

# 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, May 7, 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=8KSqxi2GG2ijPZvNplAcUNyuxDBa1Y.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 March 19, 2026 Meeting**

**2. Committee Consultation: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget**

The Judgment requires Watermaster, following Committee Consultation, prepare an annual budget. Watermaster has held three Watermaster budget study and produced a draft budget for the PAC's review and recommendations. At the April 28, 2026, FCGMA/Watermaster Fiscal Committee meeting, the committee directed staff to consult the PAC for policy recommendations regarding the Imported Water In-Lieu Program (Project 2 in the Basin Optimization Plan).

Watermaster requests feedback generally and particularly on the following two topics:

- Whether to pursue full implementation Project 2 and if so, when, being mindful that lack of full implementation would reduce safe yield below the current 40,000 AFY operating yield
- What level of implementation of Project 2 is appropriate for FY2026-27 from the three presented scenarios

The Watermaster memo and draft FY26-27 Watermaster Budget is attached for PAC consideration.

**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**

**Minutes of the March 19, 2026 PAC meeting**

**2026-04-30 Watermaster Memo Requesting Committee Consultation on the FY26-27  
Watermaster Budget**

## LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2026

The Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) held a regular hybrid meeting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Calleguas Municipal Water District, 2100 Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks, CA, and via Zoom.

**A. Call to Order:** Chair Ian Prichard called the meeting to order at 3:07 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. Ventura County Waterworks Districts 1 and 19 – Paul Chan
4. Commercial – Arturo Aseo
5. West Las Posas Small Agricultural – Richard Cavaletto
6. West Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Steven Murata
7. East Las Posas Large Agricultural – David Schwabauer
8. East Las Posas Small Agricultural – Patty Martinez
9. East Las Posas Mutual Water Company – Laurel Servin

The following PAC members were absent:

1. Zone Mutual Water Company – John Menne
2. LPV Watermaster (non-voting) – Farai Kaseke

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

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

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

Chair Prichard reported that Richard Cavaletto is stepping down from his position on the PAC effective today, having accepted a seat on the FCGMA Board of Directors. The Chair thanked Richard for his service and added that he is welcome at any future PAC meetings and events.

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

##### **1. Approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2026, Regular PAC Meeting**

Vice-Chair Grether moved to approve the minutes as stated for the February 5, 2026, meeting; Richard Cavaletto seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-Ayes; 0-Nays; 1-Abstentions; 1-Absent.

##### **2. Committee Consultation: Reduction of Basin Assessments**

The Judgment recognizes a western portion of the LPV Basin, commonly known as the “West-West,” which represents approximately 20% of the Basin and falls within the United Water Conservation District (UWCD) service area. Section 7.9 of the Judgment states that, “Water Right Holders located in the western portion of the Basin within UWCD’s service area presently pay assessments to UWCD, a portion of which is used to finance UWCD’s ongoing activities that are designed to replenish the Basin and neighboring basins. Watermaster may reduce the amount of the Basin Assessments levied on Water Right Holders that pay an assessment to UWCD if Watermaster determines, following Committee Consultation, that such a reduction is appropriate as a matter of equity.”

On March 5, 2026, the PAC received a Committee Consultation request from Watermaster regarding payment of Basin Assessments by those in the West-West portion of the Basin who do not consider it equitable for them to contribute to the funding of LPV Watermaster Basin replenishment projects. Watermaster requests the PAC’s recommendation and feedback by April 6, 2026.

The following specific questions were raised for review and consultation:

1. Should Watermaster reduce the amount of the Project Basin Assessment levied on Water Right Holders that pay an assessment to UWCD?

**PAC response:** Yes, the PAC recognizes the value of UWCD’s replenishment efforts in the West-West and their benefits to the Basin as a whole. The PAC feels a reduction to project-related Basin assessments would be appropriate.

2. If PAC recommends Watermaster reduce the Project Basin Assessment levied on Water Right Holders that pay an assessment to UWCD, what fraction of the Project Basin Assessment should these Water Right Holders pay?

