plan (BOP) adopted by your Board on June 25, 2025³. This includes frequently engaging with the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), as well as addressing many technical questions that arise throughout this process.

Dudek's current contract with the Watermaster has limited scope for technical support related to the BOYS. It is necessary to modify this contract to provide additional time to ensure that Watermaster has sufficient technical resources to address and respond to the large number of technical issues raised by questions related to the LPVB characteristics and conditions, administration and implementation of the LPVB Adjudication Judgment, and Watermaster's ongoing management of the LPVB.

The proposed scope of work, as identified in attached Exhibit 13A, includes 3 tasks:

Task 1: Technical Support for Committee Consultation

This item includes 16 hours per month of technical support for questions or projects that arise relevant to Watermaster, PAC or TAC requests.

Total Task 1 Cost: \$41,940

Task 2: TAC and PAC Support

This task includes time necessary for the Watermaster Representative, Kim Loeb, or other Dudek staff, to attend TAC and PAC meetings. This task provides 20 hours per month to attend TAC meetings and prepare response reports.

Task 2 Deliverables: PAC and TAC attendance and response reports

Task 2 Total Cost: \$84,820

Task 3: Project Management and Meetings

This task provides time for Dudek to participate in weekly coordination meetings with Watermaster staff and for necessary project management functions such as monthly invoice preparation.

Task 3 Total Cost: \$16,740

Total Cost of Proposed Contract Modification: \$143,500.

These tasks are integrated into the proposed contract modification and exhibits (attached as Exhibit 13B).

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends your Board approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract modification with Dudek for technical groundwater services

³ June 25, 2025, meeting materials: <https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=21415>

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in support of Las Posas Valley Watermaster function and work for an additional contract cost not to exceed \$143,500.

This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 654-3952.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hampson", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Hampson
Hydrologist IV

Attachments: Exhibit 13A – Dudek Professional Services Contract Proposal
 Memorandum, dated 8/20/2025
 Exhibit 13B – Proposed Dudek Professional Services Contract
 Modification No. 2 and Exhibits A, B, and C

August 20, 2025

Farai Kaseke, PhD, PH, PMP, CSM
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, Ca 93009

Subject: Proposal to Support the Las Posas Valley Watermaster with Implementation of the Judgment

Dear Dr. Kaseke:

Dudek has prepared the following scope and budget to continue to assist the Las Posas Valley Watermaster (Watermaster) with implementing the Las Posas Valley (LPV) Judgment. Dudek’s current contract to provide these services expires October 1, 2025. Dudek understands that the Watermaster is requesting costs to provide support for work on the LPV that is separate from the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency work to implement the GSPs consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. This scope to assist the Watermaster includes time for Dudek to attend meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), prepare Watermaster response reports to TAC and PAC recommendation reports, time to coordinate with Watermaster staff, and time to provide technical support on an as-needed basis. Dudek assumes that the work performed under this contract will occur between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Costs for each task have been developed using Dudek’s 2025 rate schedule, which is included as an attachment to this proposal.

Scope of Work

Task 1 Technical Support

Dudek assumes that the Watermaster will require up to 16 hours per month of technical support for questions or projects that arise from Watermaster needs, TAC meetings, or PAC meetings. This technical support will only apply to Watermaster specific requests, and projects under this task will be authorized by Watermaster staff on an as-needed basis. Costs to provide this level of technical support are anticipated to be \$41,940 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

Task 1 Deliverables

- Up to 16 hours per month of technical support for Watermaster related technical issues or questions.

Total for Task 1 \$41,940

Task 2 – TAC and PAC Support

Under this task Dudek will attend TAC and PAC meetings on behalf of the Watermaster and will work with Watermaster staff to prepare response reports to PAC and TAC recommendation reports. Dudek has assumed

TO: FARAI KASEKE, PHD, PH, PMP, CSM
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT THE LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUDGMENT

that Kim Loeb will require up to 20 hours per month to attend TAC meetings and prepare response reports. Additionally, Mr. Loeb will require up to 2 hours per month to attend PAC meetings. Mr. Loeb will be supported in this task by Jill Weinberger, Daniel Culling, and Samira Ismaili.

Task 2 Deliverables

- PAC and TAC attendance
- PAC and TAC response reports

Total for Task 2 \$84,820

Task 3 Project Management and Meetings


Dudek participates in weekly calls with Watermaster staff and prepares monthly invoices and project reports. Dudek has budgeted \$16,740 to continue these weekly conference calls attended by Jill Weinberger and Kim Loeb, and monthly invoice preparation. This assumes that approximately 60% of the time spent on each one-hour call is spent discussing LPV issues. The remaining time is assumed to be spent discussing Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Basin issues and will be covered under a separate contract for GSP Implementation Support.

Task 3 \$16,740

Total Cost \$143,500

Dudek appreciates the opportunity to work with the Watermaster on implementation of the LPV Judgment. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions on this proposed scope of work.

Sincerely,



Jill Weinberger, PG, PhD
Principal Hydrogeologist

Attachment A

Detailed Cost Estimate



Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
FCGMA 2025_2026 GSP Implementation Support
DUDEK FEE ESTIMATE



8/20/2025

		Dudek Labor Hours and Rates							
Project Team Role:		Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer III	Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	Project Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II				
Team Member:		Jill Weinberger	Kimball Loeb	Daniel Culling	Samira Ismaili	TOTAL DUDEK HOURS	DUDEK LABOR COSTS	OTHER DIRECT COSTS	TOTAL FEE
Billable Rate:		\$320	\$310	\$225	\$195				
Task 1	General Technical Support	36	72	36		144	\$41,940		\$41,940
Task 2	TAC and PAC Support								
2.1	TAC Attendance	4	90			94	\$29,180		\$29,180
2.2	PAC Attendance	4	18			22	\$6,860		\$6,860
2.3	PAC and TAC Response Reports	18	90	36	36	180	\$48,780		\$48,780
Subtotal Task 2		26	198	36	36	296	\$84,820		\$84,820
Task 3	Project Management and Meetings								
3.1	Weekly FCGMA meetings	22	22			44	\$13,860		\$13,860
3.2	Project Management	9				9	\$2,880		\$2,880
Subtotal Task 3		31	22			53	\$16,740		\$16,740
Total Hours		93	292	72	36	493			
Total		\$29,760	\$90,520	\$16,200	\$7,020		\$143,500	\$0	\$143,500
Percent of Hours (Base)		19%	59%	15%	7%				

Attachment B

2025 Dudek Schedule of Charges (Rate Sheet)



Item 13A - Dudek Watermaster Contract Proposal Memorandum Dated 8/20/2025
DUDEK 2025 Standard Schedule of Charges

Engineering Services

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Engineer II	\$300.00/hr
Principal Engineer I	\$290.00/hr
Program Manager	\$275.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$275.00/hr
Project Manager	\$265.00/hr
Senior Engineer III	\$260.00/hr
Senior Engineer II	\$250.00/hr
Senior Engineer I	\$240.00/hr
Project Engineer IV/Technician IV	\$230.00/hr
Project Engineer III/Technician III	\$220.00/hr
Project Engineer II/Technician II	\$210.00/hr
Project Engineer I/Technician I	\$190.00/hr
3D Production Manager	\$220.00/hr
Senior Designer II	\$210.00/hr
Senior Designer I	\$200.00/hr
Designer	\$190.00/hr
Assistant Designer	\$185.00/hr
CADD Operator III	\$180.00/hr
CADD Operator II	\$195.00/hr
CADD Operator I	\$155.00/hr
CADD Drafter	\$175.00/hr
CADD Technician	\$125.00/hr
Project Coordinator	\$160.00/hr
Engineering Assistant	\$125.00/hr

Environmental Services

Senior Project Director	\$350.00/hr
Project Director	\$300.00/hr
Senior Specialist V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Specialist IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Specialist III	\$250.00/hr
Senior Specialist II	\$235.00/hr
Senior Specialist I	\$220.00/hr
Specialist V	\$210.00/hr
Specialist IV	\$195.00/hr
Specialist III	\$185.00/hr
Specialist II	\$175.00/hr
Specialist I	\$165.00/hr
Analyst V	\$155.00/hr
Analyst IV	\$145.00/hr
Analyst III	\$135.00/hr
Analyst II	\$125.00/hr
Analyst I	\$105.00/hr
Technician IV	\$100.00/hr
Technician III	\$90.00/hr
Technician II	\$80.00/hr
Technician I	\$70.00/hr
Project Coordinator II	\$170.00/hr
Project Coordinator I	\$135.00/hr

Mapping and Surveying Services

UAS Pilot	\$165.00/hr
Survey Lead	\$300.00/hr
Survey Manager	\$260.00/hr
Survey Crew Chief	\$195.00/hr
Survey Rod Person	\$145.00/hr
Survey Mapping Technician	\$135.00/hr

Construction Management Services

Principal Manager	\$215.00/hr
Senior Construction Manager	\$195.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$190.00/hr
Construction Manager	\$185.00/hr
Project Manager/Construction Management	\$175.00/hr
Resident Engineer	\$175.00/hr
Construction Engineer	\$175.00/hr
On-site Owner's Representative	\$160.00/hr
Prevailing Wage Inspector	\$160.00/hr
Construction Inspector	\$150.00/hr
Administrator/Labor Compliance	\$125.00/hr

Hydrogeology/HazWaste Services

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	\$310.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer I	\$300.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$255.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$245.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$235.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$225.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$215.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$205.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$195.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$185.00/hr
Hydrogeologist/Engineering Assistant	\$150.00/hr
HazMat Field Technician	\$135.00/hr

District Management & Operations

District General Manager	\$225.00/hr
District Engineer	\$215.00/hr
Operations Manager	\$165.00/hr
District Secretary/Accountant	\$150.00/hr
Collections System Manager	\$150.00/hr
Grade V Operator	\$140.00/hr
Grade IV Operator	\$125.00/hr
Grade III Operator	\$115.00/hr
Grade II Operator	\$95.00/hr
Grade I Operator	\$90.00/hr
Operator in Training	\$80.00/hr
Collection Maintenance Worker	\$85.00/hr

Project Delivery Services

Technology Specialist II	\$245.00/hr
Technology Specialist I	\$190.00/hr
GIS Analyst V	\$220.00/hr
GIS Analyst IV	\$200.00/hr
GIS Analyst III	\$185.00/hr
GIS Analyst II	\$145.00/hr
GIS Analyst I	\$130.00/hr
Creative Services IV	\$185.00/hr
Creative Services III	\$160.00/hr
Creative Services II	\$145.00/hr
Creative Services I	\$130.00/hr
Technical Editor IV	\$185.00/hr
Technical Editor III	\$160.00/hr
Technical Editor II	\$145.00/hr
Technical Editor I	\$130.00/hr
Publications Specialist IV	\$135.00/hr
Publications Specialist III	\$125.00/hr
Publications Specialist II	\$115.00/hr
Publications Specialist I	\$105.00/hr
Clerical Administration	\$100.00/hr

Expert Witness – Court appearances, depositions, and interrogatories as expert witness will be billed at 2.00 times normal rates.

Emergency and Holidays – Minimum charge of two hours will be billed at 1.75 times the normal rate.

Material and Outside Services – Subcontractors, rental of special equipment, special reproductions and blueprinting, outside data processing and computer services, etc., are charged at 1.15 times the direct cost.

Travel Expenses – Mileage at current IRS allowable rates. Per diem where overnight stay is involved is charged at cost.

Invoices, Late Charges – All fees will be billed to Client monthly and shall be due and payable upon receipt. Invoices are delinquent if not paid within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Client agrees to pay interest at a 10% annual rate for amounts unpaid greater than 30 days after the date of the invoice.

Annual Increases – Unless identified otherwise, these standard rates will increase in line with the CPI-U for the nearest urban area per the Department of Labor Statistics to where the work is being completed) or by 3% annually, whichever is higher.

Prevailing Wage – The rates listed above assume prevailing wage rates do not apply. If this assumption is incorrect Dudek reserves the right to adjust its rates accordingly.

MODIFICATION NUMBER 2 TO 10/23/2024 CONTRACT

Contract Title: **Professional Services Contract Between the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency and Dudek, for Professional Consulting Services to Prepare the Las Posas Basin 2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study and Technical Groundwater Services to Implement the Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment.**

This modification ("MODIFICATION NO. 2") is made and entered into by and between the **Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency** hereinafter referred to as AGENCY, and **DUDEK**, hereinafter referred to as CONSULTANT.

