

# FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), also sitting as watermaster for the Las Posas Valley Basin (LPV) and the groundwater sustainability agency for the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Pleasant Valley Basin, and the Oxnard Subbasin, will hold a **Fiscal Committee Meeting** at **1:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026** in the **Atlantic Conference Room**, at the County Government Center, Hall of Administration at 800 South Victoria Avenue, in Ventura, California.

## FISCAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**May 26, 2026**

**1:30 P.M.**

**Members:** Chair Eugene West  
Vice Chair Tony Trembley

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comments** – Audience members may speak about matters not on today's Agenda.
- C. FCGMA Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Development Study Session** – Proposed FCGMA Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Draft Budget evaluation; opportunity to provide feedback or discuss recommendations for modifications.
- D. LPV Watermaster Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Development Study Session** – Proposed LPV Watermaster FY 2026-27 Draft Budget evaluation; opportunity to provide feedback or discuss recommendations for modifications.
- E. Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date** – Tuesday, June 23, at 1:30 P.M.
- F. Adjourn Meeting.**

## **STANDING NOTICES**

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**Continuance of Items:** The Committee will endeavor to consider all matters listed on this agenda. However, time may not allow the Committee to hear all matters listed. Matters not heard at this meeting may be carried over to the next Committee meeting or to a future Committee meeting. Participating individuals or parties will be notified of the rescheduling of their item prior to the meeting. Please contact the Agency Clerk to find out about rescheduled items.