**PAC response:** The PAC will recommend that Water Right Holders in the West-West who are assessed by UWCD for Basin replenishment be exempt from project-related assessments from LPV Watermaster to fund Basin replenishment activities. This will be the durable condition excepting a significant change in Basin levels, Basin assessments from UWCD, and/or changes to the impact of replenishment activities by UWCD on the Basin.

To reach these conclusions, the PAC discussed these issues and referred to Section 1.91 of the Judgment which defines “Replenishment” as “The augmentation of Groundwater in the Basin (either by directly increasing the amount of available Groundwater or through deliveries of In Lieu Water) to: (i) enhance the Sustainable Yield; (ii) reduce or narrow, if not eliminate, the difference between the initial Operating Yield and the Sustainable Yield, for the purpose of also mitigating or eliminating any Rampdown; or (iii) avoid or mitigate Undesirable Results.”

The PAC recognizes that West-West Water Right Holders currently pay \$323 per acre-foot to UWCD for Basin replenishment, making additional charges for LPV Watermaster projects redundant and inequitable. Further, benefits accrue to the Basin as a whole from UWCD’s efforts, as these supplies reduce reliance on LPV sources and lessen the need for future Rampdowns of Annual Allocations.

At the conclusion of the PAC’s discussion, Vice-Chair Grether made a motion as follows: “PAC recommends to LPV Watermaster that the Water Right Holders that pay assessments to UWCD shall not be levied any portion of Project Basin Assessments. The PAC appreciates the need for long-term planning and to that end this will be the durable condition excepting a significant change in Basin levels, Basin assessments from United, and/or changes to the impact of replenishment activities by UWCD on the Basin.” David Schwabauer seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 9-Ayes;

0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 1-Absent. Chair Prichard will deliver the requested Recommendation Report to LPV Watermaster by April 6, 2026.

#### **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.
5. FCGMA Board Meeting Information - Chair Prichard made the following announcements:

At its upcoming March meeting, the FCGMA Board will vote to confirm Richard Cavaletto's appointment to the Board. Earlier this week, the West LPV Basin Small Agricultural Group met to vote on a replacement for the PAC seat vacated by Richard Cavaletto. The vote was unanimous in favor of David Borchard, who will assume the role and join the PAC at its next meeting on April 2, 2026.

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

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

Chair Prichard indicated that he and his colleagues from Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) would be happy to provide PAC members with a tour of their operations, including the lake, treatment plant, and well field. Several members expressed interest in participating, and the tour is expected to provide additional context about Calleguas's functions and infrastructure. While no formal vote was taken, several PAC members indicated that they would like to join the tour. Chair Prichard will provide possible dates, and the tour will likely be scheduled for June 2026.

#### **J. Adjournment**

Chair Prichard adjourned the meeting at 3:53 PM until the next regular hybrid meeting scheduled for April 2, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

# FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## LAS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** April 30, 2026  
**To:** Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee  
**From:** Kudzai F. Kaseke, Assistant Groundwater Manager  
**Subject:** Committee Consultation on FY2026-27 Watermaster Budget.

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

The Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment (Judgment), requires Watermaster following Committee Consultation, annually determine and prepare a Watermaster Budget. (Judgment, §7.5). Watermaster has held three Watermaster budget study sessions; February 17, 2026, March 24, 2026, and April 28, 2026, and produced a draft budget for your committee's review and recommendations as required by the Judgment. At the same time, at the last budget study session, April 28, 2026, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Fiscal Committee directed staff to consult your committee for policy recommendations regarding Basin Optimization Project Implementation for FY2026-27, particularly:

1. Whether to pursue full implementation of Project 2, Purchase of Calleguas Municipal Water District Imported water, and if so, when, being mindful that lack of full implementation would reduce safe yield below the current 40,000 AF/Y operating yield; and
2. What level of implementation of Project 2 is appropriate for FY2026-27 from the three presented scenarios

Please provide recommendations to Watermaster in writing by May 15, 2026, or at the FCGMA Fiscal Committee meeting on May 26, 2026.