WHEREAS, there now exists a binding contract between AGENCY and CONSULTANT originally dated 10/23/2024 for the CONSULTANT to provide Professional Consulting Services Related to Preparing the Las Posas Valley Basin 2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study for a total contract amount of \$212,500 and a contract completion date of 10/10/2025 ("CONTRACT"); and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACT has been modified (MODIFICATION NO. 1, dated 6/1/2025) to provide Professional Services to prepare, run, and analyze model simulations for the West Las Posas Management Area using the United Water Conservation District Updated Coastal Plain Model, and to respond to data requests submitted by the Las Posas Valley Basin Technical Advisory Committee on an as-needed basis, and to modify the fees; and

WHEREAS, further modifications to CONTRACT are necessary to provide technical groundwater support services to CONSULTANT from October 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (Exhibit B – Time Schedule) in support of ongoing groundwater management activities in accordance with stipulations set forth in the Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment (Exhibit A – Scope of Work), and to modify the fees with the current rate schedule of CONSULTANT (Exhibit C – Fees and Payments); and

WHEREAS, AGENCY and CONSULTANT desire to modify the terms of said existing CONTRACT; NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. All provisions of the original contract dated 10/23/2024, and MODIFICATION NO. 1 dated 6/1/2025, shall remain in full force and effect unless expressly modified by this modification.
2. Exhibit A (Scope of Work and Services) shall be modified as follows:
See attached revised Exhibit A.
3. Exhibit B (Time Schedule) shall be modified as follows:
See attached revised Exhibit B.
4. Exhibit C (Fees and Payment) shall be modified as follows:
See attached revised Exhibit C.

Agency shall pay consultant for the said work at the rates provided in Exhibit C. The maximum fee shall be increased by \$143,500.00 (Memorandum dated 08/20/2025) for said work.

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Contract Title: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DUDEK, FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO PREPARE THE LAS POSAS BASIN 2025 BASIN OPTIMIZATION YIELD STUDY **AND TECHNICAL GROUNDWATER SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT THE LAS POSAS VALLEY ADJUDICATION JUDGMENT**

5. The total contract amount is hereby increased by **\$143,500.00** for a new contract total amount of **\$446,500.00**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE EXECUTED THIS MODIFICATION.

CONSULTANT:
DUDEK

AGENCY:
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

Signature

Signature

Print Name and Title

John Demers, Executive Officer
Print Name and Title

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EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF WORK AND SERVICES

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CONSULTING SERVICES TO PREPARE THE LAS POSAS BASIN 2025 BASIN
OPTIMIZATION YIELD STUDY AND TECHNICAL GROUNDWATER SERVICES TO
IMPLEMENT THE LAS POSAS VALLEY ADJUDICATION JUDGMENT**

Original Contract Date: October 23, 2024

Modification No. 1: June 1, 2025

Modification No. 2: August 27, 2025

1. Overview of Project and Services

The AGENCY has engaged CONSULTANT to provide professional consulting services to aid AGENCY in preparing the Las Posas Valley Basin 2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study and Technical Groundwater Services to Implement the Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment.

2. Scope of Services

CONSULTANT shall provide the following services and work to AGENCY as detailed in CONSULTANT's October 10, 2024, proposal, and MODIFICATION NO. 1, dated June 1, 2025:

Additional scope in this August 27, 2025, CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2, as detailed in CONSULTANT's August 20, 2025, proposal, is identified herein with bold, italic, and underlined text.

CONSULTANT will provide support for work to implement the Las Posas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, in compliance with the Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment (LPV Judgment). This scope to assist AGENCY includes time for CONSULTANT to attend meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), prepare AGENCY response reports to TAC and PAC recommendation reports, time to coordinate with AGENCY staff, and time to provide technical support on an as-needed basis. CONSULTANT assumes that the work performed under this contract will occur between October 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

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Task 1 - Model Scenario Development

The LPV Judgment requires development of a Basin Optimization Plan that defines the suite of projects that are likely to be “practical, reasonable, and cost-effective to implement prior to 2040 to maintain the Operating Yield at 40,000 AFY or as close thereto as achievable” (Section 5.3.2.2 of the Judgment). The Judgment requires that FCGMA prepare an initial draft of the Basin Optimization Plan that will include project details (e.g. schedules, costs, feasibility, etc.), a project prioritization schedule, and a schedule for the Basin Optimization Projects to be evaluated, scoped, designed, financed, and developed (Section 5.3.2.4 and 5.3.2.5 of the Judgment). The Basin Optimization Plan has not been adopted by the Watermaster Board. To facilitate efficient development of the BOY Study, CONSULTANT will use the project feasibility and implementation timelines in the draft Basin Optimization Plan to prepare a proposed suite of projects for inclusion in the BOY Study. As needed and appropriate, CONSULTANT will coordinate with FCGMA and individual project proponents to define the project implementation details required for modeling, such as proposed in lieu and recycled water delivery recipients, conditions amenable to stormwater diversion along the Arroyo Las Posas, and timelines/conditions favorable for using Calleguas facilities for LPVB replenishment.

- The model scenario will only include projects identified in the draft Basin Optimization Plan that are “practical, reasonable, and cost-effective to implement prior to 2040”.
- Prior to performing any modeling simulations, CONSULTANT will present the proposed model scenarios and BOY Study project suite at one Las Posas Valley Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.
- TAC recommendations on alterations to the model scenarios will be requested in a written recommendation report to be submitted to the Watermaster within 14 days of the CONSULTANT presentation at the TAC meeting.
- After completing the modeling for Baseline and Projects scenarios, CONSULTANT will discuss the model results, proposed methods for developing alternative pumping scenarios, and proposed methods for estimating the Basin Optimization Yield using the numerical model results at one TAC meeting.
- TAC recommendations on the model results, proposed methods for developing alternative pumping scenarios, and proposed methods for estimating the Basin Optimization Yield will be requested in a written recommendation report to be submitted to the Watermaster within 14 days of the CONSULTANT presentation at the TAC meeting.
- The costs associated with TAC consultation are accounted for in Task 6, Committee Meetings.
- If individual project proponents do not respond to a request for additional information on project implementation details CONSULTANT will use professional judgment to develop the project scenario.

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- Matrix, in either Microsoft Excel or PDF form, that relates the proposed model scenarios, proposed Basin Optimization Projects considered for the numerical modeling, and the party responsible to conduct the Project modeling (i.e., CONSULTANT or United Water Conservation District).

Task 2 – East Las Posas Management Area (ELPMA) Numerical Modeling

Subtask 2.1 – Baseline Scenario

Following development of the BOY Study project suite, CONSULTANT will develop a baseline scenario that simulates groundwater conditions in the ELPMA through water year 2069. To remain consistent with the GSP, the baseline scenario will use the hydrologic period from 1930-1979, modified by DWR's 2070 central tendency climate change factors. Groundwater withdrawals in the baseline model scenario will be set equal to the allocations in the Groundwater Allocation Schedule prepared in accordance with the Water Rights Holders in the ELPMA. The baseline model scenario will not include projects identified in the Basin Optimization Plan. Using the simulation results from the baseline scenario, CONSULTANT will develop groundwater budgets, calculate the change in groundwater in storage, and compare groundwater levels at key wells to the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives in the ELPMA to characterize future groundwater conditions in the absence of implementing new projects.

- The Baseline scenario will be modeled using the existing version of the numerical groundwater flow model of the ELPMA (CMWD 2018). This model is currently being used for development of the 2025 LPVB GSP Update.
- Baseline modeling will not include model validation, re-calibration, or uncertainty quantification.
- Well by well extraction rates will be defined using the allocations in the Groundwater Allocation schedule prepared in accordance with the Water Rights Holders in the ELPMA.
- CONSULTANT will present the completed modeling results for both the Baseline and Projects scenarios at one TAC meeting.
- TAC recommendations on the completed model results for the Baseline and Projects scenarios will be requested in a written recommendation report to be submitted to the Watermaster within 14 days of the CONSULTANT presentation at the TAC meeting.
- The costs associated with TAC consultation are accounted for in Task 6, Committee Meetings.

Deliverables:

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- Baseline scenario input and output files.
- Tabulated monthly and annual groundwater budgets for the ELPMA and Epworth Gravels Management Area.
- Simulated groundwater elevation hydrographs for all key wells in the ELPMA and Epworth Gravels Management Area, provided in Microsoft Excel format.

Subtask 2.2 – Projects Scenario

Following completion of the Baseline model scenario, CONSULTANT will develop a Projects scenario that integrates Basin Optimization Projects that are “practical, reasonable, and cost-effective to implement prior to 2040” and identified in the draft Basin Optimization Plan. CONSULTANT will simulate operation of the Basin Optimization Projects according to the schedules and scales defined in the draft Basin Optimization Plan. To evaluate the benefits of implementing basin optimization projects, the Projects model scenario will use the same hydrology and groundwater pumping as the Baseline model scenario. Using the simulation results from the Projects scenario, CONSULTANT will develop groundwater budgets, calculate the change in groundwater in storage, and compare groundwater levels at key wells to the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives in the ELPMA to characterize future groundwater conditions. CONSULTANT will compare these model results to the Baseline scenario results to provide a quantitative estimate of Basin Optimization Project benefits.

- The Project Model Scenario will be modeled using the existing version of the numerical groundwater flow model of the ELPMA (CMWD 2018). This model is currently being used for development of the 2025 LPVB GSP Periodic Evaluation.
- Baseline modeling will not include model validation, re-calibration, or uncertainty quantification.
- Well by well extraction rates will be defined using the allocations in the Groundwater Allocation Schedule prepared in accordance with the Water Rights Holders in the ELPMA.
- CONSULTANT will present the completed modeling results for both the Baseline and Projects scenarios at one TAC meeting.
- TAC recommendations on the completed model results for the Baseline and Projects scenarios will be requested in a written recommendation report to be submitted to the Watermaster within 14 days of the CONSULTANT presentation at the TAC meeting.
- The costs associated with TAC consultation are accounted for in Task 6, Committee Meetings.

Deliverables:

- Projects scenario input and output files.
- Tabulated monthly and annual groundwater budgets for the ELPMA and Epworth Gravels Management Area.

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- Simulated groundwater elevation hydrographs for all key wells in the ELPMA and Epworth Gravels Management Area, provided in Microsoft Excel format.

Subtask 2.3 – Alternative Pumping Scenarios and Rampdown Rate

If the Basin Optimization Projects do not avoid undesirable results in the ELPMA, CONSULTANT will perform up to three (3) additional scenarios to define a groundwater production rate that avoids undesirable results. For these scenarios, CONSULTANT will uniformly reduce groundwater extractions across the ELPMA until undesirable results are avoided. These model runs will incorporate the same Basin Optimization Projects as the Projects scenario. CONSULTANT has not included scope and budget to simulate localized restrictions on extractions within the ELPMA, as defined in section 4.10.3 of the Judgment. If the BOY is lower than 40,000 AFY, CONSULTANT will calculate the Rampdown Rate in accordance with Section 4.10.1.4 of the Judgment.

Assumptions:

- The alternative pumping scenarios will be modeled using the existing version of the numerical groundwater flow model of the ELPMA (CMWD 2018). This model is currently being used for development of the 2025 LPVB GSP Periodic Evaluation. The alternative pumping scenarios modeling will not include model validation, re-calibration, or uncertainty quantification.
- Well by well extraction rates will be defined using the allocation schedule set forth in Exhibit C and the Protocols and Formulas to Determine Allocations in Exhibit D of the Judgment.
- Alternative pumping scenarios will not include localized restrictions on extractions within the ELPMA.
- Results from the alternative pumping scenarios will not undergo PAC and/or TAC review until committee review of the draft BOY Study.

Deliverables:

- Alternative Pumping scenario input and output files.
- Tabulated monthly and annual groundwater budgets for the ELPMA and Epworth Gravels Management Area.
- Simulated groundwater elevation hydrographs for all key wells in the ELPMA and Epworth Gravels Management Area, provided in Microsoft Excel format.
- Spreadsheet(s) documenting Rampdown Rate calculations.

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Task 3 – WLPMA Modeling Coordination

This task consists of scope and budget to attend up to five (5) coordination calls, develop up to five (5) pumping scenarios, and analyze up to five (5) sets of numerical model outputs provided by UWCD for incorporation into the BOY Study.

- All numerical modeling for the WLPMA will be performed by UWCD using the same version of the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model that is being used to support preparation of the 2025 GSP Updates for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and LPVB.
- The WLPMA modeling will not include model validation, re-calibration, or uncertainty quantification.
- Well by well extraction rates will be defined using the allocation schedule set forth in Exhibit C and the Protocols and Formulas to Determine Allocations in Exhibit D of the Judgment in accordance with the Water Rights Holders in the WLPMA.
- Alternative pumping scenarios will not include localized restrictions on extractions within the WLPMA.

Deliverables:

- Attendance at coordination calls.
- Meeting summaries / notes from coordination calls.
- Excel spreadsheets with summary analyses based on UWCD numerical model results.
- Simulated groundwater elevation hydrographs for all key wells in the WLPMA.
- Spreadsheet(s) documenting Rampdown Rate calculations.

Task 4 – Draft and Final Basin Optimization Yield Study

CONSULTANT will summarize results from the numerical modeling in the draft BOY Study. CONSULTANT will prepare one (1) draft BOY Study and, pursuant to the Judgment, provide the draft to the PAC and TAC for review and comment. CONSULTANT will, as appropriate and in consultation with FCGMA, revise the draft BOY Study based on feedback from the PAC and TAC. The revised draft BOY Study will be provided to the Watermaster Board for review and discussion. CONSULTANT will prepare the final BOY

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Study based on feedback provided by the Watermaster Board and will submit a final BOY Study for approval by Watermaster Board meeting.