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**FCGMA FY 2026-27 BUDGET - DRAFT (As of May 22, 2026)**  
**OPERATING ACCOUNT**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Operating Account	2023-24 Year-End Actuals	2024-25 Year-End Actuals	2025-26 Adopted Budget	2025-26 Actuals Through April 2026	2025-26 Projected Year End	2026-27 Draft Budget	Increase / Decrease Over Previous Year	% Change Over PY
2	<b>Revenues</b>								
3	Pump Charge <sup>1</sup>	\$841,816	\$1,062,395	\$800,000	\$392,942	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0	0%
4	Groundwater Sustainability Fee <sup>2</sup>	\$2,756,100	\$3,568,028	\$2,904,000	\$2,227,586	\$2,904,000	\$3,206,500	\$302,500	10%
5	Penalties / Interest	\$299,408	\$161,265	\$150,000	\$63,707	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$0	0%
6	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - DWR <sup>3</sup>	\$0	\$2,577,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
7	SGM Impl Grant Round 1 (OPV) - Admin <sup>4</sup>	\$92,944	\$46,472	\$51,502	\$51,501	\$51,501	\$0	(\$51,502)	-100%
8	Interest Earnings (County Pooled Investment Fund) <sup>5</sup>	\$36,068	\$320,171	\$130,000	\$169,201	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$220,000	169%
9	Loan From Surcharges <sup>6</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
10	Misc. Revenue	\$163	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
11	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$4,026,499</b>	<b>\$7,736,130</b>	<b>\$4,035,502</b>	<b>\$2,904,937</b>	<b>\$4,205,501</b>	<b>\$4,506,500</b>	<b>\$470,998</b>	<b>12%</b>
12	<b>Expenditures</b>								
13	Public Works Agency Charges <sup>7</sup>	\$1,736,041	\$2,487,287	\$2,988,752	\$2,073,081	\$2,784,952	\$3,094,718	\$105,966	4%
14	General Services Agency Charges <sup>8</sup>	\$18,990	\$21,169	\$20,000	\$16,342	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$2,000	10%
15	FCGMA Online Support / GIS <sup>9</sup>	\$173,025	\$93,332	\$200,000	\$167,216	\$200,000	\$260,200	\$60,200	30%
16	LAFCO Funding <sup>10</sup>	\$2,995	\$3,510	\$5,192	\$5,192	\$5,192	\$6,250	\$1,058	20%
17	General Legal (County Counsel) <sup>11</sup>	\$185,852	\$119,711	\$255,000	\$72,686	\$150,000	\$150,000	(\$105,000)	-41%
18	Board Member Insurance	\$4,118	\$4,085	\$5,045	\$5,430	\$5,430	\$6,000	\$955	19%
19	Biennial Audit	\$4,000	\$26,820	\$20,848	\$13,505	\$13,505	\$33,500	\$12,652	61%
20	Professional Dues / Symposium/Conference	\$2,501	\$2,891	\$3,000	\$5,329	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	100%
21	Public Notices	\$991	\$1,111	\$1,500	\$1,288	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0%
22	GSP Annual Reports (Dudek) <sup>12</sup>	\$59,085	\$65,248	\$138,000	\$83,088	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$0	0%
23	Watershed Contributions / Match <sup>13</sup>	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$0	0%
24	Computer Equipment, Office & Website Software <sup>14</sup>	\$3,355	\$1,572	\$7,500	\$1,522	\$1,600	\$2,000	(\$5,500)	-73%
25	Office Equipment / Supplies / Printing	\$126	\$1,442	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$0	0%
26	Misc Hydrology / Office Expenses & Payments	\$2,033	\$383	\$2,500	\$955	\$1,000	\$2,000	(\$500)	-20%
27	FCGMA Board Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	-
28	<b>Special Expenditures</b>								
29	New FCGMA Data Management System <sup>15</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,189	\$48,200	\$0	\$0	-
30	GSP Implementation (Dudek) <sup>16</sup>	\$554,562	\$592,213	\$150,000	\$29,280	\$50,000	\$100,000	(\$50,000)	-33%
31	SGM Impl. Grant Monitoring Well Install (OPV) <sup>17</sup>	\$0	\$3,039,718	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
32	SGM Impl. Grant Round 1 - Administration <sup>18</sup>	\$68,705	\$102,393	\$44,800	\$130	\$130	\$0	(\$44,800)	-100%
33	Monitoring Wells Network Improvement Planning	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$100,000	(\$50,000)	-33%
34	SGM Round 2 Grant Application <sup>19</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$150,000)	-100%
35	Public Outreach & Strategic Planning <sup>20</sup>	\$16,086	\$15,879	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	0%
36	AMI Data Support	\$12,352	36,627	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
37	Oxnard Well Destruction <sup>21</sup>	\$86,976	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	-
38	Rate Counsel & Consultant <sup>22</sup>	\$12,623	\$1,976	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	0%
39	Recruitment - Executive Officer	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
40	Repayment of Loan (Initiated FY 2022-23)	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	(\$500,000)	-50%
41	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,945,916</b>	<b>\$6,647,366</b>	<b>\$5,520,137</b>	<b>\$2,512,834</b>	<b>\$4,022,509</b>	<b>\$4,555,168</b>	<b>(\$964,969)</b>	<b>-17%</b>
42	<b>Net Operating Results</b>	<b>\$1,080,583</b>	<b>\$1,088,764</b>	<b>(\$1,484,635)</b>	<b>\$392,103</b>	<b>\$182,992</b>	<b>(\$48,668)</b>	<b>\$1,435,967</b>	<b>-97%</b>

43 **Footnotes:**

(1) FY 26-27 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. Per Resolution 2025-06, WY 2027 Sustainability fee is \$29/AF. For FY 2025-26, the fee was \$24/AF. Fiscal Committee recommends keeping fee at \$24/AF during FY 2026-27 / WY 2026-27.

(3) Reimbursement from DWR for SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 funds for FCGMA projects in the Oxnard & Pleasant Valley Basins in FY2024-25.

(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. VC Budget Development Manual estimates 3% interest earnings rate for FY 2026-27.

(6) Loan from Designated Surcharges Account approved by Board as part of FY 2022-23 Budget; Fiscal Committee recommends repaying loan in split installments during FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27.

(7) Projected PWA charges to implement annual Work Plan. FY 2026-27 estimate includes PWA CS Fiscal allocation.

(8) County General Services Agency (GSA) fees for Board room and AV fees, etc.

(9) FY 26-27 Estimate for IT services to support, maintain, and improve FCGMA Online Data Management System. Costs are split evenly between FCGMA and LPV Watermaster. Budget amount includes \$37,600 CSD IT annual cost allocated quarterly, \$112,500 for Erik Esola's services billed through Signature Staffing, and \$107,000 for ITSD services.

(10) Payment to LAFCO Per Govt. Code Sect. 56381 (b) (1).