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

**Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
FY 2026-27 Budget - Draft (as of April 28, 2026)  
OPERATING ACCOUNT**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Description	Actuals FY 2023-24	Actuals FY 2024-25	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26 (without 4th BA WY 2024-4) <sup>1</sup>	Actuals FY 2025-26 Through March 2026	Projected Year End FY 2025-26	Draft Budget FY 2026-27	Increase / Decrease Over Previous Year	% Change Over PY
2	<b>Operating:</b>								
3	Basin Assessment Fee	\$ 1,259,607	\$ 1,898,016	\$ 1,851,281	\$ 1,152,052	\$ 1,851,281	\$ 2,071,581	\$ 220,300	12%
4	Basin Assessment Interest	\$ 20,026	\$ 24,469	\$ 27,769	\$ 12,712	\$ 22,769	\$ 22,769	\$ (5,000)	-18%
5	Attorney Fees Collected - Enforcement Action	-	-	-	1,744	\$ 1,744	\$ -		
6	Costs of Collection - Enforcement Action	-	-	-	1,139	\$ 1,139	\$ -		
7	<b>Non-Operating:</b>								
8	Investment Income (from County Pooled Investment fund) <sup>2</sup>	\$ 9,846	\$ 62,157	\$ 25,000	11,821	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 15,000	60%
9	<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$ 1,289,479</b>	<b>\$ 1,984,642</b>	<b>\$ 1,904,051</b>	<b>\$ 1,179,468</b>	<b>\$ 1,916,934</b>	<b>\$ 2,134,350</b>	<b>\$ 230,300</b>	<b>12%</b>
10	<b>EXPENSES</b>								
11	<b>PWA Labor Cost</b>								
12	Watermaster Administration	\$ 66,034.35	\$ 127,392	\$ 89,653	\$ 91,896	\$ 124,105	\$ 99,579	\$ 9,926	11%
13	Allocations & Record Keeping	\$ 3,071.70	\$ 57,360	\$ 121,144	\$ 110,077	\$ 144,137	\$ 168,503	\$ 47,360	39%
14	Basin Management	\$ 3,936.87	\$ 50,579	\$ 26,257	\$ 69,831	\$ 95,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 73,743	281%
15	Committee Coordination and Consultations	\$ 3,622.07	\$ 30,456	\$ 40,813	\$ 18,882	\$ 24,308	\$ 27,669	\$ (13,145)	-32%
16	Budget and Assessments	\$ 4,768.26	\$ 30,565	\$ 58,429	\$ 24,794	\$ 27,943	\$ 29,340	\$ (29,088)	-50%
17	IT Services and Support	\$ 3,338.46	\$ 18,204	\$ 23,794	\$ 11,862	\$ 18,455	\$ 22,237	\$ (1,556)	-7%
18	Calleguas Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project	-	\$ 792	\$ 10,087	\$ 6,408	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 413	4%
19	Staff time (ongoing or anticipated litigation)	-	\$ 2,360	\$ 8,507	\$ 4,239	\$ 7,073	\$ 7,427	\$ (1,080)	-13%
20	<b>Total PWA Labor Cost<sup>3</sup>:</b>	<b>\$ 84,772</b>	<b>\$ 317,708</b>	<b>\$ 378,682</b>	<b>\$ 337,989</b>	<b>\$ 451,021</b>	<b>\$ 465,255</b>	<b>\$ 86,573</b>	<b>23%</b>
21	<b>Contract Costs</b>								
22	<b>Allocations &amp; Record Keeping</b>								
23	Extraction Monitoring and Reporting <sup>4</sup> (Ex A <sup>5</sup> , Article V)	\$ 17,244	\$ 44,442	\$ 53,000	\$ 58,659	\$ 63,000	\$ -	\$ (53,000)	-100%
24	<b>Subtotal - Allocations &amp; Record Keeping</b>	<b>\$ 17,244</b>	<b>\$ 44,442</b>	<b>\$ 53,000</b>	<b>\$ 58,659</b>	<b>\$ 63,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (53,000)</b>	<b>-100%</b>
25	<b>Basin Management</b>								
26	Initial Basin Optimization Plan <sup>6</sup> (5.3)	-	\$ 78,840	-	\$ 443	\$ 443	\$ -	\$ -	
27	2025 Basin Optimization Yield Study <sup>7</sup> (4.10)	-	\$ 31,698	\$ 271,302	\$ 208,429	\$ 271,302	\$ -	\$ (271,302)	-100%
28	GSP Update (Periodic Evaluation) <sup>8</sup>	-	\$ 6,579	-	-	-	-	-	
29	Annual Report <sup>9</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
30	Watermaster Technical Support <sup>10</sup>	-	-	\$ 50,000	-	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%
31	<b>Subtotal - Basin Management</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 117,117</b>	<b>\$ 321,302</b>	<b>\$ 208,871</b>	<b>\$ 296,745</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ (271,302)</b>	<b>-84%</b>
32	<b>Committee Coordination and Consultations</b>								
