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March 25, 2026

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

**SUBJECT: Appointment of David Borchard to Serve on the Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee as the West Las Posas Management Small Agriculture Representative [LPV Watermaster] – (New Item)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Appoint David Borchard to serve as the West Las Posas Management Area (WLPMA) Small Agriculture representative on the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee.

## INTRODUCTION:

Under the judgment entered in *Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (Judgment), the PAC is the 11-member body responsible for providing recommendations to the Las Posas Valley Basin Watermaster (LPV Watermaster) on policy-related matters of a non-technical nature. (Judgment, § 6.10.1.) The PAC consists of 5 basin wide representatives from Zone Mutual Water Company, Ventura County Water Works Districts Nos. 1 & 19, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Commercial Water Right Holders, and the LPV Watermaster (*non-voting*) and 6 representatives from the East and West Management Areas (Large Agriculture, Small Agriculture and Mutual Water Companies) of the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin. (Judgment, § 6.10.2.)

Each member of the PAC serves until that member resigns or is replaced according to the Judgment. (Judgment, § 6.10.2, Exh. A, § 3.1.6.) In the event of a vacancy, the applicable Landowner Constituency nominates a replacement pursuant to the procedure set forth in the Judgment. (Judgment, § 6.10.2, Exh. A, § 3.1.6.)

## DISCUSSION:

On February 27, 2026, Watermaster received notification that the WLPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group representative's seat on the PAC was vacant. On March 2, 2026, Watermaster staff, working with the PAC Administrator, sent a notice informing all WLPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group members of said vacancy, a date, time and zoom link for an online meeting to elect a new representative to the PAC (attached as Exhibit 17A).

On March 17, 2026, the WLPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group held an online 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). Also On March 17, 2026, the WLPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group submitted meeting minutes to Watermaster, as required by the Judgment, thus officially notifying Watermaster of the nomination of David Borchard as the WLPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group Representative to the PAC (attached as Exhibit 17B).

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 David Borchard as the WLPMA Small Agriculture Constituency Group Representative to the PAC.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that your Board appoint the nominee, David Borchard, to the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee as the West Las Posas Management Area Small Agriculture Constituency Group 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 Manger

Attachments:

Exhibit 17A – Watermaster WLPMA Small Ag Rep Notice, March 2, 2026

Exhibit 17B – WLPMA Small Ag Constituency Group Minutes, March 17, 2026

**From:** [LPV Watermaster](#)  
**To:** [LPV Watermaster](#)  
**Subject:** LPV Adjudication PAC WLPMA Small Agriculture Landowner Constituency Group Vacancy  
**Date:** Monday, March 2, 2026 11:52:45 AM

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**NOTICE:** LPV Adjudication Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) West Las Posas Management Area (WLPMA) Small Agriculture Group Constituency Vacancy

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). Such a vacancy has arisen, and this email serves as notification for said vacancy.

Your WMID is designated as a member of the WLPMA Small Agriculture Group and is eligible to participate in the vote to nominate a replacement PAC member for said group.

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

**March 17, 2026, from 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM.**

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85699528160?pwd=y0uiH6kVxQ22XgaCAaxYsgxiRakmka.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 by responding to this email.

Regards,

**LPV Watermaster**

c/o Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

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Gene West, Chair  
LPV Watermaster  
800 S. Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

March 17, 2026

Chair West:

As you know, Richard Cavaletto was nominated to serve as the agricultural representative on the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency / Watermaster Board of Directors. Mr. Cavaletto currently serves as the West Small Agriculture Constituency Group representative on the LPV Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). To avoid a conflict of interest, Mr. Cavaletto resigned his seat on the PAC.

The West Small Ag group met on March 17, 2026 to nominate a successor. The meeting was carried out as prescribed in Section 3.1.4 of Judgment Exhibit A. Per that section, I'm pleased to submit the following as minutes of the meeting.

