

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

AGENDA PACKAGE

**Board Regular Meeting
of
September 23, 2026**



FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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John Demers

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) Board of Directors will hold a **Board Hybrid Meeting** at **12:30 P.M.** on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**, in the **Board of Supervisors Room and via Zoom**, at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, at **800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California**.

To attend the public portion of the meeting via Zoom:

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FCGMA BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 23, 2026

12:30 P.M.

Welcome to the meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors, also sitting as watermaster for the Las Posas Valley Basin and the groundwater sustainability agency for the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Pleasant Valley Basin, and the Oxnard Subbasin. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all possible accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities so they may attend and participate in meetings. If special assistance is needed, please call Agency staff at (805) 654-2014 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so proper arrangements may be assured. If requested, and as possible, Agendas will be provided in alternative formats.

Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and may not necessarily be considered in this order. Agenda items are grouped under Las Posas Valley Watermaster (LPV Watermaster) or under Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), if the item directly applies only to that entity. The Board reserves the right to limit each speaker to five (5) minutes per subject or topic if necessary. The public portion of every public meeting of the Board of Directors is recorded. Please see the "STANDING NOTICES" section at the end of this Agenda for more information, including hybrid attendance and public participation.

OPENING

1. **Call to Order** – The Board Chair will call the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – A Board member will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call** – Attending Board members, alternates, and staff will be recorded by the Board Clerk.

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4. **Agenda Review** – Consider and approve by majority vote, any minor revisions to Board Agenda items and/or attachments and any item(s) added or removed from this Agenda.
5. **Public Comments** – Members of the Public may speak about Agency-related matters not on today's Agenda. California State law does not allow any response or action from the Board concerning non-Agenda topics at this time; however, topics can be placed on future Agendas or referred to staff. Please come to the podium and state your name and affiliation for the record before commenting on any particular subject.
6. **Executive Officer's Comments** – Brief announcements and administrative report on Agency workforce activities.
7. **Board Member Comments** – An opportunity for Board Members to make comments or to communicate with other directors, staff, and/or the public regarding non-Agenda topics.

CONSENT AGENDA

Routine items are placed under the Consent portion of this Agenda and need only be reviewed and approved by one single motion via roll call vote. Consent items generally require no discussion; however, they may be debated or voted on by moving them to the "Regular Agenda" portion at the Board's discretion.

8. **Approval of Minutes** – (New Item) **RECOMMENDATION:** Approve minutes of the July 22, 2026, Board Regular meeting.
9. **Adoption of the 2026 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Conflict of Interest Code** – (New Item) **RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) Receive and file a presentation on the 2026 Agency Conflict of Interest Code; (2) Conduct a biennial review of the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code; (3) Adopt the proposed 2026 Conflict of Interest Code (2026 COIC) for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and (4) Direct staff to file the 2026 COIC with the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

CONSENT AGENDA – FCGMA Items

10. **FCGMA Financial Status Report as of August 2026** – (New Item)
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the monthly financial report.

CONSENT AGENDA – LPV Watermaster Items

11. **LPV Watermaster Financial Status Report as of August 2026** – (New Item)
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the monthly financial report.

REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda items are heard at the Board's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA – FCGMA Items

12. **Resolution Honoring Lynn Maulhardt – (New Item) RECOMMENDATION:** Approve proposed Resolution No. 2026-08 honoring Director Lynn Maulhardt for his decades of service to the Agency.
13. **Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Dudek to Provide Technical Groundwater Consulting Services to Support Implementation and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin and Las Posas Valley Basin; Authorize the Executive Officer to Make Limited Changes to the Contract – (New Item) RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on a professional services contract with Dudek to provide technical groundwater consulting services to support the Agency's implementation and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin and Las Posas Valley Basin; (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer or designee to execute the proposed professional services contract with Dudek, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,743,590, effective for five (5) years; and (3) Authorize the Executive Officer or designee to approve budget modifications that do not increase the not-to-exceed limit of the proposed contract and/or to approve corrections, clarifications, and technical modifications to the proposed contract when those corrections, clarifications, and technical modifications are consistent with the original purpose of the proposed contract, do not result in additional costs to FCGMA or the County of Ventura, and are reviewed and approved as to form by Agency Counsel.
14. **Revised Civil Penalty Procedures – (New Item) RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) Receive and file a presentation on Agency Civil Penalties; (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute revised Civil Penalty collection procedures, and (3) Provide direction to staff on revisions to Agency Ordinances regarding Civil Penalties.
15. **Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Contract with VMA Communications, Inc. for Professional Consulting Services to Support Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Outreach, Engagement and Workshops; Authorize the Executive Officer to Make Limited Changes to the Contract – (New Item) RECOMMENDATIONS:** (1) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract with VMA Communications, Inc. (VMA) to provide professional consulting services to support Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation outreach, engagement and workshops, and other services as needed, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$138,057.37 for the initial tasks;

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and **(2)** Authorize the Executive Officer to approve amendments and modifications to the VMA contract (including budget modifications) so long as those changes are consistent with the original purpose of the VMA contract, do not result in additional costs to the Agency; and are reviewed and approved as to form by Agency Counsel.

REGULAR AGENDA – LPV Watermaster Items

- 16. Approval of Las Posas Valley Basin Annual Water Right Allocation Calculations for Water Year 2026 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027) – (New Item) RECOMMENDATIONS: (1)** Receive a presentation from Agency staff on the calculation of annual Water Right Allocations under the Las Posas Valley Adjudication Judgment for Water Year (WY) 2026, and **(2)** Adopt the proposed Annual Water Right Allocations for WY 2026.
- 17. Receive a Presentation on the Implementation of Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Project (BOP) No. 2; Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute A Memorandum of Understanding with Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 for Implementation of BOP No. 2; Authorization for the Executive Officer to Make Limited Amendments – (New Item) RECOMMENDATIONS: (1)** Receive a presentation on the implementation on Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Project No. 2 [Purchase and In-Lieu Use of Imported Water from Calleguas Municipal Water District for Basin Replenishment]; **(2)** Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 for implementation of BOP No. 2; and **(3)** Authorize the Executive Officer to make limited amendments to the MOU.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Discussions of Closed Session Agenda items are closed to the public. The Chair will announce when the Board is going into closed session. Closed session items may be heard at any time during the meeting.

- 18. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, SUBDIVISION (d), PARAGRAPH (1): NAME OF CASE:** City of Oxnard v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCP00929
- 19. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, SUBDIVISION (d), PARAGRAPH (1): NAME OF CASE:** Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI0059700

20. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9, SUBDIVISION (d), PARAGRAPH (1): NAME OF CASE:** OPV Coalition et al v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI00555357
21. **Adjourn Board Meeting.**

STANDING NOTICES

The FCGMA Board strives to conduct accessible, orderly, and fair meetings where everyone can be heard on the issues. The Board Chair will conduct the meeting and establish appropriate rules and time limitations for each item. The Board can only act on items designated as action Items. Action items on the Agenda are staff proposals and may be modified by the Board as a result of public comment or Board member input.

Public Comment: Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the FCGMA Board of Directors in connection with one or more Agenda or non-Agenda items.

The following options allow for public participation:

1. Join the Zoom Meeting as an Attendee:
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2. During meetings held in the Board of Supervisors Boardroom, we have access to livestreaming capabilities. Observe the Board of Directors meeting streaming live by navigating to the "Current and Upcoming Meetings" section of our website and clicking on the video icon button next to the meeting listing at: <https://fcgma.org/board-agendas-broadcasts-minutes/>. *This option is currently only available for meetings held in the BOS Boardroom.*
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4. If you wish to make a written comment on a specific Agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Board regular meeting. Please email your comment to the Clerk of the Board at FCGMA@venturacounty.gov and indicate in the subject line of your email the Agenda item number (e.g., Item 9). Your comment will be read by the Board of Directors and placed into the record.

5. If you are listening to or watching the live stream of the Board meeting and would like to make either a general public comment (see Item 5) for items not on the day's Agenda or to comment on a specific Agenda item as it is being heard, please email your comment to the Clerk of the Board. Please indicate in the email subject line the Agenda item number (e.g., Item 9).

Administrative Record: Material presented as part of testimony will be made part of the Agency's record, and an electronic copy and up to 10 print copies should be sent to the Clerk of the Board. This includes memos, letters, presentations, maps, etc. If possible, please send materials to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Email PDFs to FCGMA@venturacounty.gov and indicate the related Agenda item number.

ADA Accommodations: Persons who require accommodation for any audio, visual, or other disability in order to review an Agenda or to participate in the Board of Directors meeting per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), may request such accommodation in writing addressed to the Clerk of the FCGMA Board, 800 So. Victoria Avenue, Location #1610, Ventura, CA 93009-1610, via email to FCGMA@venturacounty.gov, or via telephone by calling (805) 654-2014. We request such requests be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting for staff to make the necessary arrangements.

Availability of Complete Agenda Package: A copy of the complete Agenda package is available for examination at the FCGMA office during regular working hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday) beginning 72 hours before the regular Board meeting. Agenda packet contents are also posted on the FCGMA website as soon as possible and are archived at <https://fcgma.org/board-agendas-broadcasts-minutes/> in case reference is needed on previously considered matters. Questions about specific Agenda items should be directed to the Agency by emailing FCGMA@venturacounty.gov.

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

The Ralph M. Brown Act: It is the intent of the law that the actions of this Board be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly. Brown Act informational link: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?chapter=9.&division=2.&lawCode=GOV&part=1.&title=5.

Agency Information and Updates: Our website address is <https://fcgma.org/>. Information available includes meeting materials and schedules, Agency Ordinances, Resolutions, reports, forms, and more. FCGMA Board Regular meetings occur on the fourth Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. If you would like to be added to our Agenda notification email list, or to speak to a staff member, please contact the Clerk of the Board via telephone at (805) 654-2014 or via email at FCGMA@venturacounty.gov.

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John Demers

September 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report Dashboard – (Returning Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file this informational report.

FCGMA Reporting

- September 30, 2026, marks the end of the Water Year (10/1/25 – 9/30/26).
- Meter photos and readings should be collected on 9/30/26, which also marks the end of the 2026-2 Semi-Annual Extraction Reporting Period (4/1/26 – 9/30/26).
- 2026-2 SAES forms will be available online at [FCGMAOnline.org](https://fcgma.org) on 10/1/26 and will be due 11/15/26. Printed copies will be mailed to Well Operators on record with the Agency.
- Well owners and/or designated operators are required to submit the following documentation on all wells, including inactive wells:
 - 2026-2 SAES, including:
 - Groundwater extractions in acre-feet (AF), even if zero extractions occurred
 - Flowmeter meter readings, even if no change occurred
 - Meter photos for all wells requiring a flowmeter
 - Payment in full, which includes applicable pumping fees (reserve, sustainability, extraction), and any assessed civil penalties, late interest or surcharges.
 - Authorized signature.
 - Additional Reporting Requirements forms.
 - Inactive wells are also required to have an Annual Flowmeter Exemption form on file.
 - Visit <https://fcgma.org> for more information on groundwater extraction reporting, payment options, forms or Ordinances.

Ordinance Code Chapter 2.0, well owners are responsible for reporting changes in owner or operator assignment within 30 days.

- To report a new well owner, the legal well owner must complete a [Groundwater Extraction Facility Registration Form](#) (Registration Form).
- To designate a new well operator, the well owner must complete an [Authorization Form](#).
- Visit <https://fcgma.org/agency-forms/>.
- For the 2026 calendar year, the Agency is in receipt of the following (to date, as of 9/15/26):
 - 42 registrations have been received. 17 have been processed, 9 have been returned for corrections, and 15 are in queue.
 - 25 authorization forms designating a new well operator have been received. 17 have been processed, 4 returned for corrections and 4 are in queue.

Watermaster Basin Assessments

- The 1st installment of Water Year (WY) 2026 (10/1/26 – 9/30/27) Basin Assessments (BAs) will be issued 10/1/26, and due 10/31/26.
- The 4th installment of WY2025 BAs were issued 7/1/26, due 8/1/26, and considered delinquent if not received by 8/31/26. Delinquent BAs shall bear interest as provided by LPV Judgment. On 9/17/26, 38 delinquency notices are expected to be released for the 4th installment BAs.
- Delinquency status is available for review at https://fcgma.org/annual-allocations_lpv/, by selecting the desired Water Year from the Annual Allocations drop-down menu.

Registration

- Staff continue to update well owner records. As a reminder, and in accordance with Agency

LPV Groundwater E&U Reporting

- 9/30/26 marks the end of WY2025 (10/1/25 – 9/30/26). Landowners are required to report Groundwater Extraction and Use (E&U) Reporting occurring between 4/1/26 – 9/30/26. WY 2025-1 E&U will be available at [FCGMAOnline.org](https://fcgmaonline.org) on 10/1/26 and will be due 10/31/26. Unlike FCGMA SAES, LPV reporting is online only.
- WMIDs with missing or incomplete E&U reporting will not be eligible for curing an overuse during a prior WY.
- Note: WY23 and WY24 E&U records are not yet available at FCGMAOnline.org but are on <https://fcgma.org/las-posas-valley-watermaster/>.

LPV Overuse Assessments

- On 6/25/26, WY2023 (10/1/23 – 9/30/24) Overuse Assessments (OUAs) were issued to 15 WMID shareholders that exceeded annual allocation in WY23 and failed to cure in WY24; OUAs were due 7/25/26.
- To date, 3 WMIDs originally determined to be in Overuse status provided reporting corrections resulting in retracted Overuse Assessments.

- On 8/25/26, 8 WMIDs were assessed interest for failure to pay the Overuse in full as provided by the LPV Judgment.

Online Safety and Email Use

- Please be advised that the Agency has received several notifications of phishing attempts. All official correspondence from FCGMA and LPV Watermaster will always come from email addresses with the domain name @venturacounty.gov. For example: FCGMA@venturacounty.gov or LPV.Watermaster@venturacounty.gov.
- **If you receive any messages claiming to be from FCGMA or LPV Watermaster that do not contain the domain name “@venturacounty.gov,” please do not open the message or click on any links or attachments.**

Board & Committee Meetings

- The Executive Committee met on 8/19/26.
- Please see Exhibit 6A (attached) for an updated list of upcoming meetings.

CONCLUSION:

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

Sincerely,



John Demers
Executive Officer

Attachment:

Item 6A – Scheduled Meetings for Calendar Year 2026

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	12:30 PM	MPR
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, October 9	12:30 PM	MPR
Friday, November 13	12:30 PM	LPAR
Friday, December 11	12:30 PM	MPR

Executive Committee Meetings

Quarterly, As Needed

Wednesday, August 19	8:30 AM	LPAR
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
Thursday, June 18	9:00 AM	LPAR

Operations Committee Meetings

Quarterly, As Needed

Monday, May 11	9:00 AM	ACR
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 with your preferred email address to subscribe to the Agency notification list.

KEY

"As Needed"	Tentative; Subject to Necessity
Row is Gray	Already Occurred
Strike through	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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DRAFT MINUTES

Action minutes of the Wednesday, July 22, 2026, hybrid regular meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Board of Directors, also sitting as watermaster for the Las Posas Valley Basin and the groundwater sustainability agency for the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Pleasant Valley Basin, and the Oxnard Subbasin. The meeting occurred via Zoom and in-person in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

1. Call to Order

12:34 P.M.

Chair Eugene West called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Richard Cavaletto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Directors Present

Chair Eugene West

Alternate Director Keith Ford, attending for Director Lynn Maulhardt

Alternate Director Vianey Lopez, attending for Director Kelly Long

Alternate Director Bert Perello, attending for Director Tony Trembley

Director Richard Cavaletto

Quorum status reached. Alternate Director Perello arrived during Item 13 at 12:41 P.M.
Alternate Director Reddy Pakala attended as a member of the public.

Agency Staff Present

John Demers, Executive Officer

Jason Canger, Agency Counsel

Farai Kaseke, Groundwater Manager

Elka Weber, Clerk of the Board

Kathy Jones, Business Operations Manager

Daiva Pekinas, PWA CS FS Accountant

Elva Ortuno, PWA CS FS Accountant

Kevin Coe, PWA IT Manager

4. Agenda Review

12:35 P.M.

No changes were made to the Agenda.

5. Public Comments

12:36 P.M.

No public comments were given.

6. Executive Officer's Comments

12:36 P.M.

Agency Executive Officer John Demers referred to the administrative report as written.

7. Board Member Comments

12:38 P.M.

No Board member comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

12:38 P.M.

8. Approval of Minutes – *(New Item)* RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes of the May 27, 2026, Board Regular meeting.