(11) County Counsel services for regular FCGMA legal services. FY 2026-27 expenses will be adjusted based on pending updated estimates from County Counsel. [Footnote pending]

(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 renewed October 2025, expired June 2026. FY 2026-27 estimates reflect engagement with new consultant after RFP process. [Footnote pending]

(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. Standard software licenses such as Adobe or MS Office; also includes website software (WordPress, Elementor, Zoom).

(15) Contract cost for Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to administer groundwater data strategy and the initial configuration of a data platform.

(16) Projected GSP implementation consultant costs based on contract approved 12/9/2022 and subsequent amendments; FY 2026-27 estimates reflect engagement with new consultant after RFP process that includes development and outreach related to second iteration of 5-Year Periodic Evaluations. Modeling contract to be requested separately. [Footnote pending.]

(17) Monitoring well installation in OPV basins in FY2024-25. Majority funded by DWR SGM Implementation Grant.

(18) Consultant to assist with DWR SGM Implementation Grant Round 1 administration for the OPV Basins.

(19) Estimated grant application consultant expenses for DWR SGM Impl. Grant Round 2 for projects in LPVB in FY 2025-26; project and cost not re-budgeted for FY 2026-27.

(20) FY 2024-25 included Hallmark contract costs to complete staffing needs analysis; FY 2026-27 is estimate with new consultant, 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 project cost to destroy Oxnard well, delayed due to interest from County Airport in taking over well. 2 disputed invoices from General Pump company projected to be paid in FY2025-26.

(22) Rate counsel and consultant for planned replenishment fee.

(22) Replenishment Line Item for Working Capital Reserve. Target level is 180 days of annual budgeted operating costs, maintaining minimum balance equal to 120 days of the total Annual Operating Budget and maximum balance of 240 days of the total Annual Operating Budget. Contributions transferred from what was previously referred to as Operating Carryforward. Staff proposes contributions occur annually at start of new FY, and be reviewed during Mid-Year Review by Fiscal Committee. [Footnote pending.]

(23) Replenishment Line Item for Rate Stabilization. Target level is 120 days of annual budgeted operating costs, but may increase as directed in order to plan for anticipated increases in operating costs. [Footnote pending.]

**FCGMA FY 2026-27 BUDGET - DRAFT (As of May 22, 2026)**  
**DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS & RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Designated Accounts	2022-23 Year-End Actuals	2023-24 Year-End Actuals	2024-25 Year-End Actuals	2025-26 Draft Budget	2025-26 Actuals Through April 2026	2025-26 Projected Year End	2026-27 Draft Budget	Increase / Decrease Over Previous Year	% Change Over PY
2	<b>GEMES ACCOUNT</b>									
3	<i>Revenues</i>									
4	GEMES Reserve Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$1,776,295	\$2,137,678	\$2,486,964	\$2,420,000	\$1,563,465	\$2,420,000	\$2,420,000	\$0	0%
5	LPV Watermaster legal fees for Rules Appeal	-	-	\$200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	<i>Expenditures</i>									
7	Special Counsel <sup>2</sup>	(\$2,049,926)	(\$1,466,690)	(\$1,001,490)	(\$1,560,000)	(\$598,326)	(\$1,160,000)	(\$1,300,000)	\$260,000	17%
8	County Counsel <sup>3</sup>	(\$249,100)	(\$242,813)	(\$73,507)	(\$215,000)	(\$63,310)	(\$115,000)	(\$115,000)	\$100,000	47%
9	<b>Net Results</b>	<b>(\$522,731)</b>	<b>\$428,175</b>	<b>\$1,611,967</b>	<b>\$645,000</b>	<b>\$901,829</b>	<b>\$1,145,000</b>	<b>\$1,005,000</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>	<b>-56%</b>
10	<b>WATER SUPPLY SUSTAINABILITY RESERVE</b>									
11	<i>Revenues</i>									
12	GMA Pumping Surcharges <sup>4</sup>	\$1,027,229	\$895,179	\$1,085,523	\$1,000,000	\$696,830	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	0%
13	Designated Acct. Interest Earnings <sup>5</sup>	\$76,645	\$241,377	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Repayment of Loan to Operations <sup>6</sup>	-	-	-	\$1,000,000	-	\$500,000	\$500,000	(\$500,000)	-50%
15	<i>Expenditures</i>									
16	Loan to Operations <sup>7</sup>	(\$1,000,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	<b>Net Results</b>	<b>\$103,874</b>	<b>\$1,136,556</b>	<b>\$1,085,523</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$696,830</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>(\$500,000)</b>	<b>-25%</b>
18	<b>WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE<sup>8</sup></b>									
19	<i>Revenues</i>									
20	Annual Budgeted Operating Costs - 180 days target / 240 days max	-	-	-	-	\$2,185,160	\$2,185,160	\$3,288,739	-	-
21	<i>Expenditures</i>									
22	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	<b>Net Results</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,185,160</b>	<b>\$2,185,160</b>	<b>\$3,288,739</b>		
24	<b>RATE STABILIZATION RESERVE<sup>9</sup></b>									
25	<i>Revenues</i>									
26	One-half of positive net Operating Results - 120 days target	-	-	-	-	\$1,814,840	\$1,814,840	\$1,497,589	-	-
27	<i>Expenditures</i>									
28	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	<b>Net Results</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,814,840</b>	<b>\$1,814,840</b>	<b>\$1,497,589</b>		