- CONSULTANT will provide electronic copies of the draft BOY Study to the PAC and TAC.
- The draft BOY Study will undergo one (1) round of internal review by FCGMA staff, one (1) round of external review by the LPVB PAC and TAC, and one (1) round of external review by Watermaster Board.
- The PAC will provide one (1) redline edit version of the draft BOY study with all PAC member comments collected for CONSULTANT to review.
- The TAC will provide one (1) redline edit version of the draft BOY study with all TAC member comments collected for CONSULTANT to review.

Deliverables:

- One (1) draft BOY study for internal review by FCGMA staff. One (1) redlined version of the draft BOY study documenting revisions based on FCGMA staff comments.
- One (1) draft BOY study for external TAC and PAC review. One (1) redlined version of the draft BOY study documenting revisions based on TAC and PAC comments.
- One (1) draft BOY study for external review by Watermaster Board. One (1) redlined version of the draft BOY study documenting revisions, as necessary, based on Watermaster Board comments.
- One (1) final BOY study for adoption by Watermaster Board.

Task 5 – Watermaster Recommendation Response Report

The Judgment requires that the draft BOY Study scope of work and draft BOY Study be provided to the PAC and TAC for formal review and comment.

The PAC and TAC may provide the Watermaster with recommendation reports for both the BOY Study scope of work and BOY Study that shall be presented to the Watermaster Board.

Prior to presenting the recommendations to the Board, Watermaster staff may prepare formal response reports that document responses to the PAC and TAC recommendations. CONSULTANT has included time and budget to support the

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Watermaster staff in the development of response reports for both the draft scope of work and BOY Study.

The time and budget provided is based on CONSULTANT's professional judgment. If PAC and TAC comments vary greatly from our estimate, we will discuss options for addressing these comments with FCGMA staff. If CONSULTANT and staff agree that the time budgeted below is insufficient to address the comments, CONSULTANT will prepare a revised budget for Watermaster approval detailing the additional work required to adequately respond to the comments.

Assumptions:

CONSULTANT will prepare one (1) draft response report for the BOY study scope of work recommendation report and one (1) draft response report for the BOY Study recommendation report. Each draft response report will be provided to FCGMA for one (1) round of internal review.

- CONSULTANT will, as appropriate and in consultation with FCGMA staff, revise the draft response reports and provide the Watermaster with one (1) electronic copy for consideration during review of the BOY Study scope of work and BOY Study report

Deliverables:

- One (1) draft response report for the BOY study scope of work recommendation report and one (1) draft response report for the BOY Study recommendation report for internal review by FCGMA staff. One (1) redlined version of each response report documenting revisions based on FCGMA staff comments.
- One (1) final response report, in electronic form, for the BOY Study scope of Work and one (1) final response report, in electronic form, for the BOY Study recommendation report.

Task 6 – BOY Study Committee Meetings

The Judgment requires that the BOY Study be developed in consultation with the PAC and TAC and approved by the Watermaster Board. To support these coordination efforts, CONSULTANT has included time to prepare for and attend both in-person and virtual meetings to discuss the development of the BOY Study with the TAC and Watermaster Board. Under this task CONSULTANT will prepare for and attend up to seven (7) meetings according to the following schedule:

Meeting No.	Committee	Type
1	Review of Baseline and Projects modeling assumptions	Technical Advisory Committee

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2	Review of Modeling Approach and Discussion of Recommendation Reports	Watermaster Board
3	Review of Baseline and Projects modeling results and assumptions for alternative pumping scenarios	Technical Advisory Committee
4	Draft Study	Watermaster Board
5	Recommendations on the Draft Study	Technical Advisory Committee
6	Recommendations on the Draft Study	Watermaster Board
7	Adoption of the BOY Study	Watermaster Board

Deliverables:

- Attendance at TAC and Board Meetings.
- Presentation materials for each TAC and Board Meeting attended.

Task 7 – BOY Study Project Management

The BOY Study will be developed over a 10-month time frame (Exhibit B). To facilitate efficient development of the BOY Study, CONSULTANT has included scope and budget for biweekly (every other week) coordination calls with FCGMA staff, and general project management activities.

Deliverables:

- Draft agendas delivered prior to each coordination call.
- Attendance at coordination calls.
- Monthly status reports and invoices.

Task 8 – WLPMA Modeling

[Modification No. 1, 6/1/2025]

CONSULTANT will prepare, run, and analyze up to five (5) model simulations for the West Las Posas Management Area (WLPMA) using the United Water Conservation District (UWCD) Updated Coastal Plain Model, which is the same numerical groundwater flow model used to support development of the 2025 Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB GSP. The Updated Coastal Plain Model is UWCD's current flow model that covers the entirety of the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and WLPMA.

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CONSULTANT assumes that the five model simulations will use the Updated Coastal Plain Model input files prepared by UWCD for the 2025 LPVB GSP Periodic Evaluation and that the numerical groundwater flow modeling conducted for the BOY Study will not require updating or revising the surface water, imported water, or recycled water supplies in the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin. Revisions to these parameters would require use of UWCD's Surface Water Distribution Model to update the representation of conjunctive use and groundwater pumping within the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin. UWCD's Surface Water Distribution Model is not publicly available. Additionally, CONSULTANT assumes that the numerical groundwater flow modeling conducted for the BOY Study will not include: (i) updating and/or revising model boundary conditions in the WLPMA, or (ii) model recalibration.

The five groundwater model simulations, and underlying assumptions, are described in the subtasks below.

Subtask 8.1 – Baseline Scenario

[Modification No. 1, 6/1/2025]

CONSULTANT will develop a baseline scenario that simulates groundwater conditions in the WLPMA through water year 2069. To remain consistent with the Periodic Evaluation of the GSP, the baseline scenario will use the hydrologic period from 1930-1979, modified by DWR's 2070 central tendency climate change factors. Groundwater withdrawals in the baseline model scenario will be set equal to the allocations in the Groundwater Allocation Schedule prepared in accordance with the Water Rights Holders in the WLPMA. The baseline model scenario will not include projects identified in the Basin Optimization Plan.

Using the simulation results from the baseline scenario, CONSULTANT will develop groundwater budgets, calculate the change in groundwater in storage, and compare groundwater levels at key wells to the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives in the WLPMA to characterize future groundwater conditions in the absence of implementing new projects.

Assumptions

- CONSULTANT will use the UWCD-provided input files from the 2025 Periodic Evaluation Future Baseline Scenario as the basis for the baseline scenario model run for the BOY Study.
 - Baseline modeling will not include model validation, re-calibration, or uncertainty quantification.
 - Baseline modeling will not include any revisions or updates to groundwater pumping, surface water availability, or recycled water availability in the Oxnard Subbasin or the Pleasant Valley Basin.

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- Baseline modeling will not include any revisions to the design or structure of the Updated Coastal Plain Model.
- Well by well extraction rates will be defined using the allocations in the Groundwater Allocation Schedule prepared in accordance with the Water Rights Holders in the WLPMA.
- CONSULTANT will present the completed modeling results for both the baseline and projects (see Subtask 8.2) scenarios at one TAC meeting.
- TAC recommendations on the completed model results for the baseline and projects scenarios will be documented in a written recommendation report to be submitted to the Watermaster within 14 days of the CONSULTANT presentation at the TAC meeting.
- The costs associated with TAC consultation are accounted for in Task 6, Committee Meetings.

Subtask 8.2 – Projects Scenario
[Modification No. 1, 6/1/2025]

Following completion of the baseline model scenario, CONSULTANT will develop a projects scenario that integrates Basin Optimization Projects that are “practical, reasonable, and cost-effective to implement prior to 2040” and identified in the Draft Basin Optimization Plan. CONSULTANT will simulate operation of the Basin Optimization Projects according to the schedules and scales defined in the Draft Basin Optimization Plan.

To evaluate the benefits of implementing basin optimization projects, the projects scenario will use the same hydrology and groundwater pumping as the baseline scenario. Using the simulation results from the projects scenario, CONSULTANT will develop groundwater budgets, calculate the change in groundwater in storage, and compare groundwater levels at key wells to the minimum thresholds and measurable objectives in the WLPMA to characterize future groundwater conditions. CONSULTANT will compare these model results to the baseline scenario results to provide a quantitative estimate of Basin Optimization Project benefits.

Assumptions

- The projects scenario will be modeled using the UWCD's Updated Coastal Plain Model.
 - Projects scenario modeling will not include model validation, re-calibration, or uncertainty quantification.

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- Projects scenario modeling will not include any revisions or updates to groundwater pumping, surface water availability, or recycled water availability in the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin.
- Projects scenario modeling will not include any revisions to the design or structure of the Updated Coastal Plain Model
- Well by well extraction rates will be defined using the allocations in the Groundwater Allocation Schedule prepared in accordance with the Water Rights Holders in the WLPMA.
- CONSULTANT will present the completed modeling results for both the Baseline and Projects scenarios at one TAC meeting.
- TAC recommendations on the completed model results for the baseline and projects scenarios will be requested in a written recommendation report to be submitted to the Watermaster within 14 days of the CONSULTANT presentation at the TAC meeting.
- The costs associated with TAC consultation are accounted for in Task 6, Committee Meetings.

Subtask 8.3 – Alternative Pumping Scenarios and Rampdown Rate
[Modification No. 1, 6/1/2025]

If the Basin Optimization Projects do not avoid undesirable results in the WLPMA, CONSULTANT will perform up to three (3) additional scenarios to define a groundwater production rate that avoids undesirable results, as defined in the GSP for the LPVB. For these scenarios, CONSULTANT will uniformly reduce groundwater extractions across the WLPMA until undesirable results are avoided. These model runs will incorporate the same Basin Optimization Projects as the Projects scenario. CONSULTANT has not included scope and budget to simulate localized restrictions on extractions within the WLPMA, as defined in section 4.10.3 of the Judgment.

If the BOY is lower than 40,000 AFY, CONSULTANT will calculate the Rampdown Rate in accordance with Section 4.10.1.4 of the Judgment.

Assumptions

- The Alternative Pumping scenario will be modeled using UWCD's Updated Coastal Plain Model.
 - Alternative Pumping scenario modeling will not include model validation, re-calibration, or uncertainty quantification.

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- Alternative Pumping scenario modeling will not include any revisions or updates to groundwater pumping, surface water availability, or recycled water availability in the Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin.
- Alternative Pumping scenario modeling will not include any revisions to the design or structure of the Updated Coastal Plain Model
- Well by well extraction rates will be defined using the allocation schedule set forth in Exhibit C and the Protocols and Formulas to Determine Allocations in Exhibit D of the Judgment.
- Alternative pumping scenarios will not include localized restrictions on extractions within the WLPMA.
- Results from the alternative pumping scenarios will not undergo PAC and/or TAC review until committee review of the draft BOY Study.

Task 9 – Response to Data Requests

[Modification No. 1, 6/1/2025]

In their October 4, 2024, Recommendation Report submitted to the Watermaster, the LPVB TAC recommended that CONSULTANT include 40 hours of time to respond to TAC data requests. Task 9 is designed to cover the preparation of modeling input and output materials including, but not limited to, water budgets, groundwater flow summaries, and simulated groundwater elevations. Per the TAC's recommendation, time billed towards this task will occur on an as-needed basis, at the request of the LPVB TAC and with direction from FCGMA staff.

Task 10 – Technical Support to Implement the LPV Judgment

CONSULTANT assumes that the AGENCY, acting as Watermaster per the LPV Judgment, will require up to 16 hours per month of technical support for questions or projects that arise from Watermaster needs, TAC meetings, or PAC meetings. This technical support will only apply to Watermaster specific requests, and projects under this task will be authorized by AGENCY staff on an as-needed basis. Costs to provide this level of technical support are anticipated to be \$41,940 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025-26, from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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Task 10 Deliverables

Up to 16 hours per month of technical support for Watermaster related technical issues or questions

Total for Task 10: \$41,940

Task 11 – TAC and PAC Support

CONSULTANT will attend TAC and PAC meetings on behalf of AGENCY and will work with AGENCY staff to prepare response reports to PAC and TAC recommendation reports from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. CONSULTANT assumes that this task will require up to 20 hours per month to attend TAC meetings and prepare response reports. Additionally, CONSULTANT will require up to 2 hours per month to attend PAC meetings.