9. Approval of Minutes – *(New Item)* RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes of the June 24, 2026, Board Regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA – FCGMA Items

10. FCGMA Financial Status Report for June 2026 – *(New Item)* RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the monthly financial report.

CONSENT AGENDA – LPV Watermaster Items

11. LPV Watermaster Financial Status Report for June 2026 – *(New Item)* RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the monthly financial report.

Motion: Director Cavaletto moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Ford seconded the motion. Chair West called for a vote of all in favor on the motion raised, which passed with all in favor at 12:38 P.M.

REGULAR AGENDA

12:39 P.M.

12. **Adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 2026-03, A Resolution Setting Tiered Groundwater Surcharge Rates to be Based on Calleguas Municipal Water District's Rates to Import Water – *(Returning Item)***

Presenter: Farai Kaseke, Groundwater Manager

Dr. Kaseke provided an informational presentation regarding tiered groundwater extraction surcharge rates. No public comment was given.

Motion: Director Lopez moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03, approving tiered groundwater extraction surcharge rates to be based on Calleguas Municipal Water District's rates to import water and authorizing the automatic update of such rates. Director Cavaletto seconded the motion. Chair West called for a roll call vote on the motion raised.

Roll Call Vote Tally:

AYE: 4

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion passed with all present in favor at 12:41 P.M.

Alternate Director Perello arrived at 12:41 P.M. and assumed his seat.

REGULAR AGENDA – FCGMA Items

13. Annual Review of the Groundwater Extraction Management Enforcement Surcharge Fee – (Returning Item)

12:41 P.M.

Presenter: John Demers, Executive Officer

Mr. Demers provided a presentation and overview which allowed the Board to review the Agency's Groundwater Extraction Management Enforcement Surcharge (GEMES) fee and the continued need for, and to weigh possible adjustments to, the GEMES fee. No public comment was given.

Motion: Director Perello moved to direct staff to continue collecting the GEMES fee at the currently approved rate of \$20.00 per acre-foot. Director Lopez seconded the motion. Chair West called for vote of all in favor on the motion raised. The motion passed with all in favor at 12:44 P.M.

14. Hearing and Report on Status of Agency Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts – (Returning Item)

12:44 P.M.

Presenter: John Demers, Executive Officer

Chair West convened the public hearing. Mr. Demers provided an informational presentation to accompany the staff report on the status of the Agency's vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts pursuant to Assembly Bill 2561. No public comment was given.

As this was an informational Item only, no Board action was recommended or taken.

15. Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2026-04 Directing Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Staff to Collect \$24.00 Per Acre-Foot of Groundwater Extracted for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Sustainability Fee – (Returning Item)

12:54 P.M.

Presenter: John Demers, Executive Officer

Mr. Demers gave the Board an overview of the Agency's statement of financial position for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, Water Year (WY) 2027. Mr. Demers asked the Board to direct Agency staff to collect \$24.00 per acre-foot (AF) of groundwater extracted for the FY 2026-27, WY 2027, Sustainability Fee, as recommended by the Fiscal Committee, by way of adopting proposed Resolution 2026-04.

Director Perello confirmed that the Fiscal Committee thoroughly reviewed the Agency's financial position prior to making this recommendation. Chair West noted that if the Board were to fail to adopt the reduced fee at today's meeting, the rate would revert to \$29.00/AF. No public comment was given.

Motion: Director Ford moved to adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2026-04 as recommended, directing FCGMA staff to collect \$24.00 per acre-foot of groundwater extracted for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, Water Year 2027, Sustainability Fee. Director Cavaletto seconded the motion. Chair West called for a roll call vote on the motion raised.

Roll Call Vote Tally:

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion passed with all in favor at 12:58 P.M.

16. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 FCGMA Budget – (New Item)

12:58 P.M.

Presenter: John Demers, Executive Officer

Mr. Demers gave the Board a presentation on the Agency's proposed budget materials for FY 2026-2027 and thanked the Fiscal Committee for their active involvement in the development and review of the Agency's materials. Mr. Demers also noted that this will be the first budget cycle to utilize the newly adopted FCGMA Fiscal Reserve Policy, which went into effect as of this Fiscal Year, and he walked the Board through the reserve policy's functions as reflected in the budget documents.

Chair West commended Agency staff for their work on the budget and the budget report, an important element for transparency and outreach. Director Perello stated that the Fiscal Committee did a great job. No public comment was given.

Motion: Director Cavaletto moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 FCGMA Budget as recommended. Director Lopez seconded the motion. Chair West called for a vote of all in favor on the motion raised.

The motion passed with all in favor at 1:08 P.M.

REGULAR AGENDA – LPV Watermaster Items

1:08 P.M.

17. Adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2026-05, A Resolution Setting the Amount of the Overuse Assessment on Excess Groundwater Use in the Adjudicated Las Posas Valley Basin – *(New Item)*

Presenter: Dr. Farai Kaseke, Groundwater Manager

Dr. Kaseke provided an Agency staff presentation regarding setting the Overuse Assessment for the Adjudicated Las Posas Valley Basin (LPV). No public comment was given.

Motion: Director Lopez moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 setting the amount of the Overuse Assessment on groundwater use in excess of what's allowed under the LPV Adjudication Judgment equal to the prevailing Calleguas Municipal Water District's Total CMWD and MWD Combined rate. Director Perello seconded the motion. Chair West called for a roll call vote on the motion raised.

Roll Call Vote Tally:

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion passed with all in favor at 1:11 P.M.

18. Adopt Presentation on Regional Desalter Collaboration with Calleguas Municipal Water District; Approve a Financial Contribution Agreement with CMWD for Preparation of the Regional Desalter Feasibility Study – *(New Item)*

1:11 P.M.

Presenter: John Demers, Executive Officer

Mr. Demers provided the Board with an oral overview, rather than presentation, of the Agency's collaboration with Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) and other stakeholders to examine options for a regional desalter project; Mr. Demers noted the Agency's gratitude for the opportunity to act in great regional partnership with stakeholders and emphasized the cost savings involved with providing support in the form of financial contribution to CMWD versus undertaking such a project directly. Mr. Demers stated that the Agency was allowed to propose revisions to the project's contract scope to include elements as required by the [LPV Judgment required and Board adopted] Basin Optimization Plan (BOP).

Director Perello encouraged the Agency to look at how the issues in the adjudicated Las Posas Valley Basin can be parallel to issues that may arise during the currently adjudicating Oxnard and Pleasant Valley Basins. Mr. Demers noted that the Regional

Desalter Feasibility Study is a true regional approach, as the study did include items in the North Pleasant Valley and even some areas in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. Director Lopez stated that she appreciates how partnership and cost savings were paramount in this process and asked after the timeline. Mr. Demers responded that it is currently underway; the study group is currently meeting and holding workshops.

At 1:19 P.M. public comment was given by:

- Ian Prichard, Deputy General Manager, Calleguas Municipal Water District

Mr. Prichard noted that CMWD anticipates the draft study in March 2027.

Motion: Director Ford moved to approve and authorize the Executive Officer to make changes as necessary and execute a financial contribution agreement with CMWD in the amount of \$100,000 for completion of a Regional Desalter Feasibility Study. Director Perello seconded the motion. Chair West called for a vote of all in favor on the motion raised.

The motion passed with all in favor at 1:21 P.M.

- 19. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Las Posas Valley Watermaster Budget; Adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 Approving a \$57.50 Basin Assessment for Water Year 2026; Adopt Resolution No. 2026-07 Approving a \$14.38 and \$41.50 Basin Assessment for Basin Optimization Projects for Water Right Holders in UWCD's service area and CMWD's service areas respectively for Water Year 2026 – (New Item)**

1:21 P.M.

Presenter: Dr. Farai Kaseke, Groundwater Manager

Dr. Kaseke gave the Board a presentation on the proposed budget materials for LPV Watermaster for FY 2026-2027 and thanked the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Fiscal Committee for their active involvement in the development and review of the materials over time, noting that the Basin Assessments to fund Watermaster operations and projects are calculated and proposed based on feedback from the committees, and have been updated to reflect Board action taken during its June meeting to utilize Agency funds from the Water Supply Sustainability Reserve to offset the project costs of Basin Optimization Plan Project 2¹ (BOP 2). Dr. Kaseke clarified that Water Right Holders in the United Water Conservation District (UWCD) service area are exempted from BOP 2 costs only, which results in a separately calculated Basin Assessment for Basin Optimization Projects, as shown in proposed Resolution 2026-07.

Director Perello reiterated his earlier comment regarding the adjudicating basins, noting that the adjudicated LPV Basin can inform the adjudicating OPV Basins. Director Cavaletto agreed with Director Perello and pointed out the sustainable yield as one example.

Assignment of Action Items:

¹ See Item 12: <https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=27514>

Chair West requested that staff develop a Fiscal Reserve Policy and a Proposed Budget Report for LPV Watermaster for the next budget cycle.

At 1:42 P.M. public comment was given by:

- Mr. Scholle, attending via Zoom.

Mr. Scholle requested that the Clerk read his written comment provided online: “Water users in the UWCD boundaries still pay substantially more replenishment fees than water users outside the UWCD boundary.”

As the Item’s recommended action included formal adoption of several Resolutions before the Board, Chair West requested that motions be made separately.

Motion 1: Director Cavaletto moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Las Posas Valley Watermaster Budget. Director Perello seconded the motion. Chair West called for a vote of all in favor on the motion raised.

The motion passed with all in favor at 1:42 P.M.

Motion 2: Director Lopez moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 approving a Basin Assessment of \$57.50 per acre-foot of Annual Allocation for Water Right Holders in the Las Posas Valley for Water Year (WY) 2026 to be invoiced quarterly. Director Perello seconded the motion. Chair West called for a roll call vote on the motion raised.

Roll Call Vote Tally:

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion passed with all in favor at 1:43 P.M.

Motion 3: Director Lopez moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-07 approving a Basin Assessment for Basin Optimization Projects of \$14.38 per acre-foot of Annual Allocation for Water Right Holders in the United Water Conservation District service area and \$41.50 for Water Right Holders in the Calleguas Mutual Water District’s service area of Las Posas Valley for WY 2026 to be invoiced quarterly. Director Cavaletto seconded the motion. Chair West called for a roll call vote on the motion raised.

Roll Call Vote Tally:

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion passed with all in favor at 1:43 P.M.

20. Watermaster Update on Carryover, Overuse and Transfers – (New Item)

1:44 P.M.

Presenter: Dr. Farai Kaseke, Groundwater Manager

Dr. Kaseke gave the Board a presentation on procedures and considerations related to compliant Carryover, Overuse and Transfers in the Las Posas Valley Basin. He provided an overview of options available to Water Right Holders so that they can cure any overuse per the LPV Judgment and noted that Water Right Holders must confirm that their contact information is correct. Dr. Kaseke emphasized that transfers must be submitted by October 1, 2026, due to Department of Water Resources (DWR) deadlines for annual reporting.

Chair West asked if staff have received any stakeholder feedback on the process of curing overuse. Dr. Kaseke responded that no feedback on the process has been received, but staff have heard feedback regarding how the pricing of the water is based on supply and demand in the private water market. He added that a carryover cap will enter the market so rates may ease and noted that Watermaster wants to develop its own water market in the future.

No public comment was given.

As this was an informational Item only, no Board action was recommended or taken.

21. Adjournment

Chair West adjourned the meeting at 1:58 P.M.

Submitted by:

Elka Weber
Clerk of the Board

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

John Demers

September 23, 2026

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

**SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2026 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Conflict of Interest Code – (New Item)**

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive and file a presentation on the 2026 Agency Conflict of Interest Code; (2) Conduct a biennial review of the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code; (3) Adopt the proposed 2026 Conflict of Interest Code (2026 COIC) for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency; and (4) Direct staff to file the 2026 COIC with the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND:

The Political Reform Act (Government Code 81000 et. seq.) requires specified elected officers and officials, including members of the board of directors and the executive of a groundwater sustainability agency, to file statements of economic interest with the Fair Political Practices Commission. (Gov. Code, §§ 87200, 87200.5.) A separate provision of the Political Reform Act requires public agencies to adopt a conflict of interest code where public agency boards may list additional persons or positions at their respective agencies that are required to file statements of economic interest. (Gov. Code, § 87300 et seq.) However, those officials and positions that are required by the Political Reform Act to file a statement of economic interests are not required to be listed in the public agency's conflict of interest code and thus not required to file a separate statement of economic interest. (Gov. Code, § 87302(a) ("Each conflict of interest code shall contain...[s]pecific enumeration of the position with the agency, *other than those specified in Section 87200*, that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions...").) In addition, the Political Reform Act requires every agency to perform a biennial review that includes amendments as needed every even-numbered year. In 2024, the California Legislature amended the Political Reform Act to require the "executive director, general manager, or other equivalent position of the groundwater sustainability agency" to prepare and file statements of financial interest with the FPPC. (Gov. Code, § 87200.5(a), (b).)

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body for the Agency's Conflict of Interest Code and is required to review and approve the Agency's code this year.

DISCUSSION:

Exhibits following this letter set forth the proposed revisions to the Agency Conflict of Interest Code for your Board's approval and adoption. The proposed revisions include updating the officials and positions listed as "Designated Positions and Filing Officers" in the COIC. More specifically, the schedule of positions required to file statements of economic interests has been updated to remove those positions that are now required to report by the express language of the Political Reform Act. (See Gov. Code, §§ 87200, 87200.5.) Attached as Exhibit 9A is the 2026 Local Agency Biennial Notice, which officially identifies these amendments as those which appear in the revised COIC. The revised Conflict of Interest Code is attached as both a red-line version (Exhibit 9B) and a clean copy (Exhibit 9C).

The main intent of the COIC remains unchanged since its previous revision. Government Code section 87200 et seq. requires all "officials who manage public investments" to disclose, in a Form 700, all their economic interests pursuant to the Political Reform; historically, FCGMA Conflict of Interest Code designates all stated positions to disclose Category 1, the broadest disclosure category.

For further information regarding the Conflict of Interest Code, please visit the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) website at www.fppc.ca.gov or the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors website at <https://venturacounty.gov/county-executive-office/clerk-of-the-board/conflict-of-interest-code/>.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends your Board adopt the proposed attached 2026 Conflict of Interest Code documents for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency. Should the COIC be approved and adopted by your Board during today's meeting, Agency staff requests the Chair of the Board's signature on both versions of the 2026 Proposed COIC: both the red-line (Exhibit 9B) and the clean copy (Exhibit 9C), for the Board of Supervisors to consider when they review the Agency's amended documents.

Once adopted by your Board, the COIC and signed 2026 Local Agency Biennial Notice will be submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The Clerk of the Board's Office will present the Agency's submission to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

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

Sincerely,



John Demers
Executive Officer

Attachments: Item 9A – 2026 Local Agency Biennial Notice Identifying FCGMA
 Item 9B – Red-Line Version of Proposed 2026 FCGMA COIC
 Item 9C – Clean Version of Proposed 2026 FCGMA COIC

2026 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Mailing Address: 800 S. Victoria Ave, L#1610, Ventura, CA 93009
Contact Person: John Demers Phone No. 805-654-2014
Email: FCGMA@venturacounty.gov Alternate Email: john.demers@venturacounty.gov

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

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

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

(*Check all that apply.*)

- ☐ Include new positions
- ☐ Revise disclosure categories
- ☐ Revise the titles of existing positions
- ☐ Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions
- ☒ Other (*describe*) Removal of positions that are otherwise required to report pursuant to Gov. Code 87200, removal of one Consultant

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

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

Verification (to be completed if no amendment is required)

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

Signature of Chief Executive Officer

Date

All agencies must complete and return this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended. Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2026**, or by the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to: via email: form700@venturacounty.gov or you may mail to:

County of Ventura - Clerk of the Board
800 S. Victoria Ave L#1920
Ventura CA 93009

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC.

FPPC Advice: www.fppc.ca.gov
advice@fppc.ca.gov (866.275.3772)

2026 Proposed Revision

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE *Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*

The Political Reform Act, Government Code section 81000 et seq., requires local government agencies to adopt and promulgate Conflict of Interest Codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code Regs., § 18730) which contains the terms of a standard Conflict of Interest Code, which may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act after public notice and hearings.

The terms of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18730, and any amendment to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated by reference as the Conflict of Interest Code for the *Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*, and along with the attached Exhibit A, which designates positions requiring disclosure and Exhibit B, which sets forth disclosure categories for each designated position, constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the *Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*. Persons holding positions designated in Exhibit A shall file Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests with the Filing Officer specified for that position in Exhibit A.