- I served as the presiding officer and called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.
- The following people were in attendance: Lori Milligan, Diane Connelly, David Scholle, David Borchard, Rob Grether, Alden Broom, John Menne, and Richard Cavaletto.
- A call for nominations from the floor yielded one candidate: David Borchard, nominated by Alden Broome and seconded by John Menne.
- The vote proceeded as recorded in the attached spreadsheet, which is formatted to weight votes by Allocation Basis, pursuant to Section 6.10.2 of the Judgment.
- As demonstrated in the attached, David Borchard is the West Small Ag Constituent Group's nomination to the PAC.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.

The Judgment provides Watermaster 30 days to appoint or decline his nomination. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 805.256.0949.

Sincerely,



Ian Prichard, Chair, LPV Watermaster PAC

7. West Las Posas Management Area - Small Agricultural

Candidates	Count	%
1 David Borchard	2,478	100%
2 none	0	0%
3 none	0	0%

WMID	Landowner	Allocation Basis	Voter	PAC Candidate Supported	Allocation Basis in Support of Candidate 1	Allocation Basis in Support of Candidate 2
1002	Aggen Associates, LLC	164.71	Not present			
1003	Aggen Partners, LP	219.09	Not present			
1034	Ann Cooluris, Trustee of the Ann C. Cooluris Trust, et al.	164.41	Not present			
1064	April First Trust dated 01/15/2001, John M. Grether and Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustees	56.22	Rob Grether	David Borchard	56.22	
1066	April First Trust dated 01/15/2001, John M. Grether and Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustees	53.46	Rob Grether	David Borchard	53.46	
1065	April First Trust dated 01/15/2001, John M. Grether and Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustees	29.60	Rob Grether	David Borchard	29.60	
1086	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	100.19	Not present			
1088	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	50.39	Not present			
1089	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	74.56	Not present			
1090	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	91.72	Not present			
1093	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	146.82	Not present			
4203	Benjamin C. Vasquez and Leonila C. Vasquez, Trustees of the Vazquez Trust dated July 7, 2021, as community property	28.55	Not present			
1014	Berylwood Ranch, LLC, a California limited liability company	235.38	Not present			
3501	Biocca, Siro	41.07	Not present			
3502	Bliss Trust	21.00	Not present			
1022	Borchard, Patricia C. Trust, John Borchard Trustee	99.92	David Borchard	David Borchard	99.92	
3503	Brown, Nicholas	3.86	Not present			
3705	Bruce Bennett and Patricia Conway Bennett, Trustees of the Bruce Bennett and Patricia Conway Bennett Trust established January 7, 2007	12.57	Not present			
3802	Claude R. Goodman & Loraine S. Goodman, Trustees of The Claude R. Goodman and Loraine S. Goodman Family Trust, dated September 25, 2003	1.09	Not present			
1110	Cohen Trust of 1990, dated 11/27/1990, and restated 08/05/2010, Marc S. Cohen and Lyn M. Cohen, Co-Trustees	14.87	Not present			
1035	Culbert Farms LLC; Cristina Marie Kildee; Delcia Ann Giacalone; Jennifer Elizabeth Kildee; Richard D. Culbert; Michael Kenneth Kildee; Kevin Bertis Kildee	80.73	Not present			
1037	DeBoni Corporation	120.66	Not present			
1038	DeBoni Corporation	116.22	Not present			
4237	DFK Corporation, a California Corporation	100.82	Not present			
4233	Donal N. Ziemer and Ann L. Ziemer, Trustees of the Ziemer Family Trust established November 14, 1980	20.02	Not present			
1151	Dorcas H. Thille, Trustee of the Dorcas H. Thille Trust	148.13	Not present			
1050	Dusty Lane LLC	22.22	Not present			