33	PAC Administrator <sup>11</sup>	-	\$ 22,349	\$ 175,100	\$ 4,993	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000	\$ (125,100)	-71%
34	Technical Advisory Committee <sup>12</sup> (6.11, Ex A Article IV)	-	\$ 66,694	\$ 100,363	\$ 13,380	\$ 85,363	\$ 60,000	\$ (40,363)	-40%
35	TAC Member Cost <sup>13</sup>	-	\$ 148,399	\$ 276,480	\$ 86,490	\$ 150,000	\$ 206,500	\$ (69,980)	-25%
36	Insurance <sup>14</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
37	<b>Subtotal - Committee Coordination and Consultations</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 237,441</b>	<b>\$ 551,943</b>	<b>\$ 104,863</b>	<b>\$ 245,363</b>	<b>\$ 316,500</b>	<b>\$ (235,443)</b>	<b>-43%</b>
38	<b>Budget and Assessments</b>								
39	Basin Assessments (7.1-7.3,7.6, Ex A 2.8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
40	Processing Fees (7.4)	-	-	\$ 25,000	-	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 10,000	40%
41	Audits (7.7)	-	\$ 17,650	\$ 14,150	\$ 14,881	\$ 21,150	\$ 20,800	\$ 6,650	47%
42	CSD Fiscal Services Staff <sup>15</sup>	-	\$ 33,900	\$ 24,900	\$ 12,450	\$ 24,900	\$ 43,000	\$ 18,100	73%
43	<b>Subtotal - Budget and Assessments</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 51,550</b>	<b>\$ 64,050</b>	<b>\$ 27,331</b>	<b>\$ 46,050</b>	<b>\$ 98,800</b>	<b>\$ 34,750</b>	<b>54%</b>
44	<b>IT Services and Support</b>								
45	Data Management and Support <sup>16</sup>	-	\$ 90,200	\$ 200,000	\$ 87,400	\$ 185,000	\$ 260,200	\$ 60,200	30%
46	<b>Subtotal - IT Services and Support</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 90,200</b>	<b>\$ 200,000</b>	<b>\$ 87,400</b>	<b>\$ 185,000</b>	<b>\$ 260,200</b>	<b>\$ 60,200</b>	<b>30%</b>
47	<b>Calleguas Aquifer Storage &amp; Recovery Project</b>								
48	Calleguas ASR Project Operations Study <sup>17</sup> (8.4)	-	-	\$ 100,000	-	\$ 30,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	0%
49	ASR Study Group Landowner Representative <sup>18</sup>	-	-	\$ 25,000	\$ 9,400	\$ 15,000	\$ 42,500	\$ 17,500	70%
50	<b>Subtotal - Calleguas Aquifer Storage &amp; Recovery Project</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 125,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,400</b>	<b>\$ 45,000</b>	<b>\$ 142,500</b>	<b>\$ 17,500</b>	<b>14%</b>
51	<b>Legal Services*</b>								
52	Agency Counsel (Ventura County Counsel's Office)**	\$ 59,959	\$ 185,434	\$ 175,000	\$ 77,942	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 25,000	14%
53	LPV WM Special Counsel (Stoel Rives)***	-	\$ 602,941	\$ 375,000	\$ 195,989	\$ 325,000	\$ 350,000	\$ (25,000)	-7%
54	LPV Water Rules Appeal <sup>19</sup> (9.2)	-	\$ 200,000	-	-	-	-	-	
55	<b>Subtotal - Legal Service</b>	<b>\$ 59,959</b>	<b>\$ 988,375</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 273,930</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>
56	<b>Total Contract Costs:</b>	<b>\$ 77,203</b>	<b>\$ 1,529,125</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,295</b>	<b>\$ 770,455</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,158</b>	<b>\$ 1,418,000</b>	<b>\$ (447,295)</b>	<b>-24%</b>
57	<b>TOTAL PWA Labor and Contract Costs:</b>		<b>\$ 1,846,832</b>	<b>\$ 2,243,977</b>	<b>\$ 1,108,444</b>	<b>\$ 1,832,178</b>	<b>\$ 1,883,255</b>	<b>\$ (360,722)</b>	<b>-16%</b>
58	<b>Contribution to Reserves:</b>		\$ 184,683	\$ 224,398	\$ 110,844	\$ 183,218	\$ 188,326	\$ (36,072)	-16%
59	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 161,974</b>	<b>\$ 2,031,516</b>	<b>\$ 2,468,375</b>	<b>\$ 1,219,288</b>	<b>\$ 2,015,396</b>	<b>\$ 2,071,581</b>	<b>\$ (396,794)</b>	<b>-16%</b>
60	<b>Net Operating Results</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,505</b>	<b>\$ (46,874)</b>	<b>\$ (564,325)</b>	<b>\$ (39,820)</b>	<b>\$ (98,462)</b>	<b>\$ 62,769</b>	<b>\$ 627,094</b>	<b>-111%</b>

**Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
FY 2026-27 Budget - Draft (as of April 28, 2026)  
OPERATING ACCOUNT**

	A Description	B Actuals FY 2023-24	C Actuals FY 2024-25	D Adopted Budget FY 2025-26 (without 4th BA WY 2024-4) <sup>1</sup>	E Actuals FY 2025-26 Through March 2026	F Projected Year End FY 2025-26	G Draft Budget FY 2026-27	H Increase / Decrease Over Previous Year	I % Change Over PY
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**Footnotes**

- 1 LPV-2024-4 Basin Assessment (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, July - September 2025) falls into FY 2025-26.
- 2 Earnings from County Pooled Investment fund. FY2026-27 Budget Development Manual states to use an interest rate of 3.00% when estimating interest earnings on cash available within the fund. The rate recommended for the FY2025-26 budget process was 3.40%.
- 3 Labor cost estimate based on Ventura County Public Works Agency providing LPV Watermaster staff at actual rates for FY 2025-26. For FY 2026-27, Labor cost estimates are based on Ventura County Public Works Agency providing LPV Watermaster staff at actual rates, assuming a 20% increase from FY 2025-26 actual rates.
- 4 Contract costs for Regional Government Services assisting Extraction Monitoring and Reporting (approved 09/25/2024). The FY 2025-26 projection of \$63K is based on past actual contract spend plus estimates for the first and second Extraction and Use reporting periods.
- 5 Reference to LPV Adjudication Judgment section; "Ex A" is Exhibit A of the Judgment.
- 6 Contract costs for Dudek for assisting with preparation of BOP \$76,025 (approved 01/12/2024); projection based on actual contract spend.
- 7 Contract costs for Dudek for assisting with BOYS \$303,000 (modification approved 06/01/2025); projection based on actual contract spend.
- 8 Contract estimates for Dudek assisting with GSP Periodic Evaluation (Task 10.2.1, Committee Evaluation Review and Response).
- 9 Annual Report costs are covered by FCGMA per the Fiscal Committee's recommendation.
- 10 Consultant to provide technical support to Watermaster as needed on Basin Management, proposed for FY 2026-27.
- 11 PAC Administrator contract \$170,000 (approved 09/25/2024). 2026 PAC Administrator contract amount adjusted down; Board approved 3/25/2026.
- 12 Contract cost estimate for Dudek for assisting as Watermaster TAC member \$97,440 (approved 05/22/2024). Assumes two meetings per month.
- 13 Contract cost estimate for three TAC members including Administrator, and preparation of Recommendation Reports. Assumes two meetings per month. 2026 costs subject to approval 3/25/2026.
- 14 PAC request for PAC and TAC members insurance; covered under FCGMA Budget.
- 15 CSD Fiscal services is an annual allocation. Costs are allocated quarterly between CSD and Watermaster.
- 16 IT Services and Support costs are split evenly between FCGMA and Watermaster. Budget amount includes \$40,700 CSD IT annual cost allocated quarterly.