**Footnotes:**

(1) Reserve Fee of \$20.00 per AF to replenish GEMES Account per Resolution 2020-05 effective 1/1/2021, renewed for four years on 9/25/24 with Resolution 2024-05.

(2) Special Counsel fees related to ongoing and anticipated litigation. Includes Stoel Rives, Shute Mihaly Weinberger, Greines Martin Stein & Richland LLP (LPV Basin Adj., City of Oxnard, OPV Coalition). \*FY 2026-27 will be revised based on pending updated estimate from Counsel. [Footnote pending.]

(3) County Counsel costs for ongoing and anticipated litigation. Includes GEMES litigation (LPV Basin Adj., City of Oxnard, OPV Coalition). \*FY 2026-27 will be revised based on pending updated estimate from County Counsel. [Footnote pending.]

(4) Projected Surcharges revenue.

(5) Interest earnings from the County Pooled Investment fund reallocated to Operating Account per Fiscal Committee as of FY 2024-25.

(6) Repayment of loan (transfer from Designated Surcharges Fund to Operating Account in FY 2022-23).

(7) Transfer from Designated Surcharges Fund to Operating Accounts in FY 2022-23.

(8) Contribution to reserves, transferring existing amounts: \$1,000,000 and \$3,652,005 Operating Carryforward.

(9) Contribution to reserves, transferring existing amounts: \$1,000,000 and \$3,652,005 Operating Carryforward. Calculated 120 days of FY 2025-26 budget.

**FCGMA FY 2026-27 BUDGET - DRAFT (As of May 22, 2026)**  
**TRANSFER TO RESERVES**

	A	B	C	D	E
	<b>Account prior to Reserve Policy approval</b>	<b>2025-26 Actuals Through March 2026</b>	<b>Account after Reserve Policy approval 04.22.2026</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	
1					
2	Designated GEMES Account	\$1,295,762	Designated GEMES Account	\$1,295,762	
3	Designated Surcharges Account	\$6,244,789	Water Supply Sustainability Reserve	\$6,244,789	
4	Designated Operating Reserves	\$1,000,000	Working Capital Reserve	\$2,185,160	*180 days target/240 days max per policy
5	Operating Account Carryforward	\$3,652,005	Rate Stabilization Reserve	\$1,814,840	*120 days target per policy
6			Transferred to Operating Account	\$652,005	*per 03/24/26 Fiscal Committee, transferred \$600K to Operating
7	Operating Account	\$435,367	Operating Account	\$435,367	
8	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$12,627,923</b>	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$12,627,923</b>	
9	Total Reserves & Operating Carryforward	\$4,652,005			

10 Allocation calculation:

	FY2025-26	Total	120 days	180 days	240 days
Annual Operating Budget		\$5,520,137	\$1,814,840	\$2,722,259	\$3,629,679

**FCGMA FY 2026-27 BUDGET - DRAFT (As of May 22, 2026)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	A	B	C	D	E	
	Account	Allocation after Reserve Policy 04.22.2026	2025-26 Actuals Through April 2026	2025-26 Projected Year End	2026-27 Draft Budget	
1						
2	Designated GEMES Account	\$1,295,762	\$1,464,842	\$1,708,013	\$2,713,013	
3	Water Supply Sustainability Reserve	\$6,244,789	\$6,256,764	\$7,059,934	\$8,559,934	
4	Working Capital Reserve	\$2,185,160	\$2,185,160	\$2,185,160	\$3,288,739	180 days target/240 days max
5	Rate Stabilization Reserve	\$1,814,840	\$1,814,840	\$1,814,840	\$1,497,589	120 days target
6	Operating Account	\$1,087,372	\$1,044,108	\$834,997	\$0	
7	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$12,627,923</b>	<b>\$12,765,713</b>	<b>\$13,602,943</b>	<b>\$16,059,275</b>	

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FY2026-27	Total	120 days	180 days	240 days
Annual Operating Budget	\$4,555,168	\$1,497,589	\$2,246,384	\$2,995,179

Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
FY 2026-27 Budget - Draft (as of May 22, 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 April 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	\$ 1,526,683	\$ 1,851,281	\$ 2,075,156	\$ 223,875	12%
4	Basin Assessment Interest	\$ 20,026	\$ 24,469	\$ 27,769	\$ 13,125	\$ 20,769	\$ 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	\$ 17,788	\$ 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>\$ 1,560,479</b>	<b>\$ 1,914,934</b>	<b>\$ 2,137,925</b>	<b>\$ 233,875</b>	<b>12%</b>
10	<b>EXPENSES</b>								
11	<b>PWA Labor Cost</b>								
12	Watermaster Administration	\$ 66,034.35	\$ 127,392	\$ 89,653	\$ 119,171	\$ 130,105	\$ 99,579	\$ 9,926	11%
13	Allocations & Record Keeping	\$ 3,071.70	\$ 57,360	\$ 121,144	\$ 128,155	\$ 144,137	\$ 168,503	\$ 47,360	39%
14	Basin Management	\$ 3,936.87	\$ 50,579	\$ 26,257	\$ 74,384	\$ 95,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 73,743	281%
15	Committee Coordination and Consultations	\$ 3,622.07	\$ 30,456	\$ 40,813	\$ 19,894	\$ 24,308	\$ 27,669	\$ (13,145)	-32%
16	Budget and Assessments	\$ 4,768.26	\$ 30,565	\$ 58,429	\$ 29,205	\$ 32,943	\$ 29,340	\$ (29,088)	-50%
17	IT Services and Support	\$ 3,338.46	\$ 18,204	\$ 23,794	\$ 17,668	\$ 23,794	\$ 22,237	\$ (1,556)	-7%
18	Calleguas Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project	-	\$ 792	\$ 10,087	\$ 7,255	\$ 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>\$ 399,973</b>	<b>\$ 467,360</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	\$ 59,386	\$ 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>\$ 59,386</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	\$ 230,831	\$ 271,302	\$ -	\$ (271,302)	-100%
28	GSP Update (Periodic Evaluation) <sup>8</sup>	-	\$ 6,579	-	-	-	-	-	
29	Annual Report <sup>9</sup>	-	-	-	53,036	-	-	-	
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>\$ 284,310</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	\$ 5,785	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000	\$ (125,100)	-71%
34	Technical Advisory Committee <sup>12</sup> (6.11, Ex A Article IV)	-	\$ 66,694	\$ 100,363	\$ 28,204	\$ 70,363	\$ 60,000	\$ (40,363)	-40%
35	TAC Member Cost <sup>13</sup>	-	\$ 148,399	\$ 276,480	\$ 92,797	\$ 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>\$ 126,786</b>	<b>\$ 230,363</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	-	\$ -	\$ 38,250	\$ 13,250	53%
41	Audits (7.7)	-	\$ 17,650	\$ 14,150	\$ 16,720	\$ 21,150	\$ 20,800	\$ 6,650	47%
42	CSD Fiscal Services Staff <sup>15</sup>	-	\$ 33,900	\$ 24,900	\$ 18,675	\$ 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>\$ 35,395</b>	<b>\$ 46,050</b>	<b>\$ 102,050</b>	<b>\$ 38,000</b>	<b>59%</b>
44	<b>IT Services and Support</b>								
45	Data Management and Support <sup>16</sup>	-	\$ 90,200	\$ 200,000	\$ 131,100	\$ 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>\$ 131,100</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	\$ 10,400	\$ 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>\$ 10,400</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	\$ 86,678	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 25,000	14%
53	LPV WM Special Counsel (Stoel Rives)***	-	\$ 602,941	\$ 375,000	\$ 251,283	\$ 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>\$ 337,961</b>	<b>\$ 475,000</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>\$ 985,338</b>	<b>\$ 1,341,158</b>	<b>\$ 1,421,250</b>	<b>\$ (444,045)</b>	<b>-24%</b>
57	<b>TOTAL PWA Labor and Contract Costs:</b>	<b>\$ 161,974</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,832</b>	<b>\$ 2,243,977</b>	<b>\$ 1,385,311</b>	<b>\$ 1,808,517</b>	<b>\$ 1,886,505</b>	<b>\$ (357,472)</b>	<b>-16%</b>
58	<b>Contribution to Reserves:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 184,683</b>	<b>\$ 224,398</b>	<b>\$ 138,531</b>	<b>\$ 180,852</b>	<b>\$ 188,651</b>	<b>\$ (35,747)</b>	<b>-16%</b>
59	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 161,974</b>	<b>\$ 2,031,516</b>	<b>\$ 2,468,375</b>	<b>\$ 1,523,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,989,369</b>	<b>\$ 2,075,156</b>	<b>\$ (393,219)</b>	<b>-16%</b>
60	<b>Net Operating Results</b>	<b>\$ 1,127,505</b>	<b>\$ (46,874)</b>	<b>\$ (564,325)</b>	<b>\$ 36,637</b>	<b>\$ (74,435)</b>	<b>\$ 62,769</b>	<b>\$ 627,094</b>	<b>-111%</b>

Item D  
5/26/2026 Fiscal Committee Meeting

Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
FY 2026-27 Budget - Draft (as of May 22, 2026)

OPERATING ACCOUNT

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	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 April 2026	Projected Year End FY 2025-26	Draft Budget FY 2026-27	Increase / Decrease Over Previous Year	% Change Over PY

61 *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 May 22, 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 April 2026	Projected Year End FY 2025-26	Draft Budget FY 2026-27
	<b>REVENUES</b>				
	LPV BOP Assessment		\$ 172,227	\$ 182,227	\$ 2,311,000
	LPV BOP Assessment Interest		\$ 815	\$ 961	\$ 1,000
	<b>Total REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 173,043</b>	<b>\$ 183,188</b>	<b>\$ 2,312,000</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
	Initial Project Implementation Planning	\$ 25,000	\$39,861	\$39,861	\$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	\$ 1,736,000
	<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>\$ 149,861</b>	<b>\$ 2,311,000</b>
	<b>Net Operating Results</b>		<b>\$ 133,182</b>	<b>\$ 33,327</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>

**Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
Draft FY 2026-27 Budget (as of May 22, 2026)  
BOP PROJECT ASSESSMENT SCENARIOS**

A	B	C	D
<b>BOP Project</b>	<b>Scenario 1</b>	<b>Scenario 2</b>	<b>Scenario 3</b>
BOP 2: Purchase of CMWD Imported Water	\$ 5,451,040	\$ 2,725,520	\$ 1,736,000
BOP 5: Arroyo Simi-Las Posas Water Acquisition	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
BOP 8: Allocation Buyback and Reduction Program	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
BOP 7: In Lieu Deliveries to Northern ELPMA Feasibility Study	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000
BOP 9: Regional Desalter Feasibility Study	\$ 169,000	\$ 169,000	\$ 169,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,026,040</b>	<b>\$ 3,300,520</b>	<b>\$ 2,311,000</b>

**Scenario Cost Assumptions**

Cost per AF, if spread evenly over 40,000 acre-feet (AF)	\$ 150.65	\$ 82.51	\$ 57.78
Excluding WWLP from BOP 2, Cost per AF for CMWD service area	\$ 184.72	\$ 99.55	\$ 68.63
Excluding WWLP from BOP 2, Cost per AF for UWCD service area	\$ 14.38	\$ 14.38	\$ 14.38

CMWD Rate per AF, Effective January 2026	\$ 2,058.00
RTS Charge	\$ 131.00
Capacity Rate <small>(May-September)</small>	\$ 194.00
CMWD Total Cost per AF <small>(assuming 50% of in-lieu is delivered between May -September)</small>	<b>\$ 2,286.00</b>
Watermaster Incentive per AF	<b>\$ 1,736.00</b>

**Scenario Notes**

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

**Las Posas Valley Watermaster**  
**FY 2026-27 Budget - Draft (As of May 22, 2026)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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 April 2026	Projected Year End FY 2025-26	Draft Budget FY 2026-27
2	Operating Account	\$ 1,127,505	\$ 1,080,631	\$ 516,307	\$ 1,117,268	\$ 1,006,196	\$ 1,068,965
3	BOP Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,182	\$ 33,327	\$ 34,327
4	Reserves <sup>2</sup>	\$ -	\$ 184,683	\$ 409,081	\$ 323,214	\$ 365,535	\$ 554,186
5	Ending Total Fund Balance	\$ 1,127,505	\$ 1,265,314	\$ 925,388	\$ 1,573,664	\$ 1,405,058	\$ 1,657,478

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	\$ 51.88
9	Quarterly Assessment	\$ 16.14	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.97

10	RESERVES	Actuals FY 2023-24	Actuals FY 2024-25	Budget FY 2025- 26 (without 4th Assessment WY 2024-4) <sup>1</sup>	Actuals FY 2025-26 Through April 2026	Projected Year End FY 2025-26	Draft Budget FY 2026-27
11	Beginning Account Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,683	\$ 184,683	\$ 184,683	\$ 365,535
12	Contribution from Operating	\$ -	\$ 184,683	\$ 224,398	\$ 138,531	\$ 180,852	\$ 188,651
13	Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Ending Account Balance	\$ -	\$ 184,683	\$ 409,081	\$ 323,214	\$ 365,535	\$ 554,186

*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.

# 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.

Gene West, Chair  
Las Posas Valley Watermaster  
800 S. Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

May 22, 2026

**Re: PAC Committee Consultation Response – FY 2026-27 Watermaster Budget and Project 2 (Imported Water In-Lieu Program)**

Chair West:

At its May 8, 2026, meeting, the Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) reviewed the Draft FY 2026-27 Watermaster Budget and provided the Committee Consultation response required by the Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment (\$7.5). The PAC also considered the two policy questions posed by the FCGMA Fiscal Committee at its April 28, 2026 meeting regarding implementation of Project 2, the Imported Water In-Lieu Program. This letter summarizes the PAC's discussion and formal recommendation.

**Background and Discussion**

FCGMA Executive Officer John Demers provided an overview of Project 2, including which purveyors would be eligible at the outset and how reimbursement to participating purveyors would be administered. Watermaster presented three cost scenarios reflecting annual CMWD imported water purchases of 3,140 AF, 1,570 AF, and 1,000 AF, each carrying a net Watermaster project cost of \$1,639 per AF. These costs would be recovered through Basin assessments calculated per acre-foot of annual allocation for Water Right Holders. Related program costs borne by Districts 1 and 19 would be passed through to customers via their water bills.

In its deliberations, the PAC acknowledged and discussed the following key points:

- Meeting the full Operating Yield target of 40,000 AF/year would require an annual imported water purchase of 3,140 AF.
- Imported water is significantly more expensive than groundwater extraction. With constituents already experiencing financial strain in the current economic environment, cost containment is a critical consideration.
- Since implementation of the Judgment, water use has remained below the 40,000 AF threshold and carryover balances continue to grow, suggesting the Basin may not need to replenish at the full target level. The goal is to meet Basin needs without importing surplus water.
- The imported water program requires no new infrastructure investment and has been used successfully in the LPV Basin in the past.
- Implementation will require careful evaluation to avoid Basin areas that are difficult to recharge and to focus deliveries on zones facing potential undesirable results.

- Certain key monitoring wells – including one in the depression area of the eastern West LPV and one in the northern East LPV – are not easily influenced by imported water and may not serve as reliable indicators of program performance. The program’s flexibility allows such wells to be readily excluded from evaluation criteria.
- The PAC expressed interest in evaluating whether imported water could be purchased between October and April to avoid the peak-period Capacity Rate surcharge (\$194/AF) and banked for later use as needed.
- Recharging the Basin with imported water can yield Basinwide benefits by reducing groundwater demand, helping avoid undesirable results, and allowing heavily utilized pumps to rest and improve their longevity.

**PAC Recommendation**

After thorough discussion, the PAC agreed that Project 2 is feasible to implement and should proceed on a trial basis in FY 2026-27. The PAC voted 6-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions (4-Absent) on the following motion, made by David Borchard and seconded by David Schwabauer:

*The PAC recommends implementing the Imported Water In-Lieu Program beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27 under a fourth scenario, which includes an annual purchase of 500 AF of CMWD imported water. Based on the assumption that 50% of the purchased water may be subject to the Capacity Rate surcharge, the associated blended cost of \$41.50 per AF would be applied to Basin assessments for those within the Calleguas MWD service area.*

The PAC’s recommendation carries two accompanying directives:

- **Cost Containment:** The PAC’s primary concern is the cost burden on constituents. The 500 AF starting point reflects a deliberate, low-cost trial to evaluate program benefits before scaling.
- **Annual Review of Target Operating Yield:** The PAC recommends that LPV Watermaster consider the target Operating Yield on a year-by-year basis rather than as a fixed value, taking into account actual use, carryover accumulation, changing Basin conditions, and weather or drought variability. The PAC acknowledges this approach may ultimately warrant a formal revision to the Judgment.

**Voters (6-Ayes; 0-Nays; 0-Abstentions; 4-Absent):**

- West Las Posas Large Agricultural – Rob Grether, Vice-Chair
- Ventura County Waterworks Districts 1 and 19 – Paul Chan
- Commercial – Arturo Aseo
- West Las Posas Small Agricultural – David Borchard (Motion)
- East Las Posas Large Agricultural – David Schwabauer (Second)
- East Las Posas Small Agricultural – Patty Martinez

Note: PAC members John Menne and Laurel Servin were present for the discussion but had to leave before the vote.

The PAC appreciates Watermaster's continued diligence in preparing a thorough budget and in seeking Committee input on these important policy questions. We look forward to working together to implement the In-Lieu Program in a manner that protects Basin health while remaining fiscally responsible for all constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Grether".

Rob Grether, Vice Chair  
Las Posas Valley Basin Policy Advisory Committee

## Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Scheduled Meetings for Calendar Year 2026



### Board Regular Meetings

*Fourth Wednesday, Monthly*

Date	Start Time	Room
Wednesday, January 28	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, February 25	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, March 25	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, April 22	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, May 27	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, June 24	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, July 22	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>MPR</b>
Wednesday, August 26	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, September 23	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, October 28	12:30 PM	BOS
Wednesday, December 9	12:30 PM	BOS

### Board Special Meetings

*Second Friday, Monthly, As Needed*

Friday, July 10	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, August 14	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, September 11	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, October 9	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, November 13	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, December 11	12:30 PM	MPR

### Executive Committee Meetings

*Quarterly, As Needed*

Tuesday, August 11	10:30 AM	ACR
Tuesday, November 10	10:30 AM	ACR

### Fiscal Committee Meetings

*As Needed*

Tuesday, February 17	10:00 AM	MPR
Tuesday, March 24	1:30 PM	MPR
Tuesday, April 28	1:30 PM	LPAR
Tuesday, May 26	1:30 PM	ACR
Tuesday, June 23	1:30 PM	MPR
Tuesday, July 28	1:30 PM	MPR
Tuesday, August 18	1:30 PM	LPAR

### Operations Committee Meetings

*Quarterly, As Needed*

Monday, May 11	9:00 AM	ACR
Monday, August 3	1:30 PM	MPR
Monday, November 2	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@venturacounty.gov](mailto:FCGMA@venturacounty.gov) with your preferred email address to subscribe to the Agency notification list.

#### KEY

"As Needed"	Subject to Necessity
Row is Gray	Already Occurred
<del>Strikethrough</del>	Meeting Not Held
ACR	Atlantic Conference Room
BOS	Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
LPAR	Lower Plaza Assembly Room
MPR	Multi-Purpose Room

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