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1051	Dusty Lane LLC	25.47	Not present			
4208	Ehud Ariav Enterprises, Inc.	22.00	Not present			
1063	Elizabeth B. Grether Trust, Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustee	150.40	Rob Grether	David Borchard	150.40	
4220	Elizabeth Pajka	14.63	Not present			
4257	Eppy Ranch, LLC	29.17	Not present			
1046	Ernest Borchard Ranch Co., LLC, a California limited liability company	200.41	David Borchard	David Borchard	200.41	
1122	Frank Russell Ranch LP	135.70	Diane Connelly	David Borchard	135.70	
4210	Fred A Sharl, Ernest R Nichols, Arthur L Nichols, Vincent E Gisler	154.98	Not present			
3504	Friel Las Posas LLC	58.45	Not present			
4242	George Tash and Debra B. Tash, Trustees of the Community Trust created under the George Tash and Debra B. Tash Intervivos Trust Agreement dated Nov. 25, 1985, fully reinstated May 19, 1999	46.57	Not present			
1031	Glen and Kim T. Carmichael, Co-Trustees of the Glen and Kim T. Carmichael Joint Living Trust and Carmichael Farms Trust	193.46	Not present			
1080	Graham Somis Ranch, LLC	200.28	Not present			
1070	Hacobian, Edward/Kristine	25.00	Not present			
4211	Helen Elaine Cavaletto, Trustee of the Cavaletto Survivor's Trust dated December 29, 2013, 403 shares; Richard Cavaletto and Melanie Cavaletto, Trustees of the Cavaletto Trust dated December 29, 2014, 57 shares; Gregory C. Hanger and Christina M. Hanger, Trustees of the Hanger Trust dated March 19, 2009, 57 shares	93.15	Richard Cavaletto	David Borchard	93.15	
1073	Higgins, Sunny May Trust et al	216.71	Not present			
4244	Highwood Farms LLC	32.57	Not present			
1043	Isabella Rastegar Farms, LLC	181.17	Not present			
1047	J. David Borchard and Michele A. Borchard, Co-Trustees of the J. David and Michele A. Borchard Family Trust dated September 25, 2014	108.56	David Borchard	David Borchard	108.56	
1059	James A. Waters, III, Trustee for The J&H Waters Revocable Trust Dated July 18, 2008 ; James A. Waters, III, Trustee for The Andrew Exempt Trust Dated June 29, 2012	134.58	Not present			
1180	JJM Somis Ranch, LLC	78.32	John Menne	David Borchard	78.32	
1044	John Moffatt Grether, Trustee of the GST Exempt Exemption Trust and the Survivors Administrative Trust under the Grether Family Trust	15.39	Rob Grether	David Borchard	15.39	

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1150	John Moffatt Grether, Trustee of the GST Exempt Exemption Trust and the Survivor's Administrative Trust under the Grether Family Trust, dated September 12, 1989	85.69	Rob Grether	David Borchard	85.69	
1062	John Moffatt Grether, Trustee of the Helen B. Grether Trust, the GST Exempt Exemption Trust, and the Survivors Adminstrative Trust under the Grether Family Trust	105.74	Rob Grether	David Borchard	105.74	
1024	John S. Broome Trust dated June 1, 1967, John S. Broome, Jr., Trustee, et al.	214.57	Alden Broome	David Borchard	214.57	
1049	John W. Borchard Jr. and Suzanne Borchard Kelly, Co-Trustees of the the Patricia C. Borchard Testamentary Trust for the benefit of John W. Borchard, Jr.	96.58	David Borchard	David Borchard	96.58	
1012	John W. Borchard Ranches, Inc., a California corporation	67.49	David Borchard	David Borchard	67.49	
1045	John W. Borchard, Jr and J. David Borchard, Co-Trustees of the Cecilia Borchard 1971 Trust for the benefit of John W. Borchard, Jr.	169.52	David Borchard	David Borchard	169.52	
1048	John W. Borchard, Jr. and J. David Borchard, Co-Trustees of John's Exempt Residuary Trust, under the John W. Borchard 1986 Trust	22.47	David Borchard	David Borchard	22.47	
1019	John W. Borchard, Jr., Trustee of the John W. Borchard, Jr. Trust dated May 12, 1971	48.23	David Borchard	David Borchard	48.23	
1132	John W. Borchard, Jr., Trustee of the John W. Borchard, Jr. Trust dated May 12, 1971	132.96	David Borchard	David Borchard	132.96	
1133	John W. Borchard, Jr., Trustee of the John W. Borchard, Jr. Trust dated May 12, 1971	111.70	David Borchard	David Borchard	111.70	
4214	Karen P. Green, a married woman as her sole and separate property, and Cynthia A. Burdullis, an unmarried woman, each as to an undivided 50% interest as tenants-in- common	76.88	Not present			
3808	Kathleen Reinhard, Trustee of the Bruder-Reinhard Family Trust-Survivor's "A" Trust	13.22	Not present			
1079	Lamb Trust, John B Lamb Trustee	13.58	Not present			
1020	Lauren A. Borchard, Trustee LAB Trust; Leslie K. Borchard	89.95	Not present			
1040	Leslie C. Dobson & Debra L. Dobson	16.93	Not present			
3505	Lewis, James	25.49	Not present			
4253	Little Bison Farm LLC	90.51	Not present			
4205	Mariette L. Menne, Trustee of The Patricia A. Menne Survivor's Trust, created for the benefit of the surviving spouse, under the terms of The David and Patricia Menne Family Trust Dated August 23, 1999, as Amended	87.07	Not present			
4215	Marilyn E. Smith, Trustee, Marilyn E. Smith 1997 Revocable Trust dated May 14, 1997	18.77	Not present			

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4202	Marshall T. Allen and Concepcion V. Allen, as co-trustees of the Marshall T. Allen and Concepcion V. Allen 1990 Revocable Inter Vivos Trust u/d/t dated December 5, 1990	12.38	Not present			
1076	Michael D. and Merrie Kelley, Trustee for the Michael and Merrie 2008 Revocable Family Trust, dba Triangle K. Farms	143.95	Not present			
3506	Milligan Ranch Partnership, LP	175.32	Lori Milligan	David Borchard	175.32	
1100	Mittag Ranches	226.22	Rob Grether	David Borchard	226.22	
1113	Placco, LLC	58.54	Not present			
3507	Plum Vista	227.27	Not present			
4216	Price Road Ranch Partners, LLC	105.97	Not present			
3508	R Attilio/D Vanoni	109.83	Not present			
1095	Rancho Isla Vista LLC	130.05	Not present			
4262	Rancho Largo, LLC	28.62	Not present			
4217	Rancho Limonada LLC	211.86	Not present			
1120	RBV 2+5, LLC	56.38	Not present			
1121	RBV-Vanoni, LLC	189.55	Not present			
1015	Roberta Ann Bianchi Trust dated 04/25/1988, Roberta Ann Bianchi, Trustee	43.28	Not present			
1016	Roberta Ann Bianchi Trust dated 04/25/1988, Roberta Ann Bianchi, Trustee	45.61	Not present			
3703	Ronald V. Boch and Lois R. Boch, Trustees of the Boch Family Revocable Trust dated November 4, 1998	48.14	Not present			
1124	Santa Elena Farms, LLC, a California limited liability company	158.92	Not present			
1140	Sharlee C. Carnes; Meredith C. Horton; Michael E. Culbert	75.57	Not present			
4247	Somis Farm, LLC	78.30	Not present			
4213	Soon Ja Lee, as Trustee of The Lee Family Trust, dated March 19, 1988	54.44	Not present			
3702	Steve George and Michele R. George, Trustees of the George Family Revocable Trust, dated January 25, 2005	21.97	Not present			
3704	Steve George and Michele R. George, Trustees of the George Family Revocable Trust, dated January 25, 2006	24.96	Not present			
1144	Stevens Trust, Kathleen/Leon Scott Stevens	224.79	Not present			
4225	Terry Noriega, as Trustee of the Noriega Family Trust dated January 26, 1996	42.21	Not present			
4226	Terry Noriega, as Trustee of the Noriega Family Trust dated January 26, 1996	47.76	Not present			
3509	Thompson, Brian	14.71	Not present			
3801	Timothy W. Huddleston and Lisa M. Huddleston	11.61	Not present			
3203	Tom & Ruth Millington	4.72	Not present			
1152	Tschirhart Trust, Donald/Jean	206.35	Not present			
3510	Vorbeck, Alexandra	17.98	Not present			
3511	Wilhite, R.J.	35.50	Not present			

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1042	Zachary Rastegar Farms, LLC	240.22	Not present			
1056	Zachary Rastegar Farms, LLC	111.48	Not present			
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,007.10</b>			<b>2,478</b>	<b>0</b>