- 17 Estimate provided by Calleguas Municipal Water District for \$100,000 for Watermaster's responsibility of 20% of ASR Study expenses with regard to total study cost.
- 18 Estimated expenses for ASR Study Group Landowner Representative.
- \* Agency Counsel and Special Counsel FY26-27 budget estimates are best estimates based on LPV WM legal work/services to date, current status of LPV ADJ, and experience in other similar matters. Estimates do include costs for work/services related to uncertainties/variables such as whether LPV ADJ overturned, and remand for further trial court proceedings.
- \*\* Agency Counsel services include advising on LPV ADJ implementation, administration, compliance, and enforcement; LPV WM Board, PAC, TAC meetings, staff reports, presentations; coordination with LPV WM Special Counsel.
- \*\*\* Special Counsel services include interpretation of LPV Judgment, Watermaster administration and Judgment implementation; initiation of compliance, enforcement actions; coordination with Agency Counsel.
- 19 Share of legal expenses for LPV Watermaster Rules Appeal (approved 9/13/2024).



**Las Posas Valley Watermaster**  
**FY 2026-27 Budget - Draft (as of April 28, 2026)**  
**BOP PROJECTS**

A	B	C	D	E	F
BOP Project No.	Basin Optimization Plan (BOP) Project Name	Budget FY 2025-26	Actuals FY 2025-26 Through March 2026	Projected Year End FY 2025-26	Draft Budget FY 2026-27
	<b>REVENUES</b>				
	LPV BOP Assessment		\$ 126,777	\$ 164,120	\$ 2,214,000
	LPV BOP Assessment Interest		\$ 766	\$ 961	\$ 1,000
	<b>Total REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 127,543</b>	<b>\$ 165,081</b>	<b>\$ 2,215,000</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
	Initial Project Implementation Planning	\$ 25,000	\$39,861	\$50,000	\$0
	<b>Purchase of Imported Water from CMWD</b>				
	Program Development	\$ 45,000			
	Administration	\$ 5,000			
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>		\$ 20,000	\$ 1,639,000
	<b>Arroyo Simi-Las Posas Water Acquisition</b>				
	Agreement Negotiation with the City of Simi Valley	\$ 45,000			
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 45,000</b>		\$ 10,000	\$ 100,000
	<b>Allocation Buyback and Reduction Program</b>				
	Program Development	\$ 55,000			
	Consultant Development of Transaction Mechanics	\$ 40,000			
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 95,000</b>		\$ 30,000	\$ 200,000
	<b>In Lieu Deliveries to northern ELPMA Feasibility Study</b>				
	Develop Scope of Work and Request for Proposal	\$ 35,000			
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>		\$ 10,000	\$ 106,000
	<b>Regional Desalter Feasibility Study</b>				
	Purveyor engagement, Development of Scope of Work and Request for proposal	\$ 40,000			
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>		\$ 40,000	\$ 169,000
	<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 290,000</b>	<b>\$ 39,861</b>	<b>\$ 160,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,214,000</b>
	<b>Net Operating Results</b>		<b>\$ 87,682</b>	<b>\$ 5,081</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>

**Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
Draft FY 2026-27 Budget (as of April 28, 2026)  
BOP PROJECT ASSESSMENT SCENARIOS**

	A	B	C	D
1	BOP Project	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
2	BOP 2: Purchase of CMWD Imported Water	\$ 5,146,460	\$ 2,573,230	\$ 1,639,000
3	BOP 5: Arroyo Simi-Las Posas Water Acquisition	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
4	BOP 8: Allocation Buyback and Reduction Program	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
5	BOP 7: In Lieu Deliveries to Northern ELPMA Feasibility Study	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000
6	BOP 9: Regional Desalter Feasibility Study	\$ 169,000	\$ 169,000	\$ 169,000
7	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,721,460</b>	<b>\$ 3,148,230</b>	<b>\$ 2,214,000</b>

**Scenario Cost Assumptions**

9	Cost per AF, if spread evenly over 40,000 acre-feet (AF)	\$ 143.04	\$ 78.71	\$ 55.35
10	Excluding WWLP from BOP 2, Cost per AF for CMWD service area	\$ 175.20	\$ 94.79	\$ 65.59
11	Excluding WWLP from BOP 2, Cost per AF for UWCD service area	\$ 14.38	\$ 14.38	\$ 14.38
12	Cost per AF for CMWD service area, assuming WWLP fee is reduced 50%	\$ 157.33	\$ 85.85	\$ 59.90
13	Cost per AF for WWLP, assuming fee is reduced 50% for UWCD service area	\$ 85.85	\$ 50.11	\$ 37.14

14	CMWD Rate per AF, Effective January 2026	\$ 2,058.00
15	RTS Charge	\$ 131.00
16	Capacity Rate <small>(May-September)</small>	\$ 194.00
17	CMWD Total Cost per AF <small>(October - April)</small>	<b>\$ 2,189.00</b>
18	Watermaster Incentive per AF	<b>\$ 1,639.00</b>

**Scenario Notes**

20	Scenario 1 assumes 3,140 AF purchase from CMWD
21	Scenario 2 assumes 1,570 AF purchase from CMWD
22	Scenario 3 assumes 1,000 AF purchase from CMWD

**Las Posas Valley Watermaster**  
**FY 2026-27 Budget - Draft (As of April 28, 2026)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	A	B	C	D	F	G	H
1	Account	Actuals FY 2023-24	Actuals FY 2024-25	Adopted Budget FY 2025-26 (without 4th BA WY 2024-4) <sup>1</sup>	Actuals FY 2025-26 Through March 2026	Projected Year End FY 2025-26	Draft Budget FY 2026-27
2	Operating Account	\$ 1,127,505	\$ 1,080,631	\$ 516,307	\$ 1,040,811	\$ 982,169	\$ 1,044,938
3	BOP Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,682	\$ 5,081	\$ 6,081
4	Reserves <sup>2</sup>	\$ -	\$ 184,683	\$ 409,081	\$ 295,528	\$ 367,901	\$ 556,227
5	Year End Total Fund Balance	\$ 1,127,505	\$ 1,265,314	\$ 925,388	\$ 1,424,021	\$ 1,355,151	\$ 1,607,246

6	AF	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
7	Total Annual Allocation (AF):	40,000	40,000	40,000
8	Basin Assessment per AF <sup>3</sup> :	\$ 64.58	\$ 60.00	\$ 51.79
9	Quarterly Assessment	\$ 16.14	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.95

*Footnotes:*

- 1 LPV-2024-4 Basin Assessment (4th Quarter, July - September 2025) falls into FY 2025-26.
- 2 Operating reserves are calculated at 10% of annual budget and are cumulative.
- 3 Basin Assessment calculation based on the FY 2026-27 budget.