

# LAS POSAS BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

## NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Las Posas Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will hold a HYBRID meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 15, 2026,

at the Calleguas Municipal Water District offices:

2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

and via Zoom at the following address:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83642637400?pwd=8KSgxi2GG2ijPZvNpIAcUNyuxDBa1Y.1>

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## AGENDA

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Agenda Review**

**D. Public Comments**

**E. PAC Member Comments**

**F. Regular Agenda**

**1. Approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2025 Meeting**

**2. Draft Basin Optimization Yield Study**

Watermaster provided the attached memo regarding the draft Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS) on December 17, 2025. The Judgment provides the PAC a 60-day review period, putting the deadline for the PAC's Recommendation Report at February 16, 2026.

The PAC will discuss the BOYS and the development of a draft Recommendation Report. Due to the file size, the draft BOYS document is not included in this packet but, rather, is available via the following link: [https://countyofventuraca.sharepoint.com/sites/FCGMA\\_PRA/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FFCGMA%5FPRA%2FShared%20Documents%2FBasin%20Optimization%20Yield%20Study%20Report%20%2D%20Final%20Draft%20for%20Distribution&p=true&ga=1](https://countyofventuraca.sharepoint.com/sites/FCGMA_PRA/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FFCGMA%5FPRA%2FShared%20Documents%2FBasin%20Optimization%20Yield%20Study%20Report%20%2D%20Final%20Draft%20for%20Distribution&p=true&ga=1)

**G. PAC Subcommittee Reports**

PAC representatives on subcommittees will provide reports.

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

4. TAC Subcommittee

**H. Written Communication**

None.

**I. Future Agenda Items**

The PAC will consider items for future agendas.

**J. Adjourn**

**Attachments**

**F-1. PAC 2025-11-20 Meeting Minutes**

**F-2. Draft Basin Optimization Yield Study**

## LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025

The Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held a remote-only meeting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, November 20, 2025, via Zoom at the following address:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84816327542?pwd=Y-bN4zt674FOphU6wRyxXw9swYTgvA.9bNuXf3yWWBZyrae>  
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**A. Call to Order:** Chair Ian Prichard called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

#### **B. Roll Call**

The following PAC members were present:

1. Calleguas Municipal Water District – Ian Prichard, Chair
2. West Las Posas Large Agricultural – Rob Grether, Vice-chair
3. Zone Mutual Water Company – John Menne
4. Commercial – Arturo Aseo
5. East Las Posas Large Agricultural – David Schwabauer
6. East Las Posas Small Agricultural – Patty Martinez
7. East Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Laurel Servin
8. West Las Posas Small Agricultural – Richard Cavaletto
9. West Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Steven Murata
10. LPV Watermaster (non-voting) – Farai Kaseke

The following PAC member was absent:

1. Ventura County Waterworks Districts 1 and 19 – Paul Chan

**C. Agenda Review:** No changes or corrections to the agenda were requested.

**D. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

#### **E. PAC Member Comments:**

PAC member Laurel Servin inquired about the status of the pumpers on Sand Canyon who are extracting water without an allocation. She noted that this ongoing issue was raised more than a year ago and requested an update so she can provide accurate information to her constituents.

Farai Kaseke and John Demers, representing LPV Watermaster, provided a brief overview of the actions being taken to address and resolve the matter, including the issuance of cease-and-desist orders and continued communication with the affected landowners. Additional information will be provided to the PAC as it becomes available.

#### **F. Regular Agenda**

1. **Approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2025, Regular PAC Meeting**

David Schwabauer moved to approve the minutes as stated for the October 2, 2025, meeting; Richard Cavaletto seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 9-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 1-Absent.

## **2. 2026 PAC Calendar**

The PAC reviewed several options for the 2026 meeting calendar and determined that the existing schedule is generally compatible with PAC members' schedules and does not conflict with scheduled FCGMA and LPV Watermaster meetings.

John Menne made a motion to continue in 2026 with the existing schedule format where regular hybrid meetings will remain set for 3:00 PM on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Unless stated otherwise in future notices, all meetings will be held at Calleguas Municipal Water District, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA, and via Zoom.

Steve Murata seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 9-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 1-Absent.

## **3. Watermaster Response Report on Calleguas In-Lieu Program**

On October 22, 2025, Watermaster submitted their Response Report to the PAC's September 4, 2025, Recommendation Report: Calleguas In-Lieu Program Memo.

The Response Report makes four recommendations or requests for moving the program forward:

- That Calleguas clarify how Capacity Charge (CC) and Readiness To Serve (RTS) charges may apply to the In-Lieu Program
- That Calleguas provide CC and RTS charges for both the high- and low-demand periods to enable calculation of the full costs of the In-Lieu Program
- That purveyors' water demands during both the high- and low-demand periods be analyzed to evaluate which period would benefit most from such a program
- That the Watermaster Board, following PAC consultation, develop policy guidance on Basin Optimization Project Assessments for Water Right Holders that already pay an assessment to United Water Conservation District for replenishment activities

The PAC discussed the Watermaster Response Report and their recommendations and requests.

The discussion also included remarks on the potential future expansion of the program to additional connections within the Basin, making it accessible to more pumpers. Participants also inquired about the feasibility of importing and storing water in advance of anticipated needs; both of these options may be explored further as the project advances through planning and implementation.

The PAC acknowledges that this project should initially remain flexible, allowing for adjustments in production and an analysis of benefits before committing to additional infrastructure costs.

John Menne made a motion for Chair Prichard to prepare a Recommendation Report detailing the following potential next steps:

- Request that Calleguas clarify how Capacity Charge (CC) and Readiness to Serve (RTS) charges may apply to water delivered through the In-Lieu Program

- LPV Watermaster staff should work with Calleguas and appropriate purveyors to:
  - a. analyze water demands
  - b. develop total estimated project costs under different delivery scenarios, considering both short-term and long-range planning
  - c. consider the effects of a potential ramp-down on the program's benefits
  - d. consider the impact of seasonal variations on the program
- Request that LPV Watermaster prepare and provide a written report detailing the costs and benefits of the Imported Water In-Lieu Program

David Schwabauer seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 9-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 1-Absent.

#### **G. PAC Subcommittee Reports**

1. Operations Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
2. Executive Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
3. Fiscal Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.
4. TAC Subcommittee: No meeting; nothing to report.

#### **H. Written Communication:** No new written communication was presented.

#### **I. Future Agenda Items:**

Farai Kaseke of LPV Watermaster advised that the LPV Watermaster Annual Report and Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS) report will be presented to the PAC in January 2026 for their review and recommendations.

#### **J. Adjournment**

Chair Prichard adjourned the meeting at 4:23 PM until the next regular hybrid meeting scheduled for December 4, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

# FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** December 17, 2025  
**To:** Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee  
**From:** Kudzai F. Kaseke, Assistant Groundwater Manager  
**Subject:** Committee Consultation on the Draft Las Posas Valley Basin, Basin Optimization Yield Study.

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Dear Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC):

Pursuant to Section 4.10.1.1 of the Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (Judgment), Watermaster shall, with Committee Consultation, undertake a Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS) to be finalized in 2025. The Judgment requires that Watermaster share a draft BOYS with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) before Watermaster adopts the study.

On April 03, 2025, Watermaster submitted a consultation request to both TAC and PAC requesting comments on the preferred modeling alternative and impacts to schedule. Specifically, whether Watermaster should use the United Water Conservation District (UWCD) Periodic Evaluation model files to run scenarios for preparation of the BOYS rather than estimating the Basin Optimization Yield and Rampdown (i) using GSP periodic evaluation model simulations or (ii) using historical groundwater elevation measurements and extraction reports. Both TAC and PAC agreed that the Watermaster and Dudek's preferred alternative was the best approach to conduct the BOYS under the circumstances. On July 25, 2025, Watermaster staff and Dudek submitted a consultation request consistent with TAC's request in its Recommendation Report dated August 27, 2024, and Watermaster's Response Report dated September 19, 2024, regarding numerical groundwater flow modeling conducted for the BOYS. On August 29, 2025, Watermaster staff and Dudek submitted a second consultation request in response to the TAC's request for clarification regarding the Basin Optimization Yield Study Model Scenario Results in an email dated August 8, 2025.

Watermaster and Dudek have completed a draft version of the Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Yield Study, and in compliance with the provisions of the Judgment, refer said draft for committee consultation. Watermaster requests TAC recommendations or comments on the draft. Access to the draft is available through the following link: [Draft LPV Basin Optimization Yield Study](#). The Judgment affords your committee 60 days to prepare and submit recommendation reports to Watermaster. Therefore, your committee's recommendation report is due February 16, 2026.

Please contact me at 805 654 2010 or [LPV.Watermaster@venturacounty.gov](mailto:LPV.Watermaster@venturacounty.gov) with any questions or concerns.