Task 11 Deliverables

PAC and TAC Meeting Attendance
PAC and TAC Response Reports

Total for Task 11: \$84,820

Task 12 – Project Management and Meetings

CONSULTANT participates in weekly calls with AGENCY staff and prepares monthly invoices and project reports. CONSULTANT has budgeted \$16,740 to continue these weekly conference calls and monthly invoice preparation, from October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This assumes that approximately 60% of the time spent on each one-hour call is spent discussing LPV issues. The

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***remaining time is assumed to be spent discussing issues related to other Basins
and will be covered under a separate contract with AGENCY.***

Task 12 Deliverables

Monthly Invoices

Monthly Project Reports

Total for Task 12: \$16,740

[End of Exhibit A]

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EXHIBIT B - TIME SCHEDULE

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IMPLEMENT THE LAS POSAS VALLEY ADJUDICATION JUDGMENT**

**Original Contract Date: October 23, 2024
Modification No. 1: June 1, 2025
Modification No. 2: August 27, 2025**

1. Schedule

Notwithstanding Section 2 (Term) of the Contract, all Work to be performed by CONSULTANT on this Contract shall be completed **by June 30, 2026.**

CONSULTANT shall complete tasks as follows:

Updated Task Schedule, Tasks 1 - 9 [Modification No. 1, 6/1/2025]

Description	Original Schedule Date	Revised Schedule Date [Modification No. 1]
Recommendation & Response Reports discussed by WM Board at special meeting.	2/14/2025	-
Task 2/8 - Numerical Modeling ¹		
Task 2.1/8.1 - Baseline Scenario	2/25/2025	6/2/2025 ^(s)
Task 2.2/8.2 - Projects Scenario	3/25/2025	6/23/2025 ^(s)
TAC review of Baseline and Projects	4/1/2025	8/5/2025 ^(m)
TAC Recommendation Report	4/22/2025	8/26/2025 ^(d)
Watermaster Response Report	5/13/2025	9/16/2025 ^(d)
Recommendation & Response Reports discussed by Board	5/28/2025	9/24/2025 ^(m)
Task 2.3/8.3 - Model Alternative Pumping Scenarios	6/27/2025	10/25/2025 ^(d)

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Task 4 - Basin Optimization Yield Study		
Task 4.1 - Draft BOY Study	8/11/2025	12/9/2025 ^(d)
PAC & TAC Recommendation Reports	10/10/2025	2/7/2026 ^(d)
Watermaster Response Report & revised draft BOY Study	10/31/2025	2/28/2026 ^(d)
Recommendation & Response Reports discussed by Board; Board provides direction on revised draft BOY Study	11/8/2025	3/25/2026 ^(m)
Task 4.2 - Final BOY Study development following Watermaster Board review	12/6/2025	4/22/2026 ^(d)
Task 9 – Response to Data Requests	-	As Needed Basis (40 Hours Total)
Watermaster Board Approval of Final BOY Study	12/12/2025	5/27/2026 ^(m)

1) Task 3 and Task 8 are now part of Task 2 [Modification No. 1] in the updated timeline since UWCD declined to conduct WLPMA modeling under contract with the Watermaster.

2) '-' No need for revised schedule because the event has already occurred.

3) Gray text dates can no longer be achieved under the delayed schedule.

4) (s) Start date

5) (d) Deliverable date

6) (m) Meeting date

- This schedule assumes that the modeling for the Basin Optimization Yield study will begin after the draft Basin Optimization Plan is complete. CONSULTANT anticipates that the draft Basin Optimization Plan will be completed by December 9, 2024, which would facilitate preparation of the draft Basin Optimization Yield study by June 2025. If the draft Basin Optimization Plan is not prepared in this timeframe, CONSULTANT will coordinate with FCGMA to prepare a revised schedule with committee consultation.
- Preparation of the complete draft Basin Optimization Plan assumes timely consultation and responses from project proponents.
- This schedule assumes that TAC will prepare recommendation reports for the Watermaster within fourteen (14) days of receiving presentation on: (i) the Model Scenario Development approach, and (ii) the results from the Baseline and Projects scenarios and approach for simulating Alternative Pumping scenarios.
- This schedule assumes that TAC and PAC will submit their respective recommendation report on the BOY Study to the Watermaster no later than August

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11, 2025 (70 days after receiving the draft). If the response reports from TAC and PAC are received after August 11, 2025, CONSULTANT cannot guarantee that the final BOY Study will be available by September 10, 2025, for incorporation into the Watermaster Board packet.

- This schedule additionally assumes that the numerical modeling performed by UWCD will be completed in coordination with FCGMA and CONSULTANT over a five (5) month time frame, with the Baseline and Projects Scenarios completed by 2/7/2025 and the Alternative Pumping Scenarios completed by 4/19/2025. CONSULTANT will work with FCGMA and UWCD to facilitate this. CONSULTANT does not assume any responsibility for delays to UWCD modeling deliverables resulting from changes in UWCD staffing needs and schedules.
- In the event that the numerical modeling cannot be performed within this time frame, CONSULTANT will coordinate with FCGMA to prepare a revised schedule with committee consultation.

Schedule Specifications [Contract Modification No. 1, 6/01/2025]

CONSULTANT anticipates that the BOY Study will be completed in accordance with the timeline specified above. This schedule assumes that the Watermaster Board will approve the revised scope and schedule at the regularly scheduled June 2025 meeting and that TAC and PAC will concur with CONSULTANT's recommended approach for conducting the numerical groundwater modeling of the WLPMA in the BOY Study. The above updated schedule is the same schedule that was presented to TAC and PAC in CONSULTANT's March 31 memo on the alternate approaches to conducting the BOY analyses in the WLPMA.

Assumptions:

- Approval of revised scope and schedule at the June 2025 Watermaster Board meeting.
- Preparation of the complete draft Basin Optimization Yield Study assumes timely consultation and responses with the PAC and TAC.
 - If TAC, PAC or Watermaster Board meeting deadlines specified in Table 2 are not met, schedule impacts of one month or greater may occur.

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Updated Schedule Table [Duration Updated via Contract Modification No. 1, 6/01/2025]

Description	Tasks Covered	Anticipated Duration (weeks)
Development of the draft BOY Study	1, 2, 3, 4	45
LPVB Committee review and Recommendation Report development	-	60
Response report development review by Watermaster Board	4, 5	15
Watermaster Board review of Draft BOY study, committee report(s), and response report(s)		26
Final BOY Study development following Watermaster Board review	4	28
Total Anticipated Project Duration [Modification No. 1]		66 weeks (15.20 months)

Task Schedule, Tasks 10 - 12

<u>Description</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
<u>Task 10 – Technical Support to Implement the LPV Judgment: Up to 16 Hours per Month</u>	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>6/30/2026</u>
<u>Task 11 – TAC and PAC Support: 22 Hours per Month</u>	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>6/30/2026</u>
<u>Task 12 – Project Management and Meetings</u>	<u>10/1/2025</u>	<u>6/30/2026</u>

Total Anticipated Duration, Tasks 10 – 12: 39 weeks (9 months)

2. Delays

If all work under this contract cannot be completed by the dates specified in Exhibit B through no fault of CONSULTANT, the fee for the work not then completed may be adjusted to reflect increases in cost which occur, due to delay, from the date that the work

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was required to be complete as specified in Exhibit B until the time the work can actually be completed. Any payments of additional fee as described in this paragraph must be authorized by AGENCY with a modification to this contract.

[End of Exhibit B]

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Original Contract Date: October 23, 2024
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Modification No. 2: August 27, 2025

1. Compensation Summary

The following summarizes the maximum amount of compensation available to CONSULTANT under this contract. The actual amount of compensation shall be established and paid in accordance with the applicable provisions of the contract including this Exhibit C.

<u>Original</u> Total Amount Not to Exceed:	\$ 212,500.00
Modification No. 1 Maximum Fees for Basic Services:	\$ 303,000.00
Modification No. 1 Total Amount Not to Exceed:	\$ 303,000.00
<u>Modification No. 2 Maximum Fees for Basic Services:</u>	<u>\$ 446,500.00</u>
<u>Modification No. 2 Total Amount Not to Exceed:</u>	<u>\$ 446,500.00</u>

2. Fees for Basic Services

AGENCY agrees to pay CONSULTANT the following fees for the performance of Basic Services

☒ An **hourly rate** compensation, for actual hours of Basic Services performed that is based upon the hourly rates set forth in the following rate schedule, which rates shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract, not to exceed the **maximum fee amount of the Contract of \$446,500.00**. The maximum fees for the respective tasks identified in Exhibit A as well as the total maximum fee amount are shown in the below table. In no case shall a fee for a specific task exceed that listed below without prior written approval by the AGENCY.

Rates to be charged are identified in the **Updated Rate Table** listed below.

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Original Rate Table

Item	Position/Equipment	Unit	Rate
1	Principal Hydrogeologist III / Eng. III	Hr.	\$320
2	Senior Hydrogeologist V / Eng. V	Hr.	\$275
3	Senior Hydrogeologist II/ Eng. II	Hr.	\$245
4	Project Hydrogeologist III / Eng. III	Hr.	\$205
5	Project Hydrogeologist II / Eng. II	Hr.	\$195

Updated Rate Table – Tasks 10 Through 12

<u>Item</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Principal Hydrogeologist / Eng. III</u>	<u>Hr.</u>	<u>\$320</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Principal Hydrogeologist / Eng. II</u>	<u>Hr.</u>	<u>\$310</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Senior Hydrogeologist / Eng. I</u>	<u>Hr.</u>	<u>\$235</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Project Hydrogeologist / Eng. V</u>	<u>Hr.</u>	<u>\$225</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Project Hydrogeologist / Eng. II</u>	<u>Hr.</u>	<u>\$195</u>

CONSULTANT may integrate additional staff into this project, with prior approval from AGENCY, **for Tasks 10 through 12**. The billing rates for those staff will be based on the **CONSULTANT 2025 Schedule of Charges included below the following Task Table**. Inclusion of additional staff will not change the not-to-exceed contract amount of **\$446,500.00**.

Task Table

Task	Description	Maximum Fee
1	Model Scenario Development	\$7,555
2.1	Baseline Model Scenario	\$20,020
2.2	Projects Model Scenario	\$21,400
2.3	Alternative Pumping Model Scenario	\$13,590
3	WLPMA Modeling Coordination	\$14,420
4	Draft and Final Basin Optimization Yield Study Report	\$43,320
5	Watermaster Response Reports	\$34,950
6	Committee Meetings	\$33,715
7	Project Management and Coordination	\$23,530
8	WLPMA Modeling [Modification No. 1]	
8.1	Baseline Model Scenario [Modification No. 1]	\$31,020.00
8.2	Projects Scenario [Modification No. 1]	\$19,660.00

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8.3	Alternative Pumping Scenarios and Rampdown Rate [Modification No. 1]	\$31,020.00
9	Response to Data Requests [Modification No. 1]	\$8,800.00
<u>10</u>	<u>Technical Support to Implement the LPV Judgment</u>	<u>\$41,940.00</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>TAC and PAC Support</u>	<u>\$84,820.00</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>Project Management and Meetings</u>	<u>\$16,740.00</u>
Total Fees:		<u>\$446,500.00.</u>

Total Fee Increase Associated with Contract Modification No. 1: \$90,500.00

Total Fee Increase Associated with Contract Modification No. 2: \$143,500.00

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CONSULTANT 2025 Standard Schedule of Charges

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Engineering Services

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Engineer II	\$300.00/hr
Principal Engineer I	\$290.00/hr
Program Manager	\$275.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$275.00/hr
Project Manager	\$265.00/hr
Senior Engineer III	\$260.00/hr
Senior Engineer II	\$250.00/hr
Senior Engineer I	\$240.00/hr
Project Engineer IV/Technician IV	\$230.00/hr
Project Engineer III/Technician III	\$220.00/hr
Project Engineer II/Technician II	\$210.00/hr
Project Engineer I/Technician I	\$190.00/hr
3D Production Manager	\$220.00/hr
Senior Designer II	\$210.00/hr
Senior Designer I	\$200.00/hr
Designer	\$190.00/hr
Assistant Designer	\$185.00/hr
CADD Operator III	\$180.00/hr
CADD Operator II	\$195.00/hr
CADD Operator I	\$155.00/hr
CADD Drafter	\$175.00/hr
CADD Technician	\$125.00/hr
Project Coordinator	\$160.00/hr
Engineering Assistant	\$125.00/hr

Environmental Services

Senior Project Director	\$350.00/hr
Project Director	\$300.00/hr
Senior Specialist V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Specialist IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Specialist III	\$250.00/hr
Senior Specialist II	\$235.00/hr
Senior Specialist I	\$220.00/hr
Specialist V	\$210.00/hr
Specialist IV	\$195.00/hr
Specialist III	\$185.00/hr
Specialist II	\$175.00/hr
Specialist I	\$165.00/hr
Analyst V	\$155.00/hr
Analyst IV	\$145.00/hr
Analyst III	\$135.00/hr
Analyst II	\$125.00/hr
Analyst I	\$105.00/hr
Technician IV	\$100.00/hr
Technician III	\$90.00/hr
Technician II	\$80.00/hr
Technician I	\$70.00/hr
Project Coordinator II	\$170.00/hr
Project Coordinator I	\$135.00/hr

Hydrogeology/HazWaste Services

Project Director	\$345.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer III	\$320.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer II	\$310.00/hr
Principal Hydrogeologist/Engineer I	\$300.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$275.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$265.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$255.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$245.00/hr
Senior Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$235.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist V/Engineer V	\$225.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist IV/Engineer IV	\$215.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist III/Engineer III	\$205.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist II/Engineer II	\$195.00/hr
Project Hydrogeologist I/Engineer I	\$185.00/hr
Hydrogeologist/Engineering Assistant	\$150.00/hr
HazMat Field Technician	\$135.00/hr

District Management & Operations

District General Manager	\$225.00/hr
District Engineer	\$215.00/hr
Operations Manager	\$165.00/hr
District Secretary/Accountant	\$150.00/hr
Collections System Manager	\$150.00/hr
Grade V Operator	\$140.00/hr
Grade IV Operator	\$125.00/hr
Grade III Operator	\$115.00/hr
Grade II Operator	\$95.00/hr
Grade I Operator	\$90.00/hr
Operator in Training	\$80.00/hr
Collection Maintenance Worker	\$85.00/hr

Project Delivery Services

Technology Specialist II	\$245.00/hr
Technology Specialist I	\$190.00/hr
GIS Analyst V	\$220.00/hr
GIS Analyst IV	\$200.00/hr
GIS Analyst III	\$185.00/hr
GIS Analyst II	\$145.00/hr
GIS Analyst I	\$130.00/hr
Creative Services IV	\$185.00/hr
Creative Services III	\$160.00/hr
Creative Services II	\$145.00/hr
Creative Services I	\$130.00/hr
Technical Editor IV	\$185.00/hr
Technical Editor III	\$160.00/hr
Technical Editor II	\$145.00/hr
Technical Editor I	\$130.00/hr
Publications Specialist IV	\$135.00/hr
Publications Specialist III	\$125.00/hr
Publications Specialist II	\$115.00/hr
Publications Specialist I	\$105.00/hr
Clerical Administration	\$100.00/hr

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Mapping and Surveying Services

UAS Pilot	\$165.00/hr
Survey Lead	\$300.00/hr
Survey Manager	\$260.00/hr
Survey Crew Chief	\$195.00/hr
Survey Rod Person	\$145.00/hr
Survey Mapping Technician	\$135.00/hr

Construction Management Services

Principal Manager	\$215.00/hr
Senior Construction Manager	\$195.00/hr
Senior Project Manager	\$190.00/hr
Construction Manager	\$185.00/hr
Project Manager/Construction Management	\$175.00/hr
Resident Engineer	\$175.00/hr
Construction Engineer	\$175.00/hr
On-site Owner's Representative	\$160.00/hr
Prevailing Wage Inspector	\$160.00/hr
Construction Inspector	\$150.00/hr
Administrator/Labor Compliance	\$125.00/hr

Expert Witness – Court appearances, depositions, and interrogatories as expert witness will be billed at 2.00 times normal rates.

Emergency and Holidays – Minimum charge of two hours will be billed at 1.75 times the normal rate.

Material and Outside Services – Subcontractors, rental of special equipment, special reproductions and blueprinting, outside data processing and computer services, etc., are charged at 1.15 times the direct cost.

Travel Expenses – Mileage at current IRS allowable rates. Per diem where overnight stay is involved is charged at cost.

Invoices, Late Charges – All fees will be billed to Client monthly and shall be due and payable upon receipt. Invoices are delinquent if not paid within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Client agrees to pay interest at a 10% annual rate for amounts unpaid greater than 30 days after the date of the invoice.

Annual Increases – Unless identified otherwise, these standard rates will increase in line with the CPHI for the nearest urban area per the Department of Labor Statistics to where the work is being completed) or by 3% annually, whichever is higher.

Prevailing Wage – The rates listed above assume prevailing wage rates do not apply. If this assumption is incorrect Dudek reserves the right to adjust its rates accordingly.

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025
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4. Delays

If Work cannot be completed by the dates specified in Exhibit B through no fault of CONSULTANT, the fees for the Work not then completed may be adjusted to reflect increases in cost which occur, due to delay, from the date that the Work was required to be complete as specified in Exhibit B until the time the Work can actually be completed. Any payments of such additional fees must be authorized by AGENCY with a written modification to this contract.

5. Payment

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Contract, AGENCY shall make payments to CONSULTANT as follows:

Requests for Payment

Each request for payment shall include: (i) personnel time records for Basic Services at the rates specified in this Exhibit C if applicable; (ii) receipts for all authorized reimbursable expense, along with the written AGENCY authorization for any specific reimbursable expenses requested for payment if required above.

CONSULTANT shall submit all requests for payment to:

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
 800 South Victoria Avenue, L#1610
 Ventura, CA 93009-1670
FCGMA@venturacounty.gov

MODIFICATION NO. 2
(Bold, Italic, Underline)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
BETWEEN DUDEK AND FCGMA
[OCTOBER 23, 2024]
EXHIBITS

Payment Schedule

Payments shall be made monthly by AGENCY upon presentation of a properly completed AGENCY claim form that has been approved by AGENCY.

Timely Invoicing

Timely invoicing by CONSULTANT is required. Delays in invoicing for services performed increases the management effort required by AGENCY to ensure accurate payments to CONSULTANT and manage project budgets. Accordingly, CONSULTANT shall request payment for services no later than 30 calendar days after the date that the services were performed.

CONSULTANT shall submit a final invoice within 30 days of the earliest of the following events: 1) completion and acceptance by AGENCY of all Work required by the contract; or 2) termination of the contract.

[End of Exhibit C]

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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August 27, 2025

Board of Directors
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800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: [REVISED] Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2025-06 Directing Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Staff to Collect \$24.00 Per Acre-Foot of Groundwater Extracted for the Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee – (Returning Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation on Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's statement of financial position for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, Water Year (WY) 2026; and (2) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 directing Agency staff to collect \$24.00 per acre-foot (AF) of groundwater extracted for the FY 2025-26, WY 2026 sustainability fee.

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, your Board is required to adopt a budget for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA). On July 23, 2025, your Board adopted the FY 2025-26, WY 2026 FCGMA Budget¹, following three budget study sessions by the Fiscal Committee. The FCGMA Operating Budget for FY 2025-26, WY 2026 (attached as Exhibit 14A), assumed that Agency staff would collect \$5.00/AF less than the currently approved Sustainability Fee amount of \$29.00/AF of groundwater extracted from the basins under the Agency's jurisdiction, based on the Agency's financial position and a recommendation from the Fiscal Committee. Staff was unable to prepare a resolution to this effect for your Board's consideration of the FY 2025-26 Agency Budget at the July 23, 2025 meeting. However, staff indicated that this item would be brought back to your Board for consideration in the form of a resolution.

DISCUSSION:

FISCAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The FY 2025-26, WY 2026 Budget was developed with significant engagement with the Fiscal Committee resulting in several recommendations, notably the recommendation that the Agency collect only a \$24.00/AF Sustainability Fee (rather than the current \$29.00/AF Sustainability Fee effective with the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-05) for FY 2025-26, WY

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2026 (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026). The Fiscal Committee noted the strong financial position of the Agency as reflected by the statement of financial position (attached as Exhibit 14B) which showed over \$10 million in the Agency's funds through June 2025, with over \$3 million as Operating Account carryforward into the next fiscal year. At the same time, total expenditures for FY 2025-26, WY 2026, are expected to be lower than the previous year. Collection of less than the currently approved amount (rate) of the Sustainability Fee will reduce projected revenues for FY 2025-26, WY 2026, and contribute to the Agency's overall net negative balance, but those impacts can and will be absorbed by the Operating Account carryforward, such that the FY 2025-26 ending year account balance is projected to be a net positive amount of about \$1.7 million. At the same time, collecting only a \$24.00/AF Sustainability Fee, which would be limited to only FY 2025-26, WY 2026, will provide operators with financial relief without negatively affecting operations and / or cash flow of the Agency.

Groundwater sustainability program and groundwater management fees enacted in furtherance of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) must comply with specified requirements of Proposition 218. (See Wat. Code, § 10730.2(c).) Among other things, Proposition 218 requires the Agency comply with its requirements when it imposes, increases, or extends a groundwater sustainability program fee or groundwater management fee. Therefore, in order to avoid complying with Proposition 218 requirements when, in the future, the Agency wishes to resume collecting the currently approved amount (rate) of \$29.00/AF for the FY 2026-27, WY 2027 Sustainability Fee, staff recommends that your Board "direct staff to collect" a \$24.00/AF Sustainability Fee for the FY 2025-26, WY 2026 (rather than "reducing" the current \$29.00/AF Sustainability Fee approved with the adoption of Resolution 2022-05). This language choice (i.e., "direct staff" rather than "reduce the fee") demonstrates your Board's intent to collect \$24.00/AF only for the FY 2025-26, WY 2026 Sustainability Fee and return to collecting \$29.00/AF, which is the current Sustainability Fee amount (rate) set by Resolution No. 2022-05, for the FY 2026-27, WY 2027 Sustainability Fee and thereafter.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board receive and file this presentation and adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 (Exhibit 14C) directing Agency staff to collect \$24.00/AF groundwater extracted from basins in the Agency's territory for the FY 2025-26, WY 2026 Sustainability Fee.

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

Sincerely,



Kudzai Farai Kaseke (Ph.D., PH, PMP, CSM)
Assistant Groundwater Manager

Item 14 – **REVISED** Proposed Resolution 2025-06 Sustainability Fee FY 25-26
FCGMA Board Meeting August 27, 2025

Attachments:

Exhibit 14A – FY 2025-26 Operating Account Budget

Exhibit 14B – FY 2025-26 Statement of Financial Position

Exhibit 14C – **REVISED** Proposed Resolution No. 2025-06

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August 27, 2025

Board of Directors
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800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2025-06 ~~Reducing the~~ Directing Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Staff to Collect \$24.00 Per Acre-Foot of Groundwater Extracted ~~Groundwater Sustainability Fee~~ for the Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee – (Returning Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation on Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's statement of financial position for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, Water Year (WY) 2026; and (2) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 ~~reducing the Agency's directing Agency staff to collect \$24.00 per acre-foot (AF) of groundwater extracted for the FY 2025-26, WY 2026 sustainability fee for Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026.~~

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, your Board is required to adopt a budget for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA). On July 23, 2025, your Board adopted the ~~Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, Water Year (WY) 2026~~ FCGMA Budget¹, following three budget study sessions by the Fiscal Committee. The FCGMA Operating Budget for FY 2025-26, WY 2026 (attached as Exhibit 14A), assumed that Agency staff would collect \$5.00/AF less than the currently approved Sustainability Fee amount of \$29.00/AF of grounda ~~\$5.00 reduction in the Groundwater Sustainability Fee to \$24.00 per acre-foot of water extracted from the basins under the agency's~~ Agency's jurisdiction, based on the agency's ~~Agency's~~ financial position and a recommendation from the Fiscal Committee. Staff was unable to prepare a resolution ~~to reduce the fee for FY 2025-26, WY 2026 to this effect~~ for your Board's consideration with the FCGMA of the FY 2025-26 Agency Budget at the July 23, 2025 meeting. However, staff indicated that this item would be brought back ~~before to~~ your Board for formal adoption consideration in the form of a resolution, Resolution 2025-06.

DISCUSSION:

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FISCAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The FY 2025-26, WY 2026 Budget was developed with significant engagement with the Fiscal Committee resulting in several recommendations, notably the recommendation ~~to that the Agency collect only a \$24.00/AF Sustainability Fee (rather than the current \$29.00/AF Sustainability Fee effective with the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-05) for FY 2025-26, WY 2026~~ reduce the Groundwater Sustainability Fee from \$29.00 to \$24.00 per acre-foot of groundwater extracted for WY 2026 (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026). The Fiscal Committee noted the strong financial position of the Agency as reflected by the statement of financial position (attached as Exhibit 14B) which showed over \$10 million in the Agency's funds through June 2025, with over \$3 million as Operating Account carryforward into the next fiscal year. At the same time, total expenditures for FY 2025-26, WY 2026, are expected to be lower than the previous year. ~~The reduction in the Groundwater Collection of less than the currently approved amount (rate) of the Sustainability fee Fee while reducing will reduce projected revenues for FY 2025-26, WY 2026, and contributing contribute to the Agency's overall net negative balance, but those impacts can and will be absorbed by the Operating Account carryforward, such that the FY 2025-26 ending year account balance is projected to be a net positive amount of about \$1.7 million. At the same time, the reduction in the Groundwater collecting only a \$24.00/AF Sustainability Fee, which would be limited to only FY 2025-26, WY 2026, will provide operators with financial relief without negatively affecting operations and / or cash flow of the Agency.~~

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CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board receive and file this presentation and adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 (Exhibit 14C) ~~reducing directing Agency staff to collect the Groundwater Sustainability Fee for Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026 to \$24.00/AF per acre-foot of extracted groundwater extracted from basins in the Agency's territory for the FY 2025-26, WY 2026 Sustainability Fee.~~

Item 14 – **REVISED** Proposed Resolution 2025-06 Reducing FCGMA Groundwater Sustainability Fee for FY 2025-26, WY 2026
FCGMA Board Meeting August 27, 2025

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

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Attachments:

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Exhibit 14C – **REVISED** Proposed Resolution No. 2025-06

FCGMA FY 2025-26 BUDGET - OPERATING ACCOUNT

1	Operating Account	2022-23 Year-End Actuals	2023-24 Year-End Actuals	2024-25 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Actuals Through June 2025	2025-26 Draft Budget	Increase / Decrease Over Previous Year	% Change Over PY
2	<u>Revenues</u>							
3	Pump Charge ¹	\$801,486	\$841,816	\$726,000	\$874,038	\$800,000	\$74,000	10%
4	Groundwater Sustainability Fee ²	\$1,626,366	\$2,756,100	\$3,509,000	\$3,546,969	\$2,904,000	(\$605,000)	-17%
5	Penalties / Interest	\$47,965	\$299,408	\$130,000	\$158,717	\$150,000	\$20,000	15%
6	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - DWR ³	\$0	\$0	\$2,577,800	\$2,577,800	\$0	(\$2,577,800)	-100%
7	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - Admin ⁴	\$0	\$92,944	\$46,472	\$46,472	\$51,502	\$5,030	11%
8	Interest Earnings ⁵	\$11,453	\$36,068	\$287,000	\$134,362	\$130,000	(\$157,000)	-55%
9	Loan From Surcharges ⁶	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
10	Misc. Revenue	\$2,950	\$163	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
11	Total Revenues	\$3,490,220	\$4,026,499	\$7,276,272	\$7,338,358	\$4,035,502	(\$3,240,770)	-45%
12	<u>Expenditures</u>							
13	Public Works Agency Charges ⁷	\$1,814,950	\$1,736,041	\$3,382,544	\$2,758,888	\$2,988,752	(\$393,792)	-12%
14	General Services Agency Charges ⁸	\$24,670	\$18,990	\$25,000	\$19,784	\$20,000	(\$5,000)	-20%
15	FCGMA Online Support / GIS ⁹	\$189,440	\$173,025	\$247,061	\$93,332	\$200,000	(\$47,061)	-19%
16	LAFCO Funding ¹⁰	\$2,551	\$2,995	\$3,510	\$3,510	\$5,192		0%
17	General Legal (County Counsel) ¹¹	\$129,490	\$185,852	\$170,000	\$119,711	\$255,000	\$85,000	50%
18	Board Member Insurance	\$3,796	\$4,118	\$4,085	\$4,085	\$5,045	\$960	24%
19	Biennial Audit	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$26,820	\$20,848	\$848	4%
20	AWA Dues / Symposium/Conference	3,973	\$2,501	\$2,500	\$2,786	\$3,000	\$500	20%
21	Public Notices	\$880	\$991	\$1,000	\$1,111	\$1,500	\$500	50%
22	GSP Annual Reports (Dudek) ¹²	\$19,798	\$59,085	\$97,000	\$65,248	\$138,000	\$41,000	42%
23	Watershed Contributions / Match ¹³	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	0%
24	Computer Equipment, Office Software & Website ¹⁴	\$0.00	\$3,355	\$5,000	\$1,473	\$7,500	\$2,500	50%
25	Office Equipment / Supplies / Printing	\$0.00	\$126	\$1,000	\$1,347	\$1,500	\$500	50%
26	Misc Expense / Misc Payment	\$451	\$2,033	\$2,500	\$383	\$2,500	\$0	0%
27	<u>Special Expenditures</u>							
28	New FCGMA Data Management System ¹⁵	\$10,860	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
29	GSP Implementation (Dudek) ¹⁶	\$266,995	\$554,562	\$989,000	\$592,213	\$150,000	(\$839,000)	-85%
30	SGM Impl. Grant Monitoring Well Install (OPV) ¹⁷	\$0	\$0	\$4,870,000	\$2,768,117	\$0	(\$4,870,000)	-100%
31	SGM Impl. Grant Round 1 - Administration ¹⁸	\$56,560	\$68,705	\$60,000	\$102,393	\$44,800	(\$15,200)	-25%
32	Monitoring Wells Network Improvement Planning	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$150,000	\$150,000	
33	SGM Round 2 Grant Application ¹⁹	\$14,011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	
34	Public Outreach & Strategic Planning ²⁰	\$2,666	\$16,086	\$25,000	\$15,879	\$100,000	\$75,000	300%
35	AMI Data Support	\$0	\$12,352	61,648	36,627	\$0	(\$61,648)	-100%
36	Oxnard Well Destruction ²¹	\$0	\$86,976	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
37	Rate & Fee Schedule Consultant (Jarvis Fay) ²²	\$93,176	\$12,623	\$17,000	\$1,976	\$25,000	\$8,000	47%
38	Recruitment - Executive Officer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	
39	Repayment of Loan (Initiated FY 2022-23)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
40	Contribution to Reserves ²³	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000		
41	Total Expenditures ²⁴	\$2,651,765	\$2,945,916	\$9,985,348	\$6,645,681	\$5,520,137	(\$4,465,211)	-45%
42	Net Operating Results	\$838,454	\$1,080,583	(\$2,709,076)	\$692,677	(\$1,484,635)	\$1,224,441	45%
43	OPERATING RESERVES	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	1,000,000	1,250,000	250,000	25%

Footnotes:

- (1) FY 25-26 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, and assuming fee is reduced by \$5 to \$24/AF for FY 2025-26 per Fiscal Committee.
- (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) Annual interest earnings apportionments projected to be received from the County Pooled Investment Fund. As of FY 2024-25, all interest is allocated to Operating per Fiscal Committee.
- (6) Loan from Designated Surcharges Account approved by Board as part of FY 2022-23 Budget; Fiscal Committee recommends repaying loan in FF 2025-26.
- (7) Projected PWA charges to implement annual Work Plan. FY 2025-26 estimate includes PWA CS Fiscal allocation and FTE Executive Officer; does not include additional proposed roles.
- (8) County General Services Agency (GSA) fees for Board room and AV fees, etc.
- (9) FY 2025-26 Estimate for IT services to support, maintain, and technically improve FCGMA Online Data Management System and interface. IT Services and Support costs are split evenly between FCGMA and Watermaster. Staff proposes increasing FCGMA FTEs to 0.825 from 0.5 for FY 2025-26 (totals 1.7 FTEs for both).
- (10) Payment to LAFCO Per Govt. Code Sect. 56381 (b) (1).
- (11) County Counsel services for regular FCGMA legal services.
- (12) GSP Annual Report expense updated based on new Dudek scope approved by Board 12/9/2022 and amended 3/22/24; estimate accounts for Dudek rates adjusted up from 2022 levels, as contract will be renewed or modified October 2025, and will include revising reporting templates to comply with updated DWR guidelines.
- (13) Includes contributions to Watershed Coalition of Ventura County (\$2,200) and Santa Clara Watershed Committee (\$1,500).
- (14) Equipment cost related to computer hardware and software; a laptop was purchased as part of upgrades. Standard software licenses such as Adobe or MS Office; also includes website management costs (WordPress, Elementor).
- (15) New FCGMA data management system procurement planning-level projections. Not included this FY in favor of upgrading current system per FY 2024-25 Operations Committee recommendation.
- (16) Projected GSP implementation consultant costs based on contract approved 12/9/2022 and subsequent amendments; FY 2024-25 expenses reflected 5-Year Periodic Evaluations.
- (17) Monitoring well installation in OPV basins projected expense. Majority funded by DWR SGM Implementation Grant.
- (18) 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 was \$9,748 annually.
- (19) Estimated grant application consultant expenses for DWR SGM Impl. Grant Round 2 for projects in Las Posas Valley Basin; projection based on routine grant application cost.
- (20) FY 2024-25 included Hallmark contract costs to complete staffing needs analysis; FY 2025-26 estimate is per Board / Fiscal Committee recommendation to develop stakeholder outreach strategy (Board would like to prioritize rampdown conversations) and to develop 5-year strategic plan.
- (21) FY 2023-24; Projected cost to destroy Oxnard well. Delayed due to interest from County Airport in taking over well.
- (22) Rate counsel and consultant for planned replenishment fee. Projected expense in FY 2024-25 for GEMES by Jarvis Fay.
- (23) FY 2025-26 contribution to reserves is \$250,000 reallocated from funds previously earmarked as contingency. Per Fiscal Committee, future budgets will include a 10% annual contribution of net operating reserve to fund the reserves until the target amount is met (50% of anticipated annual expenses, or \$2.5 mm).
- (24) Additional line items may be added to Expenditures pending Fiscal Committee mid-year budget review and discussion (Light Gabler contract estimate, Board Member Compensation estimate).

FCGMA FY 2025-26 BUDGET - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION				
Account	2023-24 Year-End Actuals	2024-25 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Actuals Through June 2025	2025-26 Draft Budget
Designated GEMES Account	(\$1,048,955)	(\$513,955)	\$548,490	\$1,193,490
Designated Surcharges Account	\$4,474,411	\$5,474,411	\$5,559,934	\$7,559,934
Designated Operating Reserves	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000
Operating Account	\$1,080,583	(\$2,709,076)	\$692,677	(\$1,484,635)
Operating Account Carryforward	\$1,604,813	\$2,685,396	\$2,563,241	\$3,255,918
Year End Total Fund Balance	\$7,110,852	\$5,936,776	\$10,364,342	\$11,774,707

Resolution No. 2025-06

of the

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLECT \$24.00 PER ACRE-FOOT OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, WATER YEAR 2026 SUSTAINABILITY FEE

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) deems Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (Agency) the exclusive groundwater sustainability agency (GSAs) responsible for complying with SGMA within its statutory boundaries (Wat. Code, § 10723(c)(1)(D)); and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes GSAs to adopt and impose fees “to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including, but not limited to, preparation, adoption, and amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan, and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, including a prudent reserve” (Wat. Code, § 10730(a)) (collectively, a Sustainability Fee); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires GSAs to comply with specified requirements of Proposition 218 (specifically California Constitution, article XIII D, section 6) when imposing Sustainability Fees and prohibits GSAs from imposing Sustainability Fees on de minimis extractors (“a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two acre-feet or less per year”) unless the GSAs have regulated such extractors pursuant to SGMA (Wat. Code, §§ 10730(a), 10730.2(c)); and

WHEREAS, the Agency's SGMA groundwater sustainability program provides benefits to all users within the territory of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of SGMA, the Agency has adopted several Sustainability Fees at different times and rates to be charged for each acre-foot of groundwater extracted from the basins with the Agency's territory to fund the cost of its SGMA sustainability programs, including a \$4.00 per acre-foot (AF) fee with the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-04 on September 23, 2015; a \$6.50/AF fee with the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-03 on July 20, 2016; a \$14.00/AF fee with the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-03 on September 25, 2019; and most recently a \$29.00/AF with the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-05 on September 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, through its Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 budget development process, the Agency determined that collecting \$24/AF of groundwater extracted for the FY 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee (rather than \$29/AF set with the approval of Resolution 2022-05) would reduce FY 2025-26 projected revenues and contribute to an overall net negative balance but that the Agency could absorb those fiscal impacts in the FY 2025-26 budget once the current balance of the Agency's Operating Account is carried forward to FY 2025-26, Water Year 2026 such that the year-end balance of the Agency's Operating Account is projected to be a net positive amount; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's Board of Directors intends this resolution to result only in Agency staff collecting less than the current amount (rate) of its Sustainability Fee (\$29.00) for FY 2025-26, Water Year 2026, and therefore does not intend this resolution to reduce the current amount (rate) of its Sustainability Fee as approved with the adoption of Resolution 2022-05.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEARBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors that:

Agency staff are directed to collect \$24.00/AF of groundwater extracted from the basins within the Agency's territory for the Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee

1. No Sustainability Fee shall be imposed on or collected from any person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two (2) acre-feet or less per year.
2. Agency staff are directed to return to collecting \$29.00/AF of groundwater extracted from the basins within the Agency's territory, as approved with the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-05, for the Fiscal Year 2026-27, Water Year 2027 Sustainability Fee.

On motion by _____, and seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted on August 27, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES –
NOES –
ABSTAINS –
ABSENT –

By:

Eugene F. West, Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-06.

By:

Elka Weber, Clerk of the Board of Directors

Resolution No. 2025-06

of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

**A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE
SUSTAINABILITY FEE TO BE LEVIED ON
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTATIONS DURING DIRECTING
STAFF TO COLLECT \$24.00 PER ACRE-FOOT OF
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
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SUSTAINABILITY FEE**

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WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes GSAs to adopt and impose fees “to fund the costs of a groundwater sustainability program, including, but not limited to, preparation, adoption, and amendment of a groundwater sustainability plan, and investigations, inspections, compliance assistance, enforcement, and program administration, including a prudent reserve” (Wat. Code, § 10730(a)) (collectively, a Sustainability Fee); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires GSAs to comply with specified requirements of Proposition 218 (specifically California Constitution, article XIII D, section 6) when imposing Sustainability Fees and prohibits GSAs from imposing Sustainability Fees on de minimis extractors (“a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two acre-feet or less per year”) unless the GSAs have regulated such extractors pursuant to SGMA (Wat. Code, §§ 10730(a), 10730.2(c)); and

WHEREAS, the Agency's SGMA groundwater sustainability program provides benefits to all users within the territory of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of SGMA, the Agency has adopted several Sustainability Fees at different times and rates to be charged on for each acre-foot of groundwater extracted from the basins with the Agency's territory to fund the cost of its SGMA sustainability programs, including a \$4.00 per acre-foot (AF) fee with the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-04 on September 23, 2015; a \$6.50/AF fee with the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-03 on July 20, 2016; a \$14.00/AF fee with the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-03 on September 25, 2019; and most recently a \$29.00/AF with the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-05 on September 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, through its Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 budget development process, the Agency determined that collecting \$24/AF of groundwater extracted for the FY 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee reducing the Sustainability Fee for FY 2025-26, Water

Year 2026 by \$5.00 (rather than \$29/AF set with the approval of Resolution 2022-05) would reduce FY 2025-26 projected revenues and contribute to the Agency's overall net negative balance but that the Agency could absorb those fiscal impactscould be absorbed in the FY 2025-26 budget once the current balance of the Agency's Operating Account is carried forward to FY 2025-26⁵, Water Year 2026 such that the year-end balance of the Agency's Operating Account is projected to be a net positive amount; and.

WHEREAS, the Agency's Board of Directors intends this resolution to result only in Agency staff collecting less than the current amount (rate) of its Sustainability Fee (\$29.00) for FY 2025-26, Water Year 2026, and therefore does not intend this resolution to reduce the current amount (rate) of its Sustainability Fee as approved with the adoption of Resolution 2022-05.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEARBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors that:

~~4. Agency staff are directed to collect \$24.00/AF of groundwater extracted from the basins within the Agency's territory for the Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee. The Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee is reduced from \$29.00 to \$24.00 per acre-foot of groundwater extracted and will be invoiced and collected according to all applicable law, including but not limited to the Agency's existing authorities, policies, and rules. Agency staff are directed to collect \$24.00/AF of groundwater extracted from the basins within the Agency's territory for the Fiscal Year 2025-26, Water Year 2026 Sustainability Fee.~~

2.1. No Sustainability Fee shall be imposed on or collected from any person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two (2) acre-feet or less per year.

3.2. ~~The rate of the Sustainability Fee to be involved and collected for Fiscal Year 2026-27, Water Year 2027 shall automatically revert to \$29.00 per acre-foot.~~ Agency staff are directed to return to collecting \$29.00/AF of groundwater extracted from the basins within the Agency's territory, as approved with the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-05, for the Fiscal Year 2026-27, Water Year 2027 Sustainability Fee without the need for further action from the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors.

On motion by _____, and seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted on August 27, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES –
NOES –
ABSTAINS –
ABSENT –

By:

Eugene F. West, Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-06.

By:

Elka Weber, Clerk of the Board of Directors

Resolution No. 2025-06

of the

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLECT \$24.00 PER ACRE-FOOT OF GROUNDWATER EXTRACTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, WATER YEAR 2026 SUSTAINABILITY FEE

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) deems Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (Agency) the exclusive groundwater sustainability agency (GSAs) responsible for complying with SGMA within its statutory boundaries (Wat. Code, § 10723(c)(1)(D)); and

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On motion by Director Kelly Long, and seconded by Director Michael Cravetto, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted on August 27, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES – 5
NOES –
ABSTAINS –
ABSENT –

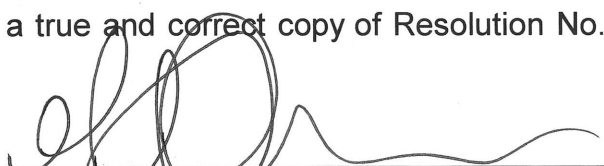
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August 27, 2025

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

SUBJECT: Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Director Compensation – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive and file a presentation on approving compensation for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Board of Directors; and (2) Provide staff direction on requested compensation issues.

BACKGROUND:

Since the Agency was created in 1983, the FCGMA Board of Directors has not been compensated for its members' service, meeting attendance, or related travel. At the end of May 2025, Director Trembley asked Agency Counsel to look into whether the FCGMA Board of Directors could be compensated given the demand currently imposed on directors for FCGMA service and functions.

DISCUSSION:

The Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Act (FCGMA Act), Water Code section 121-102 et seq., does not authorize or prohibit the Agency from compensating its directors. However, other statutes applicable to special districts generally may authorize the compensation of legislative bodies of local public agencies and special district subject to specified limits and requirements. (See, e.g., Pub. Res. Code, § 5784.15, Gov. Code, § 61047.) With respect to compensation of the FCGMA Board of Directors, the most applicable and relevant statute is Water Code section 20200 et seq. In pertinent part, Water Code 20201 provides:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing board of any water district may, by ordinance adopted pursuant to this chapter, provide compensation to members of the governing board, unless any compensation is prohibited by its principal act, in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the board, or for each day's service rendered as a member of the board by request of the board[.]

For purposes of this section, the term "water district" means "any district or other political subdivision, other than a city or county, a primary function of which is the irrigation, reclamation, or drainage of land or the diversion, storage, management, or distribution of

water primarily for domestic, municipal, agricultural, industrial, recreation...purposes.” (Wat. Code, § 20200.) Here, FCGMA qualifies as a “water district” because it is a “groundwater management agency” directed to “act for purposes of groundwater management within the boundaries of the agency” and “the preservation of groundwater resources within the territory of the agency for agricultural and municipal and industrial uses...” (FCGMA Act, § 102; Wat. Code App., § 121-102.) Therefore, FCGMA may adopt an ordinance that provides for its directors’ compensation subject to the limits and requirements of Water Code section 20200 et seq. because director compensation is not prohibited in the FCGMA Act and thus would not supplant or result in an implied repeal of any FCGMA Act provision. (See Attorney General Op. 16-301, 102 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 1, at p. *3 (April 4, 2019) [finding that Water Code section 20200 et seq. “were intended to supplement, not supplant, [] enabling statutes,” and that their application should not result in an “implied repeal” of the underlying enabling legislation “unless it is clear that this was the Legislature’s intent”].)

If your Board decides to move forward with compensating its members, authorization to compensate directors must be set forth in an ordinance approved by your Board following a public hearing noticed in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to the requirements of Government Code section 6066 [once per week for two weeks]. (Wat. Code, §§ 20201, 20203.) No such ordinance may authorize compensation for more than a total of 10 days in any calendar month. (Wat. Code, § 20202.) The amount of compensation per day may be increased annually by adopting a subsequent ordinance; however, any increase above \$100 per day must not exceed five percent (5%) of the compensation received by members when the ordinance is adopted. (Wat. Code, §§ 20201, 20202.)

Notwithstanding the above, if your Board decides to authorize compensating its members, any compensation received from FCGMA may be subject to the rules and regulations of their respective member agencies that control or govern the compensation of those agencies’ legislative bodies. For example, the County is in the process of adopting an ordinance applicable to supervisor compensation, which provides: “Supervisors shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered on any board, commission or committee, the membership for which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors.” In this case, even if your Board were to approve compensating its members, the supervisor appointed to represent the County on the FCGMA Board of Directors would not be entitled to receive any compensation or stipend for service on behalf of FCGMA because it is prohibited by separate County policy. If your Board approves compensating its members, then it would each director’s responsibility to ensure he/she complies with the applicable policies and rules of his/her member agency.

If your Board decides to compensate its members, staff and counsel request your Board’s direction on the following points:

- Initial Rate of Compensation. At what dollar amount should the initial rate of compensation per day be set in any ordinance authorizing FCGMA Board of Director compensation? Under Water Code section 20201, your Board may set initial compensation at a rate not to exceed \$100 per day.

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- Funding Source. From which FCGMA fund should direct compensation be paid?

Once direction is provided on the above points, staff and counsel will prepare an ordinance authorizing the compensation of your Board's members and return to your Board for consideration and approval of that ordinance.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends your Board (1) receive and file this presentation on approving compensation for FCGMA Board of Directors; and (2) Provide direction to staff on the above requested compensation issues.

If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-2879.

Sincerely,



Jason Canger
Agency Counsel

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors Compensation

Item No. 15 – August 27, 2025



Jason Canger
Agency Counsel

Introduction & Background

- FCGMA Directors have never been compensated for their services on behalf of the agency
- Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Act is silent on the issue of board member compensation
 - Act neither authorizes nor prohibits compensation of directors
- Director Trembley requested Agency Counsel look into whether and how FCGMA directors can be compensated for their service on behalf of the agency

Water Code Authority

- Although FCGMA Act does not address director compensation, the Water Code does authorize compensation of water agencies and water district board members subject to specified substantive and procedural requirements
- Water Code Section 20201 provides:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the governing board of any water district may, by ordinance adopted pursuant to this chapter, provide compensation to members of the governing board, unless any compensation is prohibited by its principal act, in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per day for each day's attendance at meetings of the board, or for each day's service rendered as a member of the board by request of the board[.]

Water Code Authority

- FCGMA is a water district for purposes of Water Code section 20201
- Water Code section 20200 defines “water district” to mean:

[A]ny district or other political subdivision, other than a city or county, a primary function of which is the irrigation, reclamation, or drainage of land or the diversion, storage, *management*, or distribution of water primarily for domestic, municipal, agricultural, industrial, recreation...purposes.
- FCGMA Act

“The agency...shall exercise the powers by this act for the purposes of groundwater management within the boundaries of the agency[.]”

“The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the preservation of the groundwater resources within the territory of the agency for agricultural and municipal and industrial uses is in the public interest and that the creation of the agency pursuant to this act is for the common benefit of water users.”

Requirements & Limitations

- Authorization to compensation must be approved in ordinance
- Notice and hearing on proposed ordinance
 - Must be noticed according to Government Code section 6066 [once per week for two weeks]
- Ordinance can authorize compensation for up to 10 days in any calendar month
- Initial compensation amount can be up to \$100/day but can also be less
- Can increase compensation annually BUT...
 - Only with adoption of a subsequent ordinance
 - Any increase above \$100/day must not exceed 5% of the compensation received by members when the ordinance was adopted

Covered Expenses

- Attendance at FCGMA meetings, advisory committee meetings
- Attendance at meetings and functions as required by FCGMA Board
- Actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties
 - i.e., travel, meals, lodging, and other actual/necessary expenses
- But if your Board decides to compensate for “actual and necessary” expenses, then your Board must adopt a policy that, among other things, specifies:
 - Types of occurrences that qualify for compensation as actual/necessary expenses
 - Reasonable rates for travel, meals, lodging, and other actual/necessary expenses (or current published US IRS rates will apply)
 - Requirement that members shall use government and group rates for lodging and transportation services
- Note new standardized expense forms must be prepared for members to request/claim reimbursement of actual/necessary expenses

Other Requirements

- Individual member agencies may have their own requirements that govern their legislative bodies' compensation, including rules and requirements for the treatment of compensation that they earn while serving on another representative board such as the FCGMA Board of Directors
- Individual FCGMA directors will be responsible for being aware of and comply with any such rules and requirements of their respective member agencies that govern compensation of their members

Requests for Direction

- Initial Amount (Rate) of Compensation. At what dollar amount should the initial rate of compensation per day be set in any ordinance authorizing FCGMA Board of Director compensation?
 - Under Water Code section 20201, your Board may set initial compensation at an amount/rate not to exceed \$100 per day.
- Qualifying Meetings and Types of Service. Whether compensation limited to attending FCGMA meetings? Or should also include other meetings, functions, events attended on behalf of FCGMA?
- Actual/Necessary Expenses. Whether FCGMA director compensation policy should provide for reimbursement of “actual and necessary expenses” incurred in the performance of official duties (i.e., travel, lodging, meals)
- Account/Funding Source. Board member compensation generally classified as an operating expense.



QUESTIONS

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August 27, 2025

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SUBJECT: [REVISED] Funding of a Landowner Representative to the Calleguas Municipal Water District Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project Study Group through Basin Assessments [LPV Watermaster] – (Returning Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive and file presentation; and (2) Provide direction to staff whether Watermaster should prepare and execute a contract with the Landowner representative on the Calleguas ASR Study Group.

BACKGROUND:

Parameters for Calleguas Municipal Water District's (Calleguas) operation of its Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project in the Las Posas Valley Basin (Basin) are not included in 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). Instead, the Judgment requires the formation of a Calleguas ASR Study Group to develop recommendations on four operating scenarios for inclusion in a Calleguas ASR Project Operations Plan. (Judgment, § 8.4.)

The Judgment specifies the membership and qualifications of participants to the Calleguas ASR Study Group:

The Calleguas ASR Study Group shall consist of representatives, who shall be either licensed engineers with relevant Groundwater experience or certified hydrologists or similarly qualified, of the FCGMA, Calleguas, and the Landowners. It is anticipated the representatives will include equal representation of the overlying landowners and Calleguas, and a Watermaster representative. (Judgment, § 8.4.1.)

In addition, the Judgment provides for the sharing of costs for Calleguas ASR Study Group work: "The costs of the Calleguas ASR Study Group work, which must be

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unanimously authorized by the Calleguas ASR Study Group, shall be shared as follows: the FCGMA will pay 20% and Calleguas will pay 80%. Parties shall bear their own costs for attendance at meetings and analysis of completed work.” (Judgment, § 8.4.7.)

DISCUSSION:

In their July 17, 2025, recommendation report, the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) recommended that Watermaster “[f]und the Landowners’ representative of the Calleguas ASR Study Group, Bob Abrams, through the Basin Assessment.” (See attached Exhibit 16A.) As set forth above, the Judgment specifies an arrangement for the sharing of costs for Calleguas ASR Study Group work between FCGMA/Watermaster and Calleguas, specifically, “the FCGMA will pay 20% and Calleguas will pay 80%.” (Judgment, § 8.4.7.) But this cost sharing requirement applies to “the costs of Calleguas ASR Study Group work;” it does not extend beyond study group work to require either FCGMA or Watermaster to fund a Landowner representative’s participation on the Calleguas ASR Study Group. Moreover, FCGMA or Watermaster funding a Landowner representative’s participation on the Calleguas ASR Study Group seems to run counter to other Judgment language that provides: “Parties shall bear their own costs for attendance at meetings and analysis of completed work.” (Judgment, § 8.4.7.) In sum, the Judgment’s requirement that FCGMA and Calleguas fund Calleguas ASR Study Group work does not also require these FCGMA, Calleguas, or Watermaster to pay the costs of hiring a consultant to represent Landowners on the Calleguas ASR Study Group.

The attached PAC recommendation report (Exhibit 16A) recommends “funding the Landowner representative on the Calleguas ASR study Group through the Basin Assessment is logical and simple.” Your Board should note that some parties, most notably in the western part of the Basin, have protested Watermaster’s invoicing and payment of Basin Assessments, objecting to the fact Basin Assessments collected from all parties in the Basin may be used for projects and programs that only benefit the eastern part of the Basin. (See, e.g., Exhibit 16B, at pp. 2-3.) It is reasonable to anticipate that such parties may bring a similar protest to Watermaster funding through the Basin Assessment a Landowner representative to the Calleguas ASR Study Group, which would likely have limited benefit to the western parts of the Basin.

CONCLUSION:

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaseke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kudzai Farai Kaseke (PhD, PH, PMP, CSM)
Assistant Groundwater Manager

Attachments: Exhibit 16A – PAC Recommendation Report, dated July 17, 2025
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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.

The PAC anticipates the cost of the Landowner representative’s participation shouldn’t exceed \$25,000 and requests that this cost be included as a separate line item in the Watermaster budget and monthly reports.

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: [see next page]

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

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.

Del Norte Water Company

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Re: Del Norte Water Company Basin Assessment Protest and Request for Refund

Dear Watermaster:

Del Norte Water Company (“DNWC”) submits this comment letter to address several issues raised in the January 22, 2025 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (“FCGMA”) Board of Director’s staff report (Item 17) related to DNWC’s Basin Assessment Protest and Request for Refund (“Report”). Since April 18, 2024, after full payment of both the Basin Assessment under the Judgment¹ and United Water Conservation District’s (“United”) groundwater pumping assessment, DNWC has sought a refund of the Basin Assessment based on the duplicative nature of the two assessments. The Report recommends denial of DNWC’s request for refund because the Watermaster has not yet been engaged in Basin Management Activities and further finds that DNWC’s reliance on Section 9.2 for further legal remedies to address its refund request is untimely. As further detailed below, neither of these findings are supported.

1. The Basin Assessment and United’s Assessments are Duplicative.

The Judgment requires the Las Posas Management Areas in the West and East to be managed as one basin. (See e.g., Judgment at § 4.9.1.1, defining initial Operating Yield for the Basin as a whole as 40,000 AFY through at least Water Year 2024.) The current projects being considered by the Watermaster will only benefit the East Las Posas Management Area. (See e.g., First Periodic Evaluation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Dec. 2024) § 3.2.) The First Periodic Evaluation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) continues to lack significant data regarding the West Las Posas Management Area, notably the GSP has no data within the DNWC boundaries. (First Periodic Evaluation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Dec. 2024) § 6.2; see also Figures 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.) In addition, the First Periodic Evaluation of the GSP acknowledges that United has a model or models and data it has gathered on the West Las Posas Management Area as well as in the East or Northeast of the Oxnard Pleasant Valley basin. (First Periodic Evaluation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Dec. 2024) § 4.1.) Based on

¹ “Judgment” refers to the Final Judgment entered on or about July 10, 2023 in the Las Posas Valley water adjudication, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENC100509700.

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FCGMA's own admissions in the First Periodic Evaluation of the GSP, it is unassailable that the United spreading grounds replenish DNWC wells at its main plant and more than likely at its well on the Murata property on the Mesa.

With these facts in place, the Watermaster must exercise its responsibility to administer the Judgment, as provided in that document. (Judgment, § 5.1.) As part of that administration, the Watermaster is to "set, levy and collect Basin Assessments and fees from the Water Rights Holders..." (Judgment, § 7.1.) As detailed in the Report, the Basin Assessment is set based on the Watermaster Budget that includes the costs associated with administrative management of the Basin, Basin Optimization Projects, and adjustments to the Basin Assessment.

The Report alleges that "in the absence of Basin Management Activities, Watermaster cannot duplicate any service provided by United. When a Watermaster Budget does not include funding for Basin Management Activities, Basin Assessments are collected to fund 'administrative management of the Basin' and 'investigations, inspections, compliance with and enforcement of the Judgment.'" (Report, p. 3.) This statement ignores United's central role in the understanding and management of both the Oxnard Pleasant Valley and the Las Posas Basins, given the hydrologic communication between those basins. (GSP, Executive Summary ES-6, Dec. 2019.) For example, because the basins are connected, United's modeling is used to assess the future sustainable yield of the West Las Posas Management Area. (GSP, Executive Summary ES-7, Dec. 2019.) Therefore, the United assessment is funding activities that are necessary for the "investigations, inspections, compliance with and enforcement of the Judgment," rendering the Basin Assessment duplicative of United's assessment.

As another example, during the February 6, 2025 Policy Advisory Committee ("PAC") meeting, the need for United's modeling efforts and data was discussed. The lack of this information has delayed the Basin Optimization Plan and other watermaster efforts. (PAC February 6, 2025 Meeting Agenda, Item 3.) Further, in the most recent court filing by the Watermaster, the Court was also informed of the need for the United modeling and data. (FCGMA as Watermaster February 19, 2025 Status Conference Statement, at p. 5, attached hereto as Exhibit A.) These discussions and statements clearly demonstrate that United's activities, data, and modeling are all used in the Watermaster's activities to manage the Basin.

Additionally, DNWC's payment of the United assessment for United's spreading activities directly benefits the Las Posas Basin through the replenishment it provides. The Judgment establishes a physical solution to achieve sustainable groundwater management based on water allocations. United's replenishment activities provide water to meet the Judgment's allocations for the West Las Posas Management Area, including DNWC and its shareholders' allocations.

As part of the "investigations, inspections, compliance with and enforcement of the Judgment" that the Watermaster is currently undertaking, the possibility of using the Basin Assessment to establish funds to purchase water from Calleguas Municipal Water District ("Calleguas") is being evaluated. Water purchased from Calleguas can only be delivered to the eastern portion of the Las Posas Basin and cannot provide water to meet DNWC's allocation.

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Despite this lack of benefit, the uniform application of the Basin Assessment is resulting in DNWC paying for the evaluation of activities that do not benefit its area of the Basin. All while at the same time, DNWC is paying United's assessment which actually provides replenishment of the basin as well as technical data that the Watermaster needs to investigate compliance with and enforcement of the Judgment as well as to prepare the Basin Optimization Plan and annually assess basin conditions. Therefore, the Basin Assessment is duplicative of United's assessment and United's operations benefit the basin as a whole.

2. DNWC's Assertion of its Rights Under Section 9.2 of the Judgment is Timely

DNWC submitted a letter on April 18, 2024, protesting its payment of the Basin Assessment under Section 7.9 of the Judgment because DNWC and its shareholders are "Water Right Holders located in the western portion of the Basin within [United]'s service area presently pay[ing] assessments to [United]." (Judgment, § 7.9.) Section 7.9 of the Judgment further provides that the Watermaster determines whether a "reduction is appropriate as a matter of equity," but the Watermaster only makes that determination "following Committee Consultation." Committee Consultation is, [t]he process by which Watermaster shall consult either with the Policy Advisory Committee or Technical Advisory Committee, or both as specified in the Judgment or Watermaster Rules, or in the Watermaster's discretion as may be appropriate under the circumstances, pursuant to Article VI." (Judgment, § 1.35.)

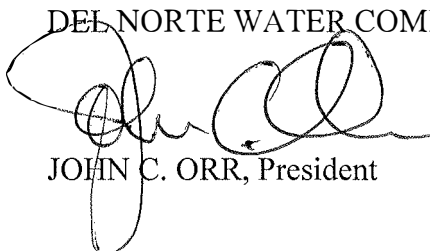
Section 6.3 of the Judgment establishes the process for the Watermaster to assign Basin Management Action for Committee Consultation, but provides no timeline for the Watermaster to make such assignment. Similarly, the Los Posas Watermaster Rules, attached as Exhibit A to the Judgment, provide no deadline for the Watermaster to refer a Basin Management Action to the Committee Consultation process. (See Watermaster Rules, § 2.9.) Consequently, there is no clear deadline for the Watermaster to refer DNWC's protest to its payment of the Basin Assessment.

DNWC's second letter, invoking its rights under Section 9.2 of the Judgment, was submitted on July 17, 2024. This is exactly 90 days following the submission of its protest letter on April 18, 2024. This gave the Watermaster 30 days to take action on DNWC's protest letter, while still ensuring that DNWC did not exceed the 60-day notice requirement for mediation under the Judgment. DNWC's invocation of Section 9.2 of the Judgment is timely as to the Watermaster's failure to act in addressing its protest to the Basin Assessment. A Basin Management Action includes "[a]ctions, failures to act, enforcement actions, decisions, or determinations by Watermaster related to the implementation of the Judgment as defined in Section 9.1." Therefore, DNWC's letter dated July 17, 2024 was timely in challenging the Watermaster's failure to act in commencing Committee Consultation to determine if equity required adjustment of the Basin Assessment based on DNWC's payment of the United assessment.

Because the Basin is being managed as a single basin, the management areas in the east and west must be equally benefited by the burdens being placed upon them under the Judgment.

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Based on current planning efforts, DNWC, in the western area of the Basin, is to pay for proposed study and replenishment in the eastern area of the Basin. With that benefit in place, equity demands that the eastern area of the Basin, which is receiving the benefit of the Basin Assessment, pay for the benefit of the replenishment in the western area of the Basin through United's activities. That equity can be achieved either by crediting DNWC for the replenishment fees it pays to United, or in the alternative, by having United's assessment paid by ALL landowners within the Basin.

DEL NORTE WATER COMPANY

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Attachments

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Funding of a Landowner Representative to the Calleguas Municipal Water District Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project Study Group Through Basin Assessments

Item 16 - August 27, 2025



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Background

- The Las Posas Valley Judgment (Judgment) provides that, subject to the No Injury Rule, Calleguas may make reasonable use of the Basin's storage space to facilitate operation of the Calleguas ASR Project
- Judgment does not include parameters for the operations of the ASR project:
 - Requires formation of an ASR Study Group to develop recommendations on four operating scenarios (Judgment, § 8.4)
- Membership and qualifications of ASR Study Group (Judgment, § 8.4.1)
- Budget and cost sharing (Judgment, § 8.4.7)
 - FCGMA 20% and Calleguas 80%
 - Parties shall bear their own costs for attendance at meetings & analysis of completed work

Discussion

- PAC recommends that Watermaster “[f]und the Landowner’s representative of the Calleguas ASR Study Group, Bob Abrams, through the Basin Assessment (Exhibit 16A)
- ASR Study Group Budget and Cost Sharing (Judgment, § 8.4.7)
 - FCGMA / Watermaster (20%) and Calleguas (80%)
 - Applies to the costs of the Calleguas ASR Study Group Work
- Does not extend beyond study group work to require either FCGMA / Watermaster to fund a Landowner representative’s participation on the ASTR Study Group

Discussion

- PAC recommends that Watermaster “funding the Landowner representative on the Calleguas ASR Study Group through the Basin Assessment is logical and simple.” (Exhibit 16A)
- Some parties have protested Watermaster’s invoicing & payment of Basin Assessments (BA), objecting to the fact that BA collected from all parties in the Basin maybe used for projects that do not benefit them (Exhibit 16B).
- It is reasonable to anticipate that such parties may bring a similar protest to Watermaster funding through the BA a Landowner representative to the Calleguas ASR Study Group.

Recommendations

1. Receive and file this presentation; and
2. Provide direction to staff on whether Watermaster should prepare and execute a contract with the Landowner representative on the Calleguas ASR Study Group.

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