IN PREPARING THE FORM 700, FILERS DESIGNATED IN EXHIBIT A NEED ONLY DISCLOSE THOSE FINANCIAL INTERESTS FALLING WITHIN THE DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES DESIGNATED FOR THAT FILER'S POSITION AS STATED IN EXHIBITS A AND B.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, 2026:

By: _____
Print Name: Eugene F. West
Title: Chair, Board of Directors

EXHIBIT A – DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND FILING OFFICERS

# of POSITIONS	POSITION TITLE	DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES (From Exhibit B)	FILING OFFICER (Designate County Clerk of Board [COB] or Local Agency's Clerk [AC])
5	Members of the Board of Directors	1	
5	Alternate Members of the Board of Directors	1	
1	Agency Counsel	1	COB
Consultants ¹			
2	Dudek	1	COB
2	Kennedy Jenks Consultants	1	COB
1	Todd Groundwater	1	COB
1	Aquilologic	1	COB
1	Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.	1	COB

¹ The disclosure, if any, required of a consultant will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the head of the agency or designee. The determination of whether a consultant has disclosure requirements should be made in writing on a Fair Political Practices Commission Form 805. The determination should include a description of the consultant's duties and based upon that description, a statement of the extent, if any, of the disclosure requirements. Each Form 805 is a public record and should be retained for public inspection either in the same manner and location as the Conflict of Interest Code, or with appropriate documentation at the location where the Conflict of Interest Code is maintained, cross-referencing to the Form 805.

EXHIBIT B – DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

The terms *italicized* below have specific meaning under the Political Reform Act. In addition, the financial interests of a spouse, domestic partner and dependent children of the public official holding the designated position may require reporting. Consult the instructions and reference pamphlet of the Form 700 for explanation.

Category 1 – BROADEST DISCLOSURE

[SEE FORM 700 SCHEDULES A-1, A-2, B, C, D and E]

- (1) All sources of *income, gifts, loans and travel payments*;
- (2) All *interests in real property*; and
- (3) All *investments and business positions in business entities*.

Category 2 – REAL PROPERTY

[SEE FORM 700 SCHEDULE B]

All interests in real property, including interests in real property held by business entities and trusts in which the public official holds a business position or has an investment or other financial interest.

Category 3 – LAND DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSACTION

[SEE FORM 700 SCHEDULES A-1, A-2, C, D and E]

All investments, business positions and sources of income, gifts, loans and travel payments, from sources which engage in land development, construction, or real property acquisition or sale.

Category 4 – PROCUREMENT

[SEE FORM 700 SCHEDULES A-1, A-2, C, D and E]

All investments, business positions and sources of income, gifts, loans and travel payments, from sources which provide services, supplies, materials, machinery or equipment which the designated position procures or assists in procuring on behalf of their agency or department.

Category 5 – REGULATION AND PERMITTING

[SEE FORM 700 SCHEDULES A-1, A-2, C, D and E]

All investments, business positions and sources of income, gifts, loans and travel payments, from sources which are subject to the regulatory, permitting or licensing authority of, or have an application or license pending before, the designated position's agency or department.

Category 6 – FUNDING

[SEE FORM 700 SCHEDULES A-1, A-2, C, D and E]

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Category 4 – PROCUREMENT

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	FUND: 0170 UNIT: 5795	DETAIL BY ACCOUNTING PERIOD				
2	FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY	OBJ	PROGRAM	TOTAL	AP 01	AP 02
3	Financial Status Report, as of August 2026				July'26	August'26
4	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE			14,236,361.49	14,236,361.49	13,749,471.04
5	REVENUE:					
6	GRDWTR PUMPING CHARGES	9790	P6020901	(178,443.88)	(179,838.05)	1,394.17
7	GMA PUMPING SURCHARGES	9790	P6020903	23,460.00	11,730.00	11,730.00
8	GMA INTEREST/ PENALTIES	9790	P6020904	7,365.30	7,365.30	-
9	GMA GEMES RESERVE FEE	9790	P6020907	23,437.50	10,288.18	13,149.32
10	GRDWTR SUSTAINABILITY ACT FEE	9790	P6020908	29,426.47	12,941.33	16,485.14
11	INTEREST EARNINGS (COUNTY POOLED INVESTMENT FUND)	8911	-	(125,656.95)	(189,174.43)	63,517.48
12	OTHER REVENUE	9790	-	-	-	-
13	TOTAL REVENUE			(220,411.56)	(326,687.67)	106,276.11
14	EXPENDITURES:					
15	SUPPORT					
16	BOARD & COMMISSION MEMBER COMPENSATION	2181	P6020890	100.00	100.00	-
17	COUNTY GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS	2203	P6020851	80.60	-	80.60
18	FCGMA ONLINE SUPPORT	2202	P6020850/70	42,907.08	-	42,907.08
19	PUBLIC WORKS CHARGES	2205	-	301,067.16	104,366.99	196,700.17
20	PUBLIC WORKS CHARGES - CSD ALLOCATION	2199	P6020850	32,350.00	32,350.00	-
21	WPD - SCR COORDINATOR	2199	P6020850	-	-	-
22	GSA CHARGES					
23	GRAPHICS CHARGES ISF	2166	P6020850	-	-	-
24	MAIL CENTER ISF	2169	P6020850	-	-	-
25	PURCHASING CHARGES ISF	2165	P6020850	-	-	-
26	SPECIAL SERVICES ISF	2206/2116	P6020850	409.45	-	409.45
27	VOICE DATA ISF	2032	P6020850	18.18	-	18.18
28	CONTRACT					
29	CONSULTANT CONTRACT (DUDEK) - Implementation	2183	P6020858	8,670.00	10,071.25	(1,401.25)
30	CONSULTANT CONTRACT (DUDEK) - Annual reports	2183	P6020858	-	-	-
31	CONSULTANT CONTRACT (ACI PAYMENTS INC)	2199	P6020850	-	-	-
32	CONSULTANT CONTRACT (GEO BLUE CONSULTING INC)	2199	P6020858	5,283.75	-	5,283.75
33	LEGAL					
34	COUNTY COUNSEL	2185	P6020853	3,882.25	-	3,882.25
35	COUNTY COUNSEL (GEMES) - LPV Basin Adjudication	2185	P6020864	-	-	-
36	COUNTY COUNSEL (GEMES) - City of Oxnard v FCGMA	2185	P6020866	293.00	-	293.00
37	COUNTY COUNSEL (GEMES) - OPV Coalition v FCGMA	2185	P6020867	2,329.00	-	2,329.00
38	OTHER LEGAL FEES (STOEL) (GEMES) - City of Oxnard v FCGMA	2185	P6020866	-	-	-
39	OTHER LEGAL FEES (STOEL) (GEMES) - OPV Coalition v FCGMA	2185	P6020867	-	-	-
40	OTHER LEGAL FEES (SMW) (GEMES) - OPV Coalition v FCGMA	2185	P6020867	-	-	-
41	OTHER LEGAL FEES (GMSR LLP) (GEMES) - City of Oxnard v FCGMA	2185	P6020866	-	-	-
42	OTHER					
43	ASSN OF WATER AGENCIES DUES	2159	P6020850	-	-	-
44	BIENNIAL AUDIT	2199	P6020850	-	-	-
45	BOARD MEMBERS INSURANCE	2072	P6020850	5,795.54	5,795.54	-
46	CONFERENCES / SEMINARS	2273	P6020850	-	-	-
47	GSP DEVELOPMENT - Monitoring Wells	2188	P6020858	-	-	-
48	LAFCO FUNDING	2159	P6020850	7,519.00	7,519.00	-
49	MISC OFFICE EXPENSE	2159/79	P6020850	379.06	-	379.06
50	PUBLICATIONS AND LEGAL NOTICES	2221	P6020850	-	-	-
51	SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS NON ISF (ZOOM, PLANETBIDS LLC)	2236	P6020850	-	-	-
52	TRAVEL EXPENSE	2292	P6020850	-	-	-
53	TOTAL EXPENDITURES			411,084.07	160,202.78	250,881.29
54	NET MONTHLY INCOME				(486,890.45)	(144,605.18)
55	ENDING CASH BALANCE			13,604,865.86	13,749,471.04	13,604,865.86
56	NOTES:					
	The new Fiscal Year, FY 2027, began on July 01, 2026. Revenue recorded for July and August includes FY 2026 accrual reversals, payments for SAES-2026-1, and statements from various prior years. Additionally, allocations from interest earnings were received from the County Pooled Investment fund.					
	In July, the primary focus was on completing the year-end processing for FY 2026. Invoices received by the established cutoff date were recorded in the previous Fiscal Year. Notable expenses in July and August included LAFCO funding, the quarterly allocation for PWA CSD IT and Fiscal Services, and the renewal of the Agency's insurance policy with Glatfelter Public Entities. Dudek continued to provide support for GSP implementation, and County Counsel billed for their services in July.					

Item 11 - LPV Watermaster FY 2026-27 FSR, as of August 2026
FCGMA Board Meeting, 9/23/2026

Prepared by: Daiva Pekinas

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	FUND: 0171 UNIT: 5796	DETAIL BY ACCOUNTING PERIOD				
2	LPV WATERMASTER	OBJ	PROG	TOTAL	AP 01	AP 02
3	Financial Status Report as of August 2026				July'26	August'26
4	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE			1,633,615.90	1,633,615.90	1,938,213.64
5	REVENUE:					
6	BASIN ASSESSMENT FEE	9790	P6020670	423,606.01	271,472.95	152,133.06
7	BASIN ASSESSMENT INTEREST	9790	P6020671	(9,809.46)	(9,966.87)	157.41
8	LPV OVERUSE	9790	P6020672	109,663.65	109,663.65	-
9	LPV BOP ASSESSMENT	9790	P6020674	56,097.01	37,637.64	18,459.37
10	LPV BOP ASSESSMENT INTEREST	9790	P6020675	(557.81)	(576.92)	19.11
11	LPV ATTORNEYS' FEES COLLECTED	9790	P6020676	45.70	45.70	-
12	LPV COSTS OF COLLECTION	9790	P6020677	-	-	-
13	INTEREST EARNINGS (COUNTY POOLED INVESTMENT FUND)	8911	-	(14,563.82)	(21,314.47)	6,750.65
14	TOTAL REVENUE			564,481.28	386,961.68	177,519.60
15	EXPENDITURES:					
16	SUPPORT					
17	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV WATERMASTER ADMINISTRATION	2205	P6020660	41,810.56	18,975.56	22,835.00
18	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV ALLOCATIONS & RECORD KEEPING	2205	P6020661	14,672.94	6,590.51	8,082.43
19	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV BASIN MANAGEMENT	2205	P6020662	11,530.53	6,519.60	5,010.93
20	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV COMMITTEE COORDINATION & CONSULTATION	2205	P6020663	257.07	-	257.07
21	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV BUDGET & ASSESSMENTS	2205	P6020664	6,879.15	4,787.73	2,091.42
22	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV LEGAL SERVICES	2205	P6020666	11,109.87	2,777.48	8,332.39
23	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV IT SERVICE & SUPPORT	2205	P6020667	1,544.86	1,082.41	462.45
24	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV CMWD ASR PROJECT OPERATIONS STUDY	2205	P6020665	5,280.25	3,168.15	2,112.10
25	PUBLIC WORKS ISF CHARGES - LPV PROJECT BA IMPLEMENTATION	2205	P6020668	-	-	-
26	PUBLIC WORKS CSD CHARGES - LPV IT SERVICE & SUPPORT (CSD IT)	2199	P6020667	10,175.00	10,175.00	-
27	PUBLIC WORKS CSD CHARGES - FISCAL SUPPORT (CSD FISCAL)	2199	P6020664	10,750.00	10,750.00	-
28	LEGAL					
29	LPV LEGAL SERVICES - COUNTY COUNSEL	2185	P6020666	6,064.75	-	6,064.75
30	LPV LEGAL SERVICES - STOEL RIVES - LPVWRC VS FCGMA	2185	P6020666	10,277.90	-	10,277.90
31	LPV LEGAL SERVICES - STOEL RIVES - GENERAL LEGAL	2185	P6020666	22,784.01	-	22,784.01
32	CONTRACTS					
33	AQUILOGIC-ASR STUDY GROUP	2199	P6020665	1,680.00	-	1,680.00
34	AQUILOGIC-TAC	2199	P6020663	-	-	-
35	DANIEL B STEPHENS & ASSOCIATES - TAC	2199	P6020663	802.50	802.50	-
36	DANIEL B STEPHENS & ASSOCIATES - PAC	2199	P6020663	-	-	-
37	DAVID KEITH TODD CONSULTING ENGINEERS - TAC	2199	P6020663	2,435.00	-	2,435.00
38	DUDEK - GSP UPDATE	2183	P6020662	-	-	-
39	DUDEK - BOYS	2183	P6020662	16,735.00	16,735.00	-
40	DUDEK - TAC	2183	P6020663	1,401.25	-	1,401.25
41	RGS AUTHORITY	2199	P6020661	-	-	-
42	WATER RESOURCES ECONOMICS LLC	2199	P6020664	5,265.00	-	5,265.00
43	OTHER					
44	AUDIT - BROWN ARMSTRONG ACCOUNTANCY CORP	2199	P6020664	81.25	-	81.25
45	TOTAL EXPENDITURES			181,536.89	82,363.94	99,172.95
46	NET MONTHLY INCOME				304,597.74	78,346.65
47	ENDING CASH BALANCE			2,016,560.29	1,938,213.64	2,016,560.29
48	NOTES: The new Fiscal Year 2027 began on July 1, 2026. The revenue reported for July and August includes payments for the fourth installment of the Water Year 2025 (10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026) Basin Assessment (LPV-2025-4) and Overuse Assessment payments. The LPV-2025-4 statements were released on July 1, 2026 and had a due date of August 1, 2026. The Watermaster Board approved a \$60.00/AF Basin Assessment and a \$7.25/AF Basin Optimization Plan (BOP) Projects Assessment for WY 2025, to be invoiced in four equal installments. On June 25, 2026, the FCGMA Board adopted resolution 2025-03, which established an Overuse Assessment. A total of fifteen invoices, amounting to \$959,285.01 for the WY 2023 Overuse Assessments, were sent electronically to Water Rights Holders on June 25, 2026 with payments due within one month. \$109,663.65 was recorded for LPV Overuse in July. Additionally, interest earnings allocations were received from the County Pooled Investment fund. The primary emphasis in July was on the year-end processing for Fiscal Year 2026. Invoices received by the established cutoff date were recorded in the prior Fiscal Year. Notable expenses in July and August include the PWA CSD quarterly allocation for IT and Fiscal Services, Dudek support for the Basin Optimization Yield Study, and Water Resources Economics support for a BOP Project fee study. County Counsel billed for July, and Stoel Rives submitted their invoices for Watermaster legal services through June.					

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John Demers

September 23, 2026

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

SUBJECT: Resolution Honoring Lynn Maulhardt – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve proposed Resolution No. 2026-08 honoring Director Lynn Maulhardt for his decades of service to the Agency.

BACKGROUND:

Lynn Maulhardt served the Agency with distinction for 34 years; three decades of his service, from 1987 to 2017, were as Agency Chair of the Board of Directors, during that course obtaining 15 consecutive reappointments as Chair. After his tenure as Chair ended, Director Maulhardt rejoined the Agency in 2022 to ensure continued representation of United Water Conservation District (UWCD) on the FCGMA Board. In 2025, Director Maulhardt was honored by UWCD for over 40 years of service, serving as member of the UWCD Board since 1985. He was honored in 2026 with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Ventura County Association of Water Agencies. As the Santa Paula Times reported in 2005¹ when Lynn was presented with a Certificate of Commendation from the Oxnard City Council, "Lynn Maulhardt has represented United Water Conservation District's Division 4, northeast of the City of Oxnard since 1985... His roots in Ventura County run as deep as his lifelong commitment to high quality water at a reasonable cost for the county's agricultural and municipal water users."

To quote your Board's Chair Eugene West, who provided the following comments when announcing Lynn as the recipient of the John K. Flynn Annual Groundwater Stewardship Award during the April 26, 2017, FCGMA Board meeting²:

"This is someone recognized for his lifetime of commitment to his family, to his country, and indeed to this community as well. His family has farmed out on the Oxnard Plain since 1867 before there even was a Ventura County. He served his country with honor in the US Air Force, flying 127 combat missions, earning three Distinguished Flying Crosses, and ten Air Service medals.

¹https://santapaulatimes.com/news/archivestory.php/aid/9850/Special_presentation_honoring_Lynn_Maulhardt_at_United_Water_Conservation_District.html

²<https://ventura.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=3575>

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His commitment to this agency and to water resources in this county is absolutely unparalleled. Our recipient has been involved in every aspect of water policy, leadership, management, and in the creation of the strategic vision of two water agencies in this county since the mid-1980s; he has been a champion for water resource change to ensure the long-term stability of the resource that we all rely upon. He directed and provided guidance to this agency for 30 years.

Now, normally when we think of navigating heavy seas, we think of oceans, not groundwater... but the heavy seas of groundwater management are sometimes more difficult to navigate than the open Pacific. Our recipient managed to navigate those waters with grace and patience - always thoughtful, considerate, open minded, constructive, and loquacious. He's left a lasting imprint on this agency and indeed on this community. In summary, this year's recipient was chosen for his leadership of our agency and his lifelong dedication to improving water resource stewardship in Ventura."

CONCLUSION:

Our community has lost a legend, and we respectfully ask your Board to help us say goodbye. Staff recommends your Board approve and adopt proposed Resolution No. 2026-08 honoring Lynn Maulhardt (Item 12A).

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

Sincerely,



John Demers
Executive Officer

Attachment:

Exhibit 12A – Proposed Resolution 2026-08



Resolution 2026-08
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
HONORING
Lynn Maulhardt

WHEREAS, Lynn Maulhardt faithfully served as chairman of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency for three decades, from 1987 to 2017, and for four years as Director from 2022 to 2026, representing the United Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, Director Maulhardt brought his full depth and breadth of expertise to our Board, from groundwater to resource conservation to farming to a strong understanding of local stakeholders in order to contribute to the success and accomplishments of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, Director Maulhardt was a thoughtful, considerate, open-minded, constructive, and loquacious voice for all water users within the Agency, known especially for his strong, strategic leadership, and collaborative policy development for the sustainability of the County's groundwater resources, especially as it relates to transparency, collaborative and effective problem-solving, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on our Board, Director Maulhardt with dignity and distinction led the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency steadily, helping navigate the advent of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and new responsibilities as a groundwater sustainability agency, and again providing his voice and perspective during adjudication of groundwater basins under the Agency's jurisdiction, all the while helping to improve the Agency's water resource stewardship while dutifully representing all well operators and while considering the community in all his actions; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency honors Lynn Maulhardt for his dedicated and honorable service and expresses its sadness at his untimely passing and its condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

PRESENTED BY THE FCGMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

Eugene West, Chair

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Tony Trembley, Director

Keith Ford, Alternate Director

Richard Cavaletto, Director

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September 23, 2026

Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Dudek to Provide Technical Groundwater Consulting Services to Support Implementation and Compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin and Las Posas Valley Basin; Authorize the Executive Officer to Make Limited Changes to the Contract – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on a professional services contract with Dudek to provide technical groundwater consulting services to support the Agency's implementation and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin and Las Posas Valley Basin; (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer or designee to execute the proposed professional services contract with Dudek, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,743,590, effective for five (5) years; and (3) Authorize the Executive Officer or designee to approve budget modifications that do not increase the not-to-exceed limit of the proposed contract and/or to approve corrections, clarifications, and technical modifications to the proposed contract when those corrections, clarifications, and technical modifications are consistent with the original purpose of the proposed contract, do not result in additional costs to FCGMA or the County of Ventura, and are reviewed and approved as to form by Agency Counsel.

BACKGROUND:

After a decade of engaging the same technical consultant, as matter of transparency, fairness and fiscal responsibility, the Agency embarked on a public bid process to select a qualified technical consultant to provide technical consulting services to support Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin and Las Posas Valley Basin. In order to engage as many potential technical consultants, the Agency manages all solicitations including requests for proposals (RFPs) through PlanetBids, a web-based eProcurement system available at no cost to all qualified consulting firms interested in doing business with the Agency. On May 27, 2026, the Agency issued a RFP or solicitation on PlanetBids with notifications going out to 250 vendors on the platform. The RFP requested that consultants with technical groundwater experience and expertise submit proposals on the eight tasks below:

- Task 1: Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for WYs 2026-2030
- Task 2: Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP
- Task 3: Periodic Evaluation of the Las Posas Valley Basin GSP
- Task 4: Periodic Evaluation of the Pleasant Valley Basin GSP
- Task 5: Data Gap Analysis
- Task 6: Technical Support
- Task 7: Public Outreach and Communication
- Task 8: Project Management

The RFP requested submittal of cost estimates based on time-and-materials and a not-to-exceed amount be submitted in a separate sealed envelope. On July 7, 2026, nine consulting firms attended a hybrid pre-bid meeting and of those nine, only two consulting firms submitted proposals: Dudek and Larry Walker and Associates. Of the two proposals received, Dudek's submission was determined to be most responsive to the RFP.

DISCUSSION:

Following feedback from your Board and stakeholders from the last GSP Periodic Evaluations, the professional services contract to provide technical consulting services to the Agency covers the 5-year period to include these evaluations and avoid any delays in preparing the second periodic evaluations. The proposed scope of work consists of the following specific tasks, items of work, and deliverables, through June 30, 2031.

Task 1: Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for WYs 2026-2030

CONSULTANT will prepare three (3) GSP Annual Reports for the Las Posas Valley Basin, Oxnard Subbasin, and Pleasant Valley Basin for each Water Year from 2026 to 2030, for a total of fifteen (15) Annual Reports. The Annual Reports shall be prepared consistent with the Department of Water Resources Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments (2023), and DWR Emergency GSP Regulations § 356.2, and shall include the subtasks listed below and described in detail in the scope of work attached (Exhibit 13A).

- Task 1.1: General Information
- Task 1.2: Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps
- Task 1.3: Hydrographs
- Task 1.4: Groundwater Extraction
- Task 1.5: Surface Water Supply
- Task 1.6: Total Water Use
- Task 1.7: Change in Storage
- Task 1.8: GSP Progress Description
- Task 1.9: Water Quality
- Task 1.10 Report Development
- Task 1.11: Las Posas Valley Basin Watermaster Response Reports and Committee Consultation
- Task 1.12: Report

Tasks 2, 3 and 4: Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP, Las Posas Valley Basin and Pleasant Valley Basins

Tasks 2, 3 and 4 are similar but specific to individual basins and have thus been summarized for this item. CONSULTANT shall prepare the second five-year Periodic Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin GSP for Water Years 2025 - 2029. The Periodic Evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the Subbasin, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the Subbasin; and re-evaluation of the Basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and assessment of undesirable results. The final Periodic Evaluation is due to the Department of Water Resources on January 13th of 2030 and is due to AGENCY for adoption by the FCGMA Board of Directors by December 1, 2029. The Periodic Evaluation shall include the following subtasks listed below and described in detail in the scope of work attached

- Executive Summary
- Evaluation of Current Conditions
- Future Model Scenarios
- Technical Evaluation of GSP
- Preparation of Draft Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP
- Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings
- Preparation of Final Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP
- Watermaster Committee Consultation and Response Reports (*Las Posas Valley Basin only*)

The final Periodic Evaluation is due to the Department of Water Resources on January 13th of 2030 and is due to AGENCY for adoption by the FCGMA Board of Directors by December 1, 2029.

Task 5: Data Gap Analysis

CONSULTANT will support the AGENCY in evaluating options for filling data gaps identified in the GSPs. The GSPs identified data gaps including, but not limited to, data on groundwater quality, spatial and temporal water levels, subsidence, seawater intrusion, shallow groundwater near surface water bodies and groundwater dependent ecosystems, surface water flows in agricultural drains, and groundwater extractions. This task includes analysis of the data gaps, development of strategies and cost estimates for addressing data gaps, and prioritization.

Task 6: Technical Support

CONSULTANT will provide on-going as needed hydrogeologic support to AGENCY technical staff, as directed, for implementation of the GSPs and sustainable management of the Basins. This task includes, but is not limited to, data analysis, review and analysis of technical reports, evaluation of groundwater conditions, sustainability indicators, and progress toward achieving GSP sustainability goals. CONSULTANT will participate in, and make presentations at, stakeholder, advisory committee, and AGENCY Board meetings. Task 6 services will be specially tasked as needed by the AGENCY project manager.

Task 7: Public Outreach and Communication

CONSULTANT shall plan and facilitate community engagement events to educate and inform the public about important Basin management and AGENCY Initiatives, and to address their input. This includes coordinating logistics, developing informational

materials, and collaborating with stakeholders to ensure accessibility and inclusivity. Engaging with community members through workshops, presentations, and outreach helps build trust, gather feedback, and promote awareness of sustainable practices. Additionally, providing responsive support through email, phone, and interactions with stakeholders ensures that the public has access to accurate information and resources, fostering a positive relationship between the organization and the community.

Task 8: Project Management

CONSULTANT shall conduct all contract and project administration work required for the project. The project manager shall maintain the project schedule, track expenditures against the budget and Task progress, and prepare monthly itemized progress reports for submittal with invoices. AGENCY and CONSULTANT will participate in a kick-off meeting after award of the project and then weekly one-hour status conference or video calls.

Additional Tasks

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

Task	Cost
Task 1: Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for Water Years 2026-2030	\$837,590
Task 2: Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP	\$298,490
Task 3: Periodic Evaluation of the Las Posas Valley Basin GSP	\$416,780
Task 4: Periodic Evaluation of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin GSP	\$298,490
Task 5: Data Gap Analysis	\$93,420
Task 6: Technical Support	\$382,800
Task 7: Public Outreach and Communication	\$183,262
Task 8: Project Management	\$232,400
Not To Exceed Total	\$2,743,590

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board (1) Receive and file this presentation on the proposed professional services contract with Dudek to support the Agency's continued implementation and compliance with SGMA, (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer or designee to execute the proposed contract with Dudek; and (3) Authorize the Executive Officer or designee to approve budget modifications that do not increase the not-to-exceed limit of the proposed contract and/or to approve corrections, clarifications, and technical modifications to the proposed contract when those corrections, clarifications, and technical modifications are consistent with the original purpose of the proposed contract, do not result in additional costs to FCGMA or the County of Ventura, and are reviewed and approved as to form by Agency Counsel.

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

Sincerely,

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

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 13A – Proposed Contract with Scope of Work, Budget and Schedule
Exhibit 13B – Dudek Proposal

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FOX CANYON
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND DUDEK FOR TECHNICAL
CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPORT
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

This contract is made and entered into this 23rd day of September 2026, by and between the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, hereinafter referred to as AGENCY, and Dudek, hereinafter referred to as CONSULTANT regarding CONSULTANT's performance of the work and services described in Exhibit A hereto (the "Work"). In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Scope of Work; Standard of Performance

AGENCY hereby retains CONSULTANT to perform the Work described in Exhibit A hereto. The Work shall be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract. In performing the Work CONSULTANT shall exercise the degree of skill and care customarily exercised by professionals in the State of California when providing similar services with respect to similarly complex work and projects.

2. Time Schedule

All Work and any portion thereof separately identified shall be completed within the time provided in the "Time Schedule" attached hereto as Exhibit B. AGENCY will issue a suspension of the contract time when CONSULTANT is delayed by any public agency reviewing documents produced by CONSULTANT under this contract, or to the extent due to acts or omissions of AGENCY. CONSULTANT shall promptly notify AGENCY of any such delays.

3. Fees and Payments

Payment shall be made monthly, or as otherwise provided, on presentation of a completed AGENCY Consultant Services Invoice form in accordance with the "Fees and Payment" provisions attached hereto as Exhibit C.

The total sum of all payments made by AGENCY to CONSULTANT for services and work performed under this contract shall not exceed the "Total Amount Not to Exceed" specified in Section 1 of Exhibit C, attached hereto. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, AGENCY expressly reserves the right to deny any payment or reimbursement requested by CONSULTANT for services or work performed that is in excess of the "Total Amount Not to Exceed" specified in Section 1 of Exhibit C.

4. Termination

AGENCY retains the right to terminate this contract for any reason prior to completion of the Work upon five days written notice to CONSULTANT. Upon termination, AGENCY shall pay CONSULTANT for all Work performed prior to such termination, provided however, that such charges shall not exceed the maximum fee specified for completion of any separately identified task/phase of the Work which, at the time of termination, has

been started by request of AGENCY, plus the outstanding amount of contract retention withheld to date.

5. Right to Review

AGENCY shall have the right to review the Work at any time during AGENCY's usual working hours. Review, checking, approval or other action by the AGENCY shall not relieve CONSULTANT of CONSULTANT's responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the Work.

6. Correction of Work

If any Work performed by CONSULTANT does not conform to the requirements and professional standards of this contract, AGENCY may require CONSULTANT to correct the Work until it conforms to said requirements and standards at no additional cost to AGENCY. AGENCY may withhold payment for disputed Work until CONSULTANT correctly performs the Work or the dispute is otherwise resolved in accordance with this contract. When the Work to be performed is of such a nature that CONSULTANT cannot correct its performance, AGENCY may reduce the CONSULTANT's compensation to reflect the reduced value of the Work received by AGENCY. If CONSULTANT fails to promptly re-perform the Work, AGENCY may have the Work performed by a third party in conformance with the requirements and professional standards of this contract and charge CONSULTANT, or withhold from payments due CONSULTANT, any costs AGENCY incurs that are directly related to the performance of the corrective work. AGENCY shall not unreasonably withhold or reduce payment for CONSULTANT's Work under this section.

7. Sub Consulting

With the prior written consent of AGENCY, CONSULTANT may engage the professional services of sub consultants for the performance of a portion of the Work ("subconsultants"). CONSULTANT shall be fully responsible for all Work performed by subconsultants which must be performed in accordance with all terms and conditions of this contract. All insurance requirements set forth in Section 13 below, "Insurance Requirements", shall apply to each subconsultant, except to the extent such requirements are modified or waived in writing by AGENCY. CONSULTANT shall ensure that each sub consultant obtains and keeps in force and effect during the term of this contract the required insurance.

8. Independent Contractor

In performing the Work, CONSULTANT is an independent contractor and neither CONSULTANT nor its employees, agents or Sub consultants shall be deemed employees of AGENCY for any reason. AGENCY shall have no responsibility or liability for the payment of any salary, wages, unemployment benefits, Workers' Compensation or disability benefits, federal, state or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any of CONSULTANT's employees, agents, subconsultants, or any of their respective employees or agents.

9. Duty of Loyalty; Conflicts of Interest

- a. CONSULTANT owes AGENCY a duty of undivided loyalty in performing the Work under this contract, including the obligation to refrain from having economic interests and participating in activities that conflict with AGENCY's interests with respect to the Work and subject project. CONSULTANT shall take reasonable measures to ensure that CONSULTANT, its principals, officers, employees and Sub Consultants do not possess a financial conflict of interest with respect to the Work and subject project. CONSULTANT shall promptly inform AGENCY of any matter that could reasonably be interpreted as creating a conflict of interest for CONSULTANT with respect to the Work and subject project.
- b. CONSULTANT acknowledges that the California Political Reform Act ("Act"), Government Code section 81000 et seq., provides that principals, employees and agents of consultants retained by a public agency may be deemed "public officials" subject to the Act if they make or advise AGENCY on decisions or actions to be taken by AGENCY. To the extent AGENCY determines that the Act applies to CONSULTANT or its principals or employees, each designated person shall abide by the Act, including the requirement for public officials to prepare and file statements disclosing specified economic interests, as directed by AGENCY. In addition, CONSULTANT acknowledges and shall abide by the contractual conflict of interest restrictions imposed on public officials by Government Code section 1090 et seq.
- c. During the term of this contract CONSULTANT shall not employ or compensate AGENCY's current employees.

10. Defense and Indemnification

CONSULTANT shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the AGENCY, including all of its boards, agencies, departments, officers, employees, agents and volunteers (collectively, "Indemnatee"), against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, debts, demands and liabilities that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, and to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of CONSULTANT or its officers, employees, agents or subconsultants in the performance of this contract. This indemnity provision does not apply to claims, lawsuits, judgments, debts, demands and liabilities arising from the sole active negligence or willful misconduct of Indemnatee.

11. Insurance Requirements

- a. Without limiting CONSULTANT's duty to defend and indemnify AGENCY as required herein, CONSULTANT shall, at CONSULTANT's sole cost and expense and throughout the term of this contract and any extensions hereof, carry one or more insurance policies that provide at least the following minimum coverage:
 - i. Commercial General Liability insurance shall provide a minimum of \$100,000.00 coverage for each occurrence and \$200,000.00 in general aggregate coverage.
 - ii. Automobile Liability insurance shall provide a minimum of either a combined single limit (CSL) of \$1,000,000.00 for each accident or all of the following: \$250,000.00 bodily injury (BI) per person, and \$500,000.00 bodily injury per

accident, and \$100,000.00 property damage (PD). Automobile Liability insurance is not required if the CONSULTANT does no traveling in performing the Work.

- iii. Workers' Compensation insurance in full compliance with California statutory requirements for all employees of CONSULTANT in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00. This Workers' Compensation insurance requirement may only be waived by AGENCY in writing if CONSULTANT is a sole proprietor with no employees and CONSULTANT provides AGENCY with evidence of such before commencing any work under the contract.
- b. With respect to any coverage written on a "claims made" basis, CONSULTANT shall maintain such policy for two years after the term of this contract and such policy shall allow for reporting of circumstances or incidents that may give rise to future claims.
- c. CONSULTANT shall notify AGENCY immediately if CONSULTANT's general aggregate of insurance is exceeded by valid litigated claims in which case additional levels of insurance must be obtained to maintain the above-stated requirements. All required insurance shall be written by a financially responsible company or companies authorized to do business in the State of California.
- d. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall contain the following provisions or endorsements: The County of Ventura, AGENCY, and their respective officials, employees, and agents shall be named as additional insureds ("Additional Insureds"). All required insurance shall be primary coverage as respects the Additional Insureds, and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Additional Insureds shall be in excess of CONSULTANT's insurance coverage and shall not contribute to it. Coverage shall apply separately to each insured, except with respect to the limits of liability, and an act or omission by one of the named insureds shall not reduce or avoid coverage to the other named insureds. AGENCY shall be notified by the insurance company or companies within 3 working days of cancellation or substantial modification of the policy.
- e. CONSULTANT hereby waives all rights of subrogation against AGENCY, the County of Ventura, all special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors, and each of their boards, directors, employees and agents for losses arising directly or indirectly from the activities or Work under this contract. The Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability and Workers' Compensation policies shall contain a provision or endorsement needed to implement CONSULTANT's waiver of these rights of subrogation.
- f. Prior to commencement of the Work, CONSULTANT shall furnish AGENCY with certificates of insurance and endorsements effecting all coverage required hereunder. Copies of renewal certificates and endorsements shall be furnished to AGENCY within 30 days of the expiration of the term of any required policy. CONSULTANT shall permit AGENCY at all reasonable times to inspect any policies of insurance required hereunder.

12. Claims and Disputes

- a. Administrative Review. To assert any claim against AGENCY seeking payment of money or damages regarding the Work, an extension of contract time, or an interpretation or adjustment of the terms of this contract, including “pass-through” claims asserted by CONSULTANT on behalf of a Sub Consultant (collectively referred to hereinafter as “claim”), CONSULTANT shall first exhaust its administrative remedies by attempting to resolve the claim with AGENCY’s staff in the following sequence: 1) Project Manager, and 2) Executive Officer. CONSULTANT shall initiate the administrative review process no later than 30 days after the claim has arisen by submitting to the Project Manager a written statement describing each claim and explaining why CONSULTANT believes AGENCY is in error, as well as all correspondence and evidence regarding each claim. CONSULTANT may appeal the decision made by the Project Manager to the Executive Officer, provided that AGENCY receives such appeal in writing no later than seven days after the date of the decision being appealed. If CONSULTANT does not appeal a decision to the next level of administrative review within this seven-day period, the decision shall become final and binding and not subject to appeal or challenge.
- b. Arbitration. All CONSULTANT claims not resolved through the administrative review process stated above shall be resolved by arbitration unless AGENCY and CONSULTANT agree in writing, after the claim has arisen, to waive arbitration and to have the dispute litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction. Arbitration shall be pursuant to Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 10240) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Public Contract Code and the regulations promulgated thereto, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1300) of Division 2 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (collectively, “Rules for Public Works Contract Arbitrations”). Arbitration shall be initiated by a complaint in arbitration prepared, filed and served in full compliance with all requirements of the Rules for Public Works Contract Arbitrations. CONSULTANT consents and agrees that AGENCY may join it as a party to any arbitration involving third party claims asserted against AGENCY arising from or relating to any Work performed by CONSULTANT hereunder.

13. Compliance with Laws and Regulations; Permits and Licenses

CONSULTANT shall perform its obligations hereunder in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. CONSULTANT certifies that it possesses and shall continue to maintain or shall cause to be obtained and maintained, at no cost to AGENCY, all approvals, permissions, permits, licenses, and other forms of documentation required for it and its employees, agents and Sub consultants to comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, and regulations, or other laws, that apply to performance of the Work. AGENCY is entitled to review and copy all such applications, permits, and licenses which CONSULTANT shall promptly make available upon AGENCY’s request.

14. Prevailing Wage Requirements

Certain Work to be performed under this contract may be considered “public works” subject to Labor Code Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, section 1720 et seq.’s prevailing

wage, apprenticeship and other labor requirements. CONSULTANT is solely responsible for determining whether the Work, or any portion thereof, is subject to said requirements, and for complying with all such requirements that apply. All such public works projects are subject to compliance monitoring by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). AGENCY has obtained from the DIR general prevailing wage determinations for the locality in which the Work is to be performed that are on file with Ventura County Public Works Agency and are available upon request. CONSULTANT is responsible for posting job site notices as prescribed by regulation pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2). CONSULTANT acknowledges that it is aware of state and federal prevailing wage and related requirements and shall comply with these requirements to the extent applicable to the Work, including, without limitation, Labor Code sections 1771 (payment of prevailing wage), 1771.1 (registration with DIR) and 1771.4 (submission of certified payrolls to Labor Commissioner).

15. Work Product

On completion or termination of the contract, AGENCY shall be entitled to immediate possession of, and CONSULTANT shall promptly furnish, on request, all reports, drawings, designs, computations, plans, specifications, correspondence, data and other work product prepared or gathered by CONSULTANT arising out of or related to the Work (collectively, "Work Product"). AGENCY has a royalty-free nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use, Work Product for government purposes. CONSULTANT may retain copies of the Work Product for its files. Work Product prepared by CONSULTANT pursuant to this contract shall not be modified by AGENCY unless CONSULTANT's name, signatures and professional seals are completely deleted. CONSULTANT shall not be responsible for any liabilities to AGENCY for the use of such Work Product that is modified by persons other than CONSULTANT.

16. Miscellaneous

- a. This contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter of hereof and supersedes all previous contracts, agreements, promises, understanding and negotiations, whether written or oral, between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof.
- b. All notices, requests, claims, and other official communications under the contract shall be in writing and transmitted by one of the following methods:
 - (1) Personally delivered.
 - (2) Sent by email correspondence to FCGMA@venturacounty.gov where receipt is confirmed.
 - (3) Sent by courier where receipt is confirmed.
 - (4) Sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

Such notices and communications shall be deemed given and received upon actual receipt in the case of all except registered or certified mail; and in the case of registered or certified mail, on the date shown on the return receipt or the date delivery during normal business hours was attempted. All notices and

communications shall be sent to CONSULTANT at the current address on file with AGENCY for contract payment purposes, and shall be sent to AGENCY as follows, with a preference for email delivery:

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

Either party may change its contact information by providing written notice of the change to the other party in accordance herewith:

- c. No modification, waiver, amendment or discharge of this contract shall be valid unless the same is in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both parties.
- d. This contract is for the professional services of CONSULTANT and is non-assignable without prior written consent by AGENCY.
- e. Nothing contained herein shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either CONSULTANT or AGENCY.
- f. Time limits stated herein are of the essence. CONSULTANT is relieved from meeting the time limits due to delays outside its control.
- g. This contract shall be governed, interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and any action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding thereon shall be subject to venue in Ventura County, California.

CONSULTANT:
Dudek

AGENCY:
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

Signature

Signature

Name and Title

John Demers, Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF WORK AND SERVICES

1. Overview of Project and Services

CONSULTANT shall provide technical support services to the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (AGENCY or FCGMA) for AGENCY's ongoing groundwater management activities per the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) including implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Las Posas Valley Basin (LPVB), Oxnard Subbasin, and Pleasant Valley Basin (PVB) in Ventura County, California. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires a periodic evaluation of GSPs by the groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) at least every five years, which requires preparation and submittal of Periodic Evaluations of GSPs for each Basin to DWR. In addition to ongoing implementation support, CONSULTANT has included scope and budget to prepare the second 5-year Periodic Evaluations for the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB GSPs, which are due by December 1, 2029, for approval by the FCGMA Board of Directors. Periodic Evaluations are due to DWR no later than January 13, 2030.

The scope discussed below is for work to be completed between September 23, 2026, and June 30, 2031.

2. Scope of Services

CONSULTANT shall provide the following services to AGENCY as detailed in AGENCY's May 29, 2026, request for proposal and CONSULTANT's July 27, 2026, proposal:

Task 1: Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for Water Years 2026-2030

CONSULTANT will prepare three (3) GSP Annual Reports for the Las Posas Valley Basin, Oxnard Subbasin, and Pleasant Valley Basin for each Water Year (WY) from 2026 to 2030, for a total of fifteen (15) Annual Reports. As appropriate, all reports will be formatted to be published online in compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Version 2.1, Level AA technical standard for Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act. The Annual Reports shall be prepared consistent with the Department of Water Resources *Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments* (2023), and DWR Emergency GSP Regulations § 356.2, and shall include the following sections listed in Tasks 1.1 – 1.12. Applicable GIS and Excel files from previous Annual Reports will be provided. AGENCY must submit Annual Reports to DWR by April 1 of each year. Draft Annual Reports for the LPVB must be submitted to AGENCY for Committee Consultation according to timeline identified in Task 1.11. Final draft Annual Reports for LPVB, the Oxnard Subbasin, and PVB must be submitted to AGENCY by March 1, with final reports

and completed DWR templates submitted to AGENCY by March 10 annually for approval by the FCGMA Board of Directors.

GSP Annual Reports for the Oxnard Subbasin for Water Years 2026-2030 are estimated by CONSULTANT to utilize 910 total CONSULTANT hours for a total fee of \$241,900. GSP Annual Reports for the Las Posas Valley Basin for Water Years 2026-2030 are estimated by CONSULTANT to utilize 1150 total CONSULTANT hours for a total fee of \$302,150; this amount includes an additional subtask for Committee Consultation as required by the LPV Judgment (see Task 1.11, below). GSP Annual Reports for the Pleasant Valley Basin for Water Years 2026-2030 are estimated by CONSULTANT to utilize 910 total CONSULTANT hours for a total fee of \$241,900.

Task 1.1: General Information

This section shall include general information, executive summary, and a location map depicting the Basins covered by the reports. The text from the previous Annual Reports shall be updated as needed and location maps from these Annual Reports can be used. CONSULTANT will review and update the general information and location maps depicting the Basin covered by each report. The general information and technical analyses will be used to prepare the executive summary after completing the body of the report.

Task 1.2: Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps

CONSULTANT shall prepare Water Year seasonal high and low groundwater elevation contour maps for each principal aquifer, and precipitation, stream gauge, and other data and graphs in the reports. FCGMA will provide groundwater elevation data. Contour maps are required for five (5) principal aquifers in the Las Posas Valley Basin, five (5) principal aquifers in the Oxnard Subbasin, and three (3) principal aquifers in the Pleasant Valley Basin. CONSULTANT will conduct an initial quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) assessment of the data collected and, after validating the data, Dudek will generate aquifer-specific contour maps in geographic information system (GIS). A unified set of groundwater elevation contours that cross Basin boundaries will be generated for each aquifer, as appropriate. Contours for the East Las Posas Management Area of the LPVB will be generated separately because the aquifers in this management area are disconnected from those in the West Las Posas Management Area. The initial GIS contours will be reviewed and edited as necessary to generate the final groundwater elevation contour maps representing the piezometric surface in each aquifer.

As part of this subtask, CONSULTANT will also generate seasonal change in groundwater elevation maps, and graphs of precipitation and stream gauge data from stations maintained by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to provide context for the measured water levels. Water Year type will be assigned based on the definitions of each type developed in the GSP.

Task 1.3: Hydrographs

CONSULTANT shall prepare hydrographs of groundwater elevations. The groundwater elevations obtained under Subtask 1.2 will be used to generate groundwater elevation hydrographs that include historical data, to the extent available, for the key wells in each

Basin. Hydrographs for non-key wells will be included in an appendix. Observed trends in the hydrographs will be placed in the context of the WY's hydrologic conditions. The hydrographs shall be constructed for each key well and will show historical data to extent available to current reporting year. The Water Year types should be consistent with those developed in the GSPs. Hydrographs should be provided for additional monitoring points within the monitoring program in maps and appendices as appropriate to demonstrate regional Basin conditions. Data will be provided for construction of hydrographs.

Task 1.4: Groundwater Extraction

The Annual Reports shall document groundwater extractions in the Basins for the preceding Water Years based on groundwater extraction data provided by FCGMA. The data shall be presented in tables that summarize groundwater extractions by water use sectors and identify the method of measurement and accuracy of measurements. Maps that illustrate the general location and volume of groundwater extractions shall be developed for each aquifer system in the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and West Las Posas Management Area. In the East Las Posas Management Area, maps illustrating the general location and volume of groundwater extractions shall be developed for the Upper San Pedro Formation, Fox Canyon Aquifer and Grimes Canyon Aquifer. A separate map shall be developed showing the location and volume of groundwater extractions in the Epworth Gravels Management Area. Groundwater extraction data will be reported by aquifer system for the Oxnard Subbasin and the West Las Posas Management Area, aquifer system and aquifer for the PVB, and by aquifer for the East Las Posas Management Area for each annual report. Within each aquifer or aquifer system, groundwater extraction data will be reported by water use sector. CONSULTANT will work with AGENCY to identify the best way to incorporate information on measurement method and accuracy into the text and tables of the reports.

For context, the reports will include an estimate of the current percentage of pumping reported. Reporting from the previous year will be updated in the tables, based on the most recent extraction data provided. Figures showing historical and current pumping by water sector, compared to change in storage and compared to WY type, will also be updated to reflect changes to the previous year's reported pumping. CONSULTANT assumes that the maps showing the distribution of pumping will not be updated to reflect changes to the previous year's pumping.

Task 1.5: Surface Water Supply

CONSULTANT shall use surface water supply data provided by the Agency to estimate uses and water available for use. This data shall include any groundwater recharge or in-lieu water used, to the extent available. FCGMA will obtain available data from Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD), United Water Conservation District (UWCD), Simi Valley Water Quality Control Plant (wastewater discharges), Simi Valley (dewatering wells), Moorpark Wastewater Treatment Plant, Camarillo Sanitary District, and Camrosa Water District, the City of Oxnard and others when available. Surface water supplies will be documented by agency and location for the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB annual reports. There are no locally derived sources of surface water in the LPVB.

Task 1.6: Total Water Use

CONSULTANT shall summarize total water use by water use sector and water source type in tables that also identify the method of measurement (direct or estimate) and accuracy of measurements. Data should be used to summarize total water use by water use sector and water source type. Existing water use data from the most recent Urban Water Management Plans or Agricultural Water Management Plans within the Basin may be used, as long as data are reported by Water Year. This section, which is referred to as “Total Water Available” in the annual reports, will be compiled based on the groundwater extraction and surface water supply data. Total water use will also include imported water data. Data will be divided by use sector for each Basin. CONSULTANT will work with FCGMA to identify the best way to incorporate information on measurement method and accuracy into the text and tables of the reports.

Task 1.7: Change in Storage

CONSULTANT shall conduct change-in-storage analysis by analyzing the groundwater elevation differences between each aquifer for each principal aquifer to calculate the change in elevation for each aquifer in each Basin. Where applicable, CONSULTANT will calculate the volume of groundwater change in each model cell. The sum of the individual model cells groundwater volume changes provided the total amount of change in storage for that principal aquifer. Other systems such as linear regression or other estimation techniques may be used. CONSULTANT shall prepare Water Year change in groundwater storage maps for each principal aquifer in the Basin and prepare graphs depicting the change in storage showing Water Year type, groundwater use, the annual change in groundwater storage, and the cumulative change in groundwater storage for the Basin based on historical data to the greatest extent available. Data presented should include appropriate color shading or other tools for lay readers’ visual aid.

FCGMA utilizes two numerical groundwater models to represent groundwater conditions in the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. Previously, these models have not been updated annually and used to calculate change in groundwater storage. Instead, CONSULTANT developed a system of linear regressions to estimate change in storage and fulfill the regulatory requirements for reporting storage change in the annual reports. Until FCGMA is able to have complete control over the two models, CONSULTANT recommends continuing to report changes in groundwater storage based on the system of linear regressions. However, these regressions should be reviewed and updated, if necessary, to reflect more recent data and updates to the numerical models.

The most recent year and cumulative change in storage will be appended to existing tables of historical change in storage and will be shown in figures that also depict the WY type and groundwater use. Change in storage maps will be generated for each aquifer, where sufficient information is available, based on the results of the linear regression analysis.

Task 1.8: GSP Progress Description

CONSULTANT shall prepare a description of progress towards implementing the GSP, including achieving interim milestones, and implementation of projects or management actions since the previous Annual Report based on information from AGENCY staff.

CONSULTANT will update the tables showing fall and spring groundwater elevations at the key wells; change in elevation from the previous year; and the elevation relative to the minimum threshold, measurable objective, and, where appropriate, 2030 interim milestone groundwater elevation, to show progress toward sustainability.

Implementation of projects and management actions, work done in response to any new DWR recommended corrective actions, updates to ongoing legal matters, and FCGMA administrative changes or updates will be tracked through the year and reported in the annual reports. To facilitate tracking and reporting of Board actions and other efforts that should be documented in the Progress Description section of the annual reports, CONSULTANT will coordinate with FCGMA staff to identify items to be included in this section at the internal weekly meetings following each FCGMA Board meeting. The running list of implementation progress actions from the annual reports will also be used to develop the long-term discussion of GSP implementation progress in the Periodic Evaluations, which are described later in these Exhibits under a separate task.

Task 1.9: Water Quality

CONSULTANT shall evaluate groundwater quality conditions and prepare an analysis of groundwater quality changes. This will include compiling available monitoring data, preparing time-series graphs, spatial distribution maps, and summary tables for key constituents of concern including total dissolved solids (TDS), chloride, nitrate, boron, and sulfate and evaluating temporal and spatial trends. Degradation of groundwater quality is an undesirable result that applies to the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. CONSULTANT will work with FCGMA to identify the appropriate tables, hydrographs, and maps of groundwater quality to be included in the annual reports. CONSULTANT notes that, depending on the data density and frequency of collection, not every constituent may be mapped for every annual report. Data analysis under this task will identify areas of stable, improving, or degrading water quality conditions, and evaluate the use of groundwater elevation thresholds as a proxy for groundwater quality.

The analysis shall identify areas of stable, improving, or degrading water quality conditions, assess potential expansion or contraction of impaired zones, and evaluate groundwater elevations as a proxy for seawater intrusion in the Oxnard Subbasin. This section should include specific maps of measured water quality concentrations for constituents listed above, water quality graphs or other visual aids in assessing groundwater quality trends over time.

Task 1.10 Report Development

With input from the AGENCY, this task provides funding for CONSULTANT to develop Basin management figures such as updated hydrograph maps, illustrations, or other data visualizations. Data visualization graphics are intended to aid readers, such as trained technical staff and the general public, in understanding Basin conditions, and to easily track the impacts of management decisions on progress towards sustainability. Visualizations will take the form of figures that may be updated annually and should be included in the annual report. This subtask covers all the other figures and data needed to support a comprehensive review of Basin conditions in the annual reports. This will

include adding the key well hydrographs to the seasonal change in groundwater elevation maps generated as part of Subtask 1.2; preparing data visualizations depicting the groundwater elevations relative to the sustainable management criteria; and preparing figures that illustrate change in land surface elevation and other figures or tables that can be used to explain Basin conditions to DWR, the Board, and stakeholders in support of management needs and decisions.

Task 1.11: Las Posas Valley Basin Watermaster Response Reports and Committee Consultation

The LPV Adjudication Judgment expands AGENCY annual reporting requirements for LPV Basin GSP beyond criteria specified in SGMA (LPV Adjudication Judgment, Exh. A, § 2.7.10). To comply with the Judgment, AGENCY must work with CONSULTANT to address the Judgment's requirements, including:

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

The Judgment created the LPV Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), as well as a process requiring Watermaster to consult these Committees on basin management actions as specified in the Judgment. This consultation process provides the PAC and TAC an opportunity to provide policy and technical recommendations in the form of Recommendation Reports to the Watermaster on basin management activities and requires the Watermaster to consider these recommendations and prepare Response Reports before taking a management decision. Additional scope and budget are necessary to ensure that AGENCY, as Watermaster, is able to review and evaluate proposals included in Recommendation Reports and sufficiently respond and prepare Response Reports to the detail provided in the corresponding Recommendation Reports.

A draft Annual Report for LPV is to be submitted to the PAC and TAC each year by January 15 for their review and comment, followed by a revised draft to both Committees by February 1. Both Committees will provide a Recommendation Report to LPV Watermaster by February 20 each year. This task includes preparation of Response Reports addressing Committee comments and recommendations, and incorporation of

Recommendation Reports into a revised draft of the LPV Annual Report, and to provide additional time to incorporate edits into the LPV Annual Report, as necessary. After the TAC and PAC members have prepared their recommendation reports for the draft LPVB annual report, CONSULTANT will prepare response reports that indicate where the draft annual report has been changed in response to TAC and PAC feedback, or why changes were not made in response to TAC and PAC feedback. The discussion of Watermaster responses will be at a similar level of detail to the PAC and TAC recommendations. CONSULTANT assumes that individual TAC and PAC member comments will be provided in MS Excel format. The response reports will include responses to each TAC and PAC member comment in the MS Excel file.

Deliverables:

- Five (5) annual Response Reports prepared for LPV Watermaster addressing PAC comments for each LPV Annual Report from Water Year (WY) 2026 to WY 2030
- Five (5) annual Response Reports prepared for LPV Watermaster addressing TAC comments for each LPV Annual Report from WY 2026 to WY 2030

Subtotal, Subtask 1.11: **\$52,000**

Total Hours, Subtask 1.11: **160**

Task 1.12: Report

CONSULTANT shall prepare three draft GSP Annual Reports (one for each Basin) for AGENCY review. Draft text will be provided in MS Word file format. The draft GSP Annual Reports shall include findings from Tasks 1.1 through 1.11, and any supporting information needed shall be included in appendices to the draft GSP Annual Reports. CONSULTANT shall revise and finalize Annual Reports based on AGENCY comments. The final GSP Annual Reports shall be stamped and signed by a California Professional Geologist or Engineer and provided in electronic format. As appropriate, all reports will be formatted to be published online in compliance with WCAG Version 2.1, Level AA technical standard for Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act. CONSULTANT will prepare updated DWR templates as applicable (other than groundwater elevation and quality monitoring data which will be prepared by AGENCY) for upload by AGENCY to the DWR GSP Portal. As noted, AGENCY must submit Annual Reports to DWR by April 1 of each year. Draft Annual Reports for the LPVB must be submitted to AGENCY for Committee Consultation each year by January 15, and a revised draft submitted to AGENCY by February 1. Final draft Annual Reports for LPVB, the Oxnard Subbasin, and PVB must be submitted to AGENCY by March 1, with final reports and completed DWR templates submitted to AGENCY by March 10 for approval by the FCGMA Board of Directors.

CONSULTANT understands that the Watermaster specific appendices for the LPVB annual report may not be available until later in February and will work with FCGMA to incorporate them as they are finalized. The Oxnard Subbasin and PVB draft annual

reports will be provided to FCGMA by February 15, for review and comment. CONSULTANT assumes that FCGMA will provide the comments on the draft reports by March 1, so CONSULTANT can provide the final report to FCGMA by March 10. After the documents are finalized, CONSULTANT will also prepare, by March 10, the DWR Tables 1 through 4 and the annual report elements guide that accompanies the submittal of each annual report to the DWR SGMA portal.

Deliverables:

- Draft Annual Reports for each of the three (3) Basins in original electronic file (e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, ArcGIS, etc.) for each Water Year from 2026 – 2030, for a total of fifteen (15) draft reports. Draft LPVB Annual Reports must adhere to Committee Consultation timeline identified in Task 1.11. Draft Annual Reports must be submitted to AGENCY by March 1 of each year.
- Final Annual Reports for each of the three (3) Basins including tables and GSP Annual Reporting Elements Guide in original electronic file (e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, Arc GIS, etc.) and Adobe PDF formats for each Water Year from 2026 – 2030, for a total of fifteen final (15) reports. Final Annual Reports and completed DWR templates must be submitted to Agency by March 10.

Total, Task 1 (including all subtasks): **\$837,950**

Total Hours, Task 1: **3130**

Task 2: Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP

CONSULTANT shall prepare the second five-year Periodic Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin GSP for Water Years 2025 - 2029. The Periodic Evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the Subbasin, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the Subbasin; and re-evaluation of the Basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and assessment of undesirable results. The final Periodic Evaluation is due to the Department of Water Resources on January 13th of 2030 and is due to AGENCY for adoption by the FCGMA Board of Directors by December 1, 2029.

Task 2.1: Executive Summary

CONSULTANT will prepare an executive summary of the Oxnard Subbasin Periodic Evaluation that documents current conditions, changes to the Basin setting, progress towards sustainability, implemented projects and management actions, and potential updates to the sustainable management criteria and program outlined in the Periodic Evaluation. The executive summary will include a location map that depicts the Oxnard Subbasin boundaries and surrounding Basins. The executive summary will provide a high-level overview of GSP implementation activities written in plain language. Significant new information generated over the previous 5 years, progress made toward sustainability, and changes that may necessitate a GSP amendment will be summarized.

The executive summary will also contain a location map depicting the Basin boundaries and any other figures necessary to illustrate evaluation of Basin progress and management under the GSP.

Task 2.2: Evaluation of Current Conditions

GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(a) and the DWR Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Guidelines (2023) require GSAs to provide a “description of the current groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator relative to measurable objectives, interim milestones and minimum thresholds.” This task will include data analyses that support agency compliance with 2023 DWR Guidelines and §356.4(a), and will include an evaluation of the following, where applicable:

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

These data will largely stem from the WY 2023 through 2028 annual reports. Trends in precipitation and surface flow, as well as impacts of project implementation, will be compared to trends in groundwater conditions to assess the progress toward sustainability and ability of the sustainable management criteria to support GSP implementation progress.

Task 2.3: Future Model Scenarios

The AGENCY will coordinate with an outside CONSULTANT to perform numerical modeling for the Oxnard Subbasin as part of the Periodic Evaluation. This numerical modeling will incorporate new information about projects currently being planned for and constructed in the Subbasin; management actions currently implemented and/or planned for implementation in the Subbasin; and conjunctive use optimization strategies. CONSULTANT will support AGENCY in coordination and development of the numerical model scenarios; assessment and evaluation of numerical model results; and any additional analyses needed to integrate the numerical model results into the AGENCY’s evaluation of long-term sustainability and the sustainable yield of the Oxnard Subbasin. The CONSULTANT is to complete the coordination efforts and technical analyses for up to 10 model scenarios. CONSULTANT understands that this task includes time to coordinate with FCGMA and any other consultant or agency contracted to conduct the numerical groundwater modeling under separate contract with FCGMA, develop future model scenarios, independently assess and evaluate the numerical model results, integrate the model results into FCGMA’s evaluation of long-term sustainability, and discuss the model results in the Periodic Evaluation.

Task 2.4: Technical Evaluation of GSP

DWR Guidelines (2023) and GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(c) and §356.4(d) require a detailed evaluation of the GSP Elements, including the Basin setting, management areas, undesirable results, and sustainable management criteria. CONSULTANT will prepare technical analyses that support these re-evaluations. These technical analyses will include: a review of lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells constructed in the Subbasin; an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area; an evaluation of the existing monitoring network; and a re-evaluation of minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and undesirable results based on updated numerical model results and recent groundwater conditions. The technical evaluation analyses conducted under this subtask will include a review of lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells, an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area or aquifer system, and an evaluation of the existing monitoring network. This work, as well as the work completed under the following two subtasks, will also be used to assess the minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and interim milestones.

Task 2.5: Preparation of Draft Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP

The Draft Periodic Evaluation shall be prepared consistent with DWR's *Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments* (2023) and DWR Emergency GSP Regulations § 356.2. The Periodic Evaluation will include written, tabular, and graphical descriptions of the data compiled and analyzed in Tasks 2.2 through 2.4. In addition to describing Subbasin conditions as determined through the analyses completed in Tasks 2.2 through 2.4, the Draft Periodic Evaluation will include a description of the projects and management actions implemented by the AGENCY; a description of significant new information that has been made available since GSP adoption by the AGENCY; a description of relevant actions taken by the AGENCY, including a summary of regulations or ordinances related to the GSP; a description of any enforcement or legal actions taken by the AGENCY in furtherance of the sustainability goal for the Subbasin; and a summary of coordination between agencies. This includes one to two rounds of review by the AGENCY and revisions to the draft document. After incorporating revisions based on one to two rounds of comments, CONSULTANT will provide a revised draft Periodic Evaluation to AGENCY to release for public comment as described in Task 2.7. CONSULTANT assumes that the internal draft documents will undergo up to two rounds of comment and revision by FCGMA prior to releasing a public draft.

Deliverables:

- Two internal draft Periodic Evaluations for the Subbasin

Task 2.6: Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings

Two CONSULTANT staff members to prepare for and attend a total of 14 in-person stakeholder workshops, Committee and Board meetings to support the development of the Periodic Evaluations for all 3 Basins, for PV, the Oxnard Subbasin, and for LPV.

CONSULTANT will be expected to present materials and provide information and solicit feedback in presentations and written correspondence.

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- 1 stakeholder meeting/workshop for the Oxnard Subbasin to develop model scenarios or projects.
- 1 stakeholder meeting/workshop for the Pleasant Valley Basin
- 1 stakeholder meeting/workshop for the Las Posas Valley Basin to develop model scenarios or projects.
- 2 stakeholder meetings/workshops for combined Oxnard Subbasin and PV results and/or Periodic Evaluation development updates
- 2 stakeholder meetings/workshops for LPV results and/or Periodic Evaluation development updates
- 2 Board meetings per Basin, for a total of 6 Board meetings; it is assumed by CONSULTANT that each meeting would touch on updates for Periodic Evaluations for all Basins.

CONSULTANT will deliver draft materials for the meetings to FCGMA two weeks in advance of each meeting to allow time for FCGMA review and comment. CONSULTANT will present the materials at the meetings and allow for sufficient time at each meeting to solicit and record stakeholder feedback.

Deliverables:

- Stakeholder and Board presentations in PowerPoint format

Task 2.7: Preparation of Final Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP

CONSULTANT will address two rounds of public comment on the Draft and Revised Draft Periodic Evaluation and will revise the Draft Periodic Evaluation accordingly. For each round of public comment, CONSULTANT will prepare a comment matrix in Microsoft Excel that documents comments received, mapped to the names of agencies/stakeholder groups who submitted comments, and AGENCY response to comments/document revisions. The public comments will be reviewed by the AGENCY Board of Directors, who will provide recommendations toward revising the draft Periodic Evaluation to address public comments. CONSULTANT will revise the draft Periodic Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin for a second round of public comment and AGENCY response. CONSULTANT will finalize the draft, incorporating revisions as recommended by the Board of Directors after review of second round of public comments, then will format and finalize the Periodic Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin. As appropriate, the Periodic Evaluation will be formatted to be published online in compliance with WCAG Version 2.1, Level AA technical standard for Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act. CONSULTANT will provide the AGENCY with an electronic copy of the second Periodic Evaluation and all associated materials required to submit the Periodic Evaluation to DWR's SGMA portal. AGENCY will upload the final Periodic Evaluation to DWR SGMA portal. The final Periodic Evaluation is due to FCGMA by December 1, 2029, for approval by the FCGMA Board of Directors. Periodic Evaluations are due to DWR no later than January 13, 2030.

Deliverables:

- Two public draft Periodic Evaluations for the Subbasin
- Two comment matrices in MS Excel for the Subbasin
- One final Periodic Evaluation for the Subbasin
- A Periodic Evaluation elements guide for the Subbasin
- References in PDF format for the Periodic Evaluation

Total, Task 2 (including all subtasks): **\$298,490**

Total Hours, Task 2: **1140**

Task 3: Periodic Evaluation of the Las Posas Valley Basin GSP

CONSULTANT shall prepare the second five-year Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB GSP for the Water Years 2025 – 2029. The Periodic Evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the Basin, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the Basin; and re-evaluation of the Basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and assessment of undesirable results. Draft Periodic Evaluations must be submitted for Committee Consultation according to Task 3.7. The final Periodic Evaluation is due to the Department of Water Resources on January 13th of 2030 and is due to AGENCY for adoption by the FCGMA Board of Directors by December 1, 2029.

Task 3.1: Executive Summary

CONSULTANT will prepare an executive summary of the LPVB Periodic Evaluation that documents current conditions, changes to the Basin setting, progress towards sustainability, implemented projects and management actions, and updates to the sustainable management criteria and program outlined in the Periodic Evaluation. The executive summary will include a location map that depicts the LPVB boundaries and surrounding Basins. The executive summary will provide a high-level overview of GSP implementation activities written in plain language. Significant new information generated over the previous 5 years, progress made toward sustainability, and changes that may necessitate a GSP amendment will be summarized. The executive summary will also contain a location map depicting the Basin boundaries and any other figures necessary to illustrate evaluation of Basin progress and management under the GSP.

Task 3.2: Evaluation of Current Conditions

DWR's *Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments* (2023) and DWR Emergency GSP Regulations § 356.2) require GSAs to provide a “description of the current groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator relative to measurable objectives, interim milestones and minimum thresholds”. This task will include data analyses that support AGENCY compliance with §356.4(a), and will include an evaluation of:

- precipitation and surface water flows in the LPVB;

- groundwater levels;
- groundwater quality;
- groundwater in storage;
- land subsidence;
- depletion of interconnected surface water.

These data will largely stem from the WY 2023 through 2028 annual reports. Trends in precipitation and surface flow, as well as impacts of project implementation, will be compared to trends in groundwater conditions to assess the progress toward sustainability and ability of the sustainable management criteria to support GSP implementation progress.

Task 3.3: Future Model Scenarios and Model Support

The AGENCY will be completing the modeling efforts as part of a separate contract. For this task, CONSULTANT will support modeling of the ELMPA and WLMPA by coordinating scenario development with the selected external CONSULTANT and analyzing provided model results to prepare future water budgets and update future scenario groundwater level hydrographs. CONSULTANT will develop up to ten (10) future scenario model runs to re-evaluate projected conditions in the LPVB. These scenarios will incorporate new information regarding projects planned for implementation, or currently being implemented in the LPVB; projected surface water supplies available for injection through CMWD's ASR wells; and revised groundwater production scenarios that incorporate recent production trends. CONSULTANT understand that this task includes time to coordinate with FCGMA and any other consultant or agency contracted to conduct the numerical groundwater modeling under separate contract with FCGMA, develop future model scenarios, independently assess and evaluate the numerical model results, integrate the model results into FCGMA's evaluation of long-term sustainability, and discuss the model results in the Periodic Evaluation.

Task 3.4: Technical Evaluation of GSP

The Periodic Evaluation shall be prepared consistent with DWR's *Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments* (2023) and Emergency Regulations §356.4(c) and §356.4(d); both require a detailed evaluation of the GSP Elements, including the Basin setting, management areas, undesirable results, and sustainable management criteria. CONSULTANT will prepare technical analyses that support these re-evaluations. These technical analyses will include: a review of lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells constructed in the LPVB; an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area; an evaluation of the existing monitoring network; and a re-evaluation of minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and undesirable results based on updated numerical model results and recent groundwater conditions. As part of these evaluations, AGENCY, in response to DWR recommendations, will pursue new analyses that evaluate the impact of projected groundwater level declines on groundwater well function in regions where the minimum threshold groundwater levels drop below historical low conditions. The technical evaluation analyses conducted under this subtask will include a review of

lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells, an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area or aquifer system, and an evaluation of the existing monitoring network. This work, as well as the work completed under the following two subtasks, will also be used to assess the minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and interim milestones.

Task 3.5: Preparation of Draft Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB GSP

Draft Periodic Evaluation will be prepared by CONSULTANT in compliance shall be prepared consistent with DWR's *Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments* (2023) and GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4 and will include written, tabular, and graphical descriptions of the data compiled and analyzed in Tasks 3.2 through 3.4. In addition to describing LPVB conditions as determined through the analyses completed in Tasks 3.2 through 3.4, the Draft Periodic Evaluation will include a description of the projects and management actions implemented by the AGENCY; a description of significant new information that has been made available since GSP adoption by the AGENCY; a description of relevant actions taken by the AGENCY, including a summary of regulations or ordinances related to the GSP; a description of any enforcement or legal actions taken by the AGENCY in furtherance of the sustainability goal for the LPVB; and a summary of coordination between agencies. This includes one to two rounds of review by the AGENCY and revisions to the draft document. After incorporating revisions based on one to two rounds of comments, CONSULTANT will provide a revised draft Periodic Evaluation to AGENCY to release for public comment as described in the following Tasks. CONSULTANT assumes that the internal draft documents will undergo up to two rounds of comment and revision by FCGMA prior to releasing a public draft.

Deliverables:

- Two internal draft Periodic Evaluations for the Basin

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- 1 stakeholder meeting/workshop for the Oxnard Subbasin to develop model scenarios or projects.
- 1 stakeholder meeting/workshop for the Pleasant Valley Basin
- 1 stakeholder meeting/workshop for the Las Posas Valley Basin to develop model scenarios or projects.
- 2 stakeholder meetings/workshops for combined Oxnard Subbasin and PV results and/or Periodic Evaluation development updates

- 2 stakeholder meetings/workshops for LPV results and/or Periodic Evaluation development updates
- 2 Board meetings per Basin, for a total of 6 Board meetings; it is assumed by CONSULTANT that each meeting would touch on updates for Periodic Evaluations for all Basins.

CONSULTANT will deliver draft materials for the meetings to FCGMA two weeks in advance of each meeting to allow time for FCGMA review and comment. CONSULTANT will present the materials at the meetings and allow for sufficient time at each meeting to solicit and record stakeholder feedback.

Deliverables:

- Stakeholder and Board presentations in PowerPoint format

Task 3.7: Watermaster Committee Consultation and Response Reports

The LPV Adjudication Judgment requires a draft of the Periodic Evaluation be shared with the PAC and TAC through the Committee Consultation process (Exh. A, § 2.7.3). The PAC and TAC are provided with the opportunity to provide policy and technical recommendations for consideration before AGENCY, acting as Watermaster, adopts a Periodic Evaluation of the LPV Basin GSP. To support the Committee review process, CONSULTANT will prepare for and attend one TAC meeting and one PAC meeting each, to review the Recommendation Reports on the draft Periodic Evaluation of the LPV Basin, and to prepare Response Reports on behalf of Watermaster. Committees may review multiple iterations of the draft Periodic Evaluation and may therefore prepare more than one Recommendation Report each, with comments to be addressed by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT's technical review of the Periodic Evaluation will be informed by Committee Consultation, which requires additional scope as allowed in this Task, and to support AGENCY coordination and consultation work with the PAC and TAC. CONSULTANT assumes that they will prepare two response reports for the PAC and two response reports for the TAC. If only one report is needed for either or both committees, the remaining budget will not be spent.

Deliverables:

- Up to two Response Reports prepared for the Watermaster in response to PAC Recommendation Reports for the draft and/or revised draft Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB
- Up to two Response Reports prepared for the Watermaster in response to TAC Recommendation Reports for the draft and/or revised draft Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB

Total, Subtask 3.7: **\$45,700**

Total Hours, Subtask 3.7: **140**

Task 3.8: Preparation of Final Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB GSP

In addition to Committee Consultation as described in Task 3.7, CONSULTANT will address two rounds of public comment on the Draft and Revised Draft Periodic Evaluation for the LPVB and will revise the Draft Periodic Evaluation accordingly. For each round of public comment, CONSULTANT will prepare a comment matrix in Microsoft Excel that documents comments received, mapped to the names of commenting agencies/stakeholder groups who submitted, and AGENCY response to comments/document revisions. The public comments will be reviewed by the AGENCY Board of Directors, who will provide recommendations toward revising the draft Periodic Evaluation to address public comments. CONSULTANT will revise the draft Periodic Evaluation for a second round of public comment and AGENCY response. After incorporating revisions as recommended by the Board of Directors after their review of second round of public comments, CONSULTANT will format and finalize the Periodic Evaluation for the LPVB. As appropriate, the Periodic Evaluation will be formatted to be published online in compliance with WCAG Version 2.1, Level AA technical standard for Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act. CONSULTANT will provide the AGENCY with an electronic copy of the Periodic Evaluation and all associated materials required to submit the Periodic Evaluation to DWR's SGMA portal. AGENCY will upload the Final Periodic Evaluation to DWR SGMA portal. The final Periodic Evaluation is due to FCGMA by December 1, 2029, for approval by the FCGMA Board of Directors. Periodic Evaluations are due to DWR no later than January 13, 2030.

Deliverables:

- Two public draft Periodic Evaluations for the Basin
- Two comment matrices in MS Excel for the Basin
- One final Periodic Evaluation for the Basin
- A Periodic Evaluation elements guide for the Basin
- References in PDF format for the Periodic Evaluation

Total, Task 3 (including all subtasks): **\$416,780**

Total Hours, Task 3: **1544**

Task 4: Periodic Evaluation of the Pleasant Valley Basin GSP

CONSULTANT shall prepare the second five-year Periodic Evaluation of the Pleasant Valley Basin GSP for the Water Years 2025 - 2029. The Periodic Evaluation will include: an evaluation of current conditions in the Basin, re-evaluation of projected conditions in the Basin; and re-evaluation of the Basin setting, definition of management areas, monitoring network, and sustainable management criteria and assessment of undesirable results. The final Periodic Evaluation is due to the Department of Water Resources on January 13th of 2030 and is due to AGENCY for adoption by the FCGMA Board of Directors by December 1, 2029.

Task 4.1: Executive Summary

CONSULTANT will prepare an executive summary of the PVB GSP Evaluation that documents current conditions, changes to the Basin setting, progress towards sustainability, implemented projects and management actions, and updates to the sustainable management criteria and program outlined in the GSP evaluation. The executive summary will include a location map that depicts the PVB boundaries and surrounding Basins. The executive summary will provide a high-level overview of GSP implementation activities written in plain language. Significant new information generated over the previous 5 years, progress made toward sustainability, and changes that may necessitate a GSP amendment will be summarized. The executive summary will also contain a location map depicting the Basin boundaries and any other figures necessary to illustrate evaluation of Basin progress and management under the GSP.

Task 4.2: Evaluation of Current Conditions

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments (2023) and GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4(a) require GSAs to provide a “description of the current groundwater conditions for each applicable sustainability indicator relative to measurable objectives, interim milestones and minimum thresholds”. This task will include data analyses that support agency compliance with DWR Guidelines (2023) and §356.4(a), and will include an evaluation of:

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

These data will largely stem from the WY 2023 through 2028 annual reports. Trends in precipitation and surface flow, as well as impacts of project implementation, will be compared to trends in groundwater conditions to assess the progress toward sustainability and ability of the sustainable management criteria to support GSP implementation progress.

Task 4.3: Future Model Scenarios

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

technical analyses for up to 10 new model scenarios. CONSULTANT understands that this task includes time to coordinate with FCGMA and any other consultant or agency contracted to conduct the numerical groundwater modeling under separate contract with FCGMA, develop future model scenarios, independently assess and evaluate the numerical model results, integrate the model results into FCGMA's evaluation of long-term sustainability, and discuss the model results in the Periodic Evaluation.

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Task 4.5: Preparation of Draft Periodic Evaluation of the Pleasant Valley Basin GSP

CONSULTANT will prepare the Draft GSP Evaluation for the PVB. The Draft GSP Evaluation shall be prepared consistent with DWR's *Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation: A Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments* (2023) and DWR Emergency GSP Regulations § 356.2 and will include written, tabular, and graphical descriptions of the data compiled and analyzed in Tasks 4.2 through 4.4. In addition to describing Basin conditions as determined through the analyses completed in Tasks 4.2 through 4.4, the Draft GSP Evaluation will include a description of the projects and management actions implemented by the AGENCY; a description of significant new information that has been made available since GSP adoption by the AGENCY; a description of relevant actions taken by the AGENCY, including a summary of regulations or ordinances related to the GSP; a description of any enforcement or legal actions taken by the AGENCY in furtherance of the sustainability goal for the PVB; and a summary of coordination between agencies. This includes one to two rounds of review by the AGENCY and revisions to the draft document. After incorporating revisions based on one to two rounds of comments, CONSULTANT will provide a revised draft Periodic Evaluation to AGENCY to release for public comment as described in the below Tasks.

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Deliverables:

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Task 4.7: Preparation of Final Periodic Evaluation of the Pleasant Valley Basin

CONSULTANT will address two rounds of public comment on the Draft and Revised Draft Periodic Evaluation and will revise the Draft Periodic Evaluation accordingly. For each round of public comment, CONSULTANT will prepare a comment matrix in Microsoft Excel that documents comments received, mapped to the names of agencies/stakeholder groups who submitted comments, and AGENCY response to comments/document revisions. The rounds of collected public comments will be reviewed by the AGENCY Board of Directors, who will provide recommendations toward revising the draft Periodic Evaluation to address public comments. CONSULTANT will revise the draft Periodic

Evaluation for the Oxnard Subbasin for a second round of public comment and AGENCY response. CONSULTANT will finalize the draft, incorporating revisions as recommended by the Board of Directors after review of second round of public comments, then will format and finalize the Periodic Evaluation for the Pleasant Valley Basin. As appropriate, the Periodic Evaluation will be formatted to be published online in compliance with WCAG Version 2.1, Level AA technical standard for Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act. CONSULTANT will provide the AGENCY with an electronic copy of the second Periodic Evaluation and all associated materials required to submit the Periodic Evaluation to DWR's SGMA portal. AGENCY will upload the final Periodic Evaluation to DWR SGMA portal. The final Periodic Evaluation is due to FCGMA by December 1, 2029, for approval by the FCGMA Board of Directors. Periodic Evaluations are due to DWR no later than January 13, 2030.

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- Two comment matrices in MS Excel for the Basin
- One final Periodic Evaluation for the Basin
- A Periodic Evaluation elements guide for the Basin
- References in PDF format for the Periodic Evaluation

Total, Task 4 (including all subtasks): **\$298,490**

Total Hours, Task 4: **1140**

Task 5: Data Gap Analysis

CONSULTANT will support the AGENCY in evaluating options for filling data gaps identified in the GSPs. The GSPs identified data gaps including, but not limited to, data on groundwater quality, spatial and temporal water levels, subsidence, seawater intrusion, shallow groundwater near surface water bodies and groundwater dependent ecosystems, surface water flows in agricultural drains, and groundwater extractions. This task includes analysis of the data gaps, development of strategies and cost estimates for addressing data gaps, and prioritization.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum in original electronic file (e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, Arc GIS, etc.) and Adobe PDF formats.

Total, Task 5 (including all subtasks): **\$93,420**

Total Hours, Task 5: **360**

Task 6: Technical Support

CONSULTANT will provide on-going as needed hydrogeologic support to AGENCY technical staff, as directed, for implementation of the GSPs and sustainable management

of the Basins. This task includes, but is not limited to, data analysis, review and analysis of technical reports, evaluation of groundwater conditions, sustainability indicators, and progress toward achieving GSP sustainability goals. CONSULTANT will participate in, and make presentations at, stakeholder, advisory committee, and AGENCY Board meetings. Task 6 services will be specially tasked as needed by the AGENCY project manager.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum in original electronic file (e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, Arc GIS, etc.) and Adobe PDF formats.

Total, Task 6 (including all subtasks): **\$382,800**

Total Hours, Task 6: **1440**

Task 7: Public Outreach and Communication

CONSULTANT shall plan and facilitate community engagement events to educate and inform the public about important Basin management and AGENCY Initiatives, and to address their input. This includes coordinating logistics, developing informational materials, and collaborating with stakeholders to ensure accessibility and inclusivity. Engaging with community members through workshops, presentations, and outreach helps build trust, gather feedback, and promote awareness of sustainable practices. Additionally, providing responsive support through email, phone, and interactions with stakeholders ensures that the public has access to accurate information and resources, fostering a positive relationship between the organization and the community.

Deliverables:

- Stakeholder handouts, information sheets, and PowerPoint presentations in their original format.

Total, Task 7 (including all subtasks): **\$183,262**

Total Hours, Task 7: **624**

Task 8: Project Management

CONSULTANT shall conduct all contract and project administration work required for the project. The project manager shall maintain the project schedule, track expenditures against the budget and Task progress, and prepare monthly itemized progress reports for submittal with invoices. AGENCY and CONSULTANT will participate in a kick-off meeting after award of the project and then weekly one-hour status conference or video calls. Subtasks include Weekly Meetings (8.1) and Invoicing (8.2).

Deliverables:

- Monthly itemized progress reports mapped to Tasks submitted with project invoices in PDF format.
- Project kick-off meeting and weekly project meetings/calls.

Total, Task 8 (including all subtasks): **\$232,400**

Total Hours, Task 8: **700**

Additional Tasks

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

END OF EXHIBIT A

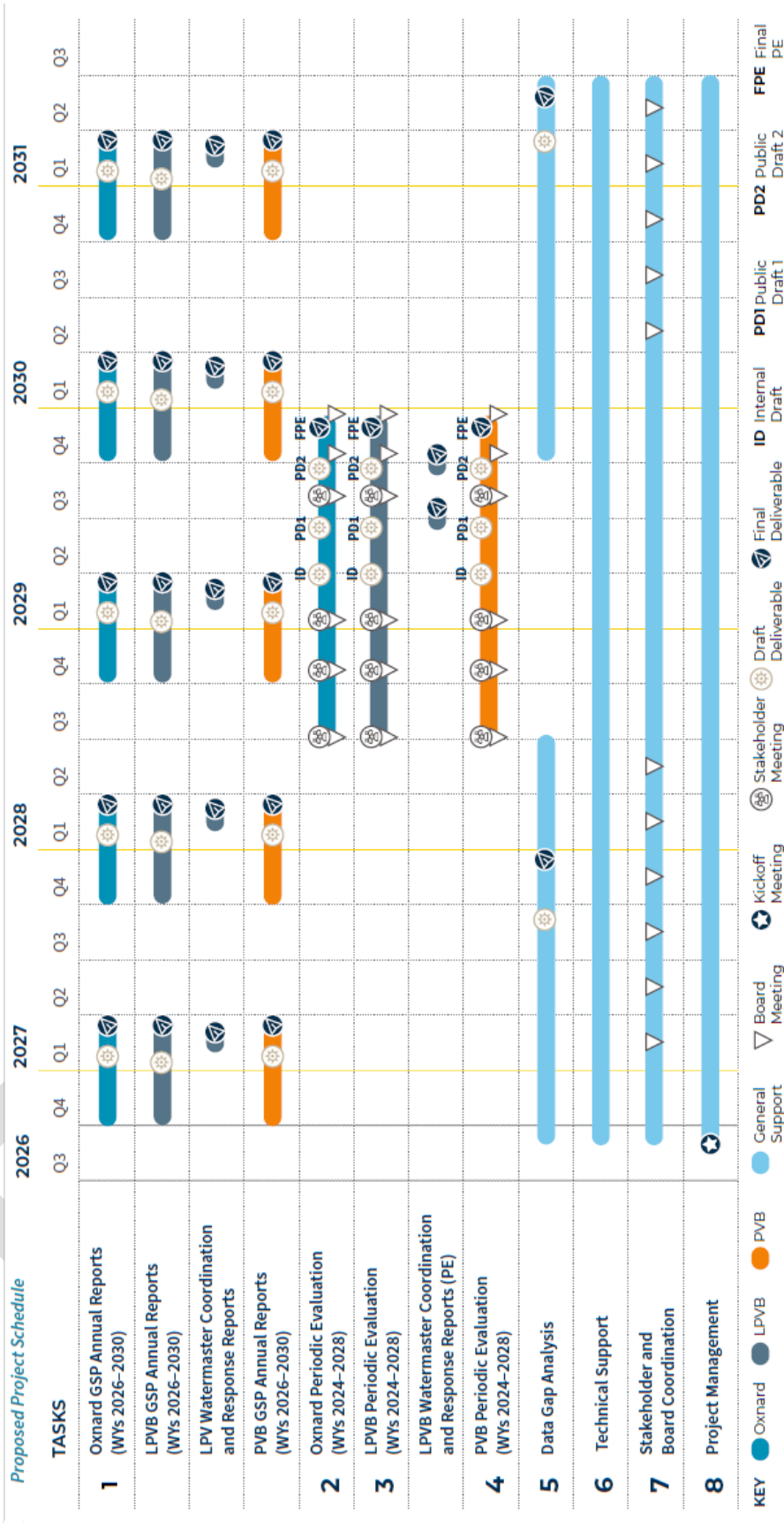
EXHIBIT B - TIME SCHEDULE

1. Schedule

All Work on this contract shall be completed by **6/30/2031**.

CONSULTANT shall complete tasks as identified below, and as detailed in the attached project schedule excerpted from CONSULTANT'S July 27, 2026, proposal, and as updated from proposal to shift start of Periodic Evaluation work earlier (to January, 2028) in response to Board feedback.

Task	Start Date	End / Due Date
Task 1: Preparation of GSP Annual Reports	August 15, annually	March 10, annually
Task 2: Periodic Evaluation of Oxnard Subbasin GSP	January 2028	December 2029
Task 3: Periodic Evaluation of LPV Basin GSP	January 2028	December 2029
Task 4: Periodic Evaluation of PV Basin GSP	January 2028	December 2029
Task 5: Data Gap Analysis	September 2026	June 2031
Task 6: Technical Support	September 2026	June 2031
Task 7: Public Outreach and Communication	September 2026	June 2031
Task 8: Project Management	September 2026	June 2031



2. Delays

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

END OF EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C – FEES AND PAYMENTS

1. Compensation Summary

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

Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,743,590

2. Fees for Basic Services

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

☒ An **hourly rate** compensation, for actual hours of Basic Services performed that is based upon the hourly rates set forth in the following rate schedule, which rates shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract, not to exceed the **maximum fee amount of \$2,743,590**. The maximum fees for the respective tasks identified in Exhibit A as well as the total maximum fee amount are shown in the below Task table. In no case shall a fee for a specific task exceed that listed below without prior written approval by the AGENCY. Rates to be charged are identified in the Rate Table listed below and detailed in the attached Cost Estimate excerpted from the CONSULTANT'S July 27, 2026, submittal.

Rate Table

Item	Position/Equipment	Unit	Rate
1	Engineering PM / Principal Hydrogeologist	Hr.	\$355
2	Principal Engineer II	Hr.	\$345
3	Sr. Hydrogeologist / Engineer	Hr.	\$275
4	Project Hydrogeologist V / Engineer V	Hr.	\$255
5	Project Hydrogeologist V / III / Engineer III	Hr.	\$235
6	Hydrogeologist II / Engineer II	Hr.	\$220
7	Creative Services	Hr.	\$160
8	Publications Specialist	Hr.	\$130

Task Table

Task	Description	Subtask Total	Total Task Hours	Maximum Fee Per Task
1	Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for LPV, OXN, and PV Basins		3130	\$837,950
	<i>5 Annual Reports for Oxnard Subbasin</i>	<i>\$241,900</i>	<i>910</i>	
	<i>5 Annual Reports for PV Basin</i>	<i>\$241,900</i>	<i>910</i>	
	<i>5 Annual Reports for LPV Basin</i>	<i>\$302,150</i>	<i>1150</i>	
1.11	<i>Watermaster Response Reports & Committee Consultation</i>	<i>\$52,000</i>	<i>160</i>	
2	Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP		1140	\$298,490
3	Periodic Evaluation of the Las Posas Valley Basin GSP		1544	\$416,780
3.7	<i>Watermaster Response Reports & Committee Consultation</i>	<i>\$45,700</i>	<i>140</i>	
4	Periodic Evaluation of the Pleasant Valley Basin GSP		1140	\$298,490
5	Data Gap Analysis		360	\$93,420
6	Technical Support		1440	\$382,800
7	Public Outreach and Communication		624	\$183,262
8	Project Management		700	\$232,400
8.1	Weekly Meetings	<i>\$182,000</i>	<i>520</i>	
8.2	Invoicing	<i>\$50,400</i>	<i>180</i>	
	Total		10078	\$2,743,590

Task Table Detail

		Total Dudek Hours	Dudek Labor Costs	Other Direct Costs	TOTAL FEE
Task 1	Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for WYs 2026-2030				
1.1	5 Oxnard Annual Reports	910	\$241,900		\$241,900
1.2	5 Las Posas Annual Reports				
1.2.1	5 Annual Reports	1150	\$302,150		\$302,150
1.2.2	5 TAC response reports	80	\$26,000		\$26,000
1.2.3	5 PAC response reports	80	\$26,000		\$26,000
1.3	5 Pleasant Valley Annual Reports	910	\$241,900		\$241,900
	Subtotal Task 1	3130	\$837,950		\$837,950

Task 2	Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard GSP				
2.1	Oxnard PE Executive Summary	22	\$5,890		\$5,890
2.2	Oxnard PE Evaluation of Current Conditions	166	\$42,360		\$42,360
2.3	Oxnard PE Future Model Scenarios	202	\$53,270		\$53,270
2.4	Oxnard PE Technical Evaluation of the GSP	148	\$38,700		\$38,700
2.5	<i>Oxnard PE Text</i>				
2.5.1	Internal Draft 1	284	\$68,080		\$68,080
2.5.2	Internal Draft 2	96	\$24,040		\$24,040
2.6	Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings	96	\$28,960	\$740	\$29,700
2.7	<i>Public and Final PE</i>				
2.7.1	Public Draft 1 - Response to Comments	64	\$19,480		\$19,480
2.7.2	Public Draft 2 and Response to Comments	36	\$10,820		\$10,820
2.7.3	Final PE	26	\$6,150		\$6,150
Subtotal Task 2		1140	\$297,750	\$740	\$298,490
Task 3	Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB GSP				
3.1	LPVB PE Executive Summary	22	\$5,890		\$5,890
3.2	LPVB PE Evaluation of Current Conditions	250	\$64,470		\$64,470
3.3	LPVB PE Future Model Scenarios	276	\$73,740		\$73,740
3.4	LPVB PE Technical Evaluation of the GSP	186	\$48,510		\$48,510
3.5	<i>LPVB PE Text</i>				
3.5.1	Internal Draft 1	332	\$80,060		\$80,060
3.5.2	Internal Draft 2	88	\$23,000		\$23,000
3.6	Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings	132	\$39,820	\$740	\$40,560
3.7	<i>LPVB Public and Final PE</i>				
3.7.1	Public Draft 1 Response to Comments	56	\$17,880		\$17,880
3.7.2	Public Draft 2 and Response to Comments	36	\$10,820		\$10,820
3.7.3	Final PE	26	\$6,150		\$6,150
3.8	Watermaster Committee Consultation and Response Rep	140	\$45,700		\$45,700
Subtotal Task 3		1544	\$416,040	\$740	\$416,780
Task 4	Periodic Evaluation of the PVB GSP				
4.1	PVB PE Executive Summary	22	\$5,890		\$5,890
4.2	PVB PE Evaluation of Current Conditions	166	\$42,360		\$42,360
4.3	PVB PE Future Model Scenarios	202	\$53,270		\$53,270
4.4	PVB PE Technical Evaluation of the GSP	148	\$38,700		\$38,700
4.5	<i>PVB PE Text</i>				
4.5.1	Internal Draft 1	284	\$68,080		\$68,080
4.5.2	Internal Draft 2	96	\$24,040		\$24,040
4.6	PVB Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meetings	96	\$28,960	\$740	\$29,700
4.7	<i>PVB Public and Final PE</i>				
4.7.1	Public Draft 1 Response to Comments	64	\$19,480		\$19,480
4.7.2	Public Draft 2 and Response to Comments	36	\$10,820		\$10,820
4.7.3	Final PE	26	\$6,150		\$6,150

Subtotal Task 4		1140	\$297,750	\$740	\$298,490
Task 5	Data Gap Analysis	360	\$93,420		\$93,420
Task 6	Technical Support	1440	\$382,800		\$382,800
Task 7	Public Outreach and Communication	624	\$180,550	\$2,712	\$183,262
Task 8	Project Management				
8.1	Weekly Meetings	520	\$182,000		\$182,000
8.2	Invoicing	180	\$50,400		\$50,400
Subtotal Task 8		700	\$232,400		\$232,400
Total		10078	\$2,738,660	\$4,930	\$2,743,590

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3. Delays

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

4. Payment

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

Requests for Payment

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

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

CONSULTANT shall submit all requests for payment via email to: FCGMA@venturacounty.gov

Payment Schedule

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

Timely Invoicing

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

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

5. Extra Services

AGENCY may request that CONSULTANT perform services beyond the tasks described in Exhibit A, hereinafter referred to as "Extra Services." Extra Services shall be performed by

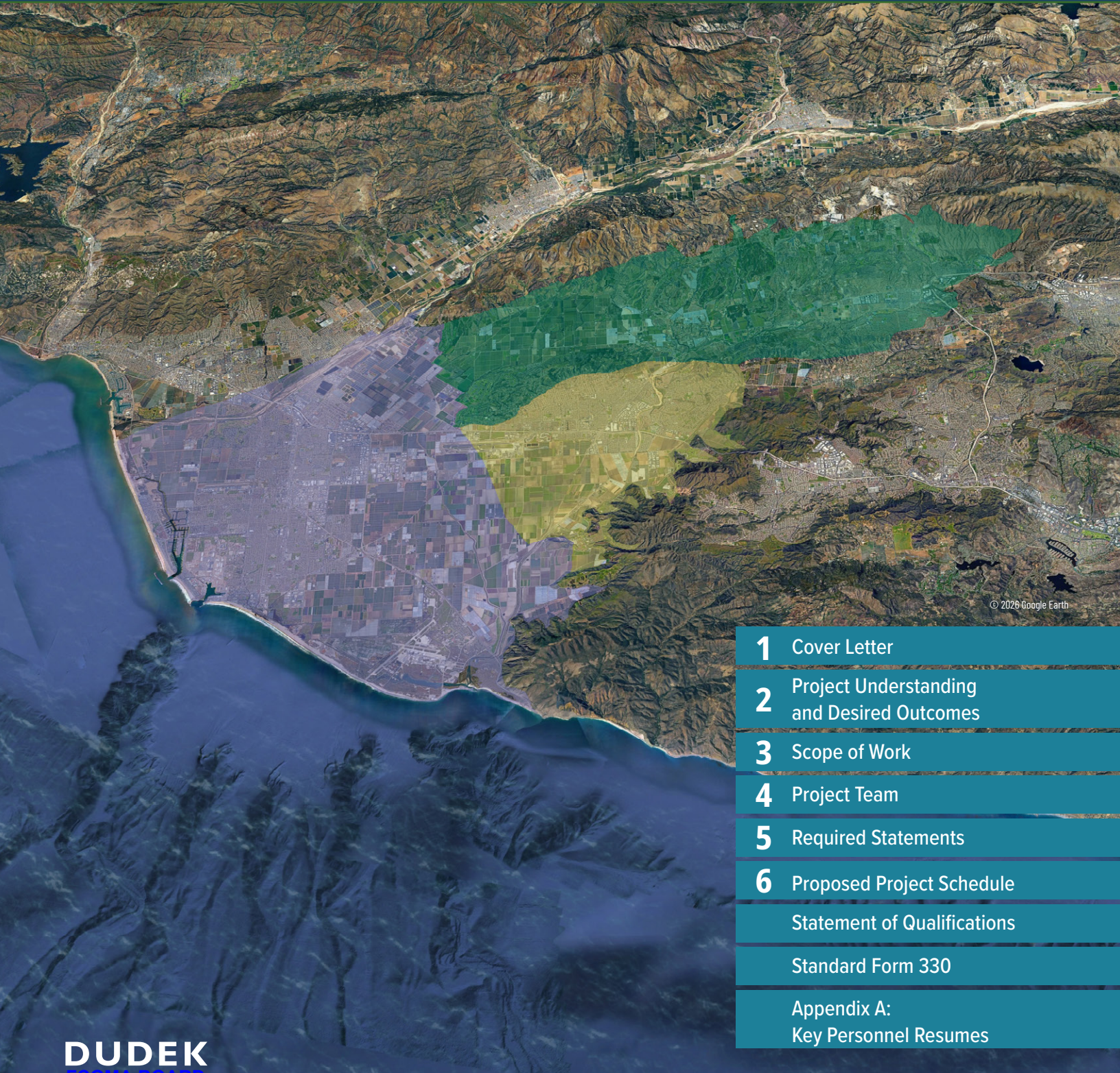
CONSULTANT only when ordered in writing by the Project Manager for AGENCY. AGENCY'S written order will include a statement of the work required and time schedule for completion. Payment for extra services performed by CONSULTANT will be made at the rates specified in this Exhibit unless otherwise agreed.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

END OF EXHIBIT C



Technical Consulting Services to Support Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

JULY 27, 2026



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COVER LETTER

July 27, 2026

Elka Weber
Clerk of the Board
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue, L1610
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Technical Consulting Services to Support Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation

Dear Elka Weber:

Dudek appreciates the opportunity to continue our long-standing partnership in support of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's (FCGMA or Agency) ongoing implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin (PVB), and Las Posas Valley Basin (LPVB).

Having prepared the GSPs and corresponding periodic evaluations (PEs), Dudek understands the technical foundation, regulatory framework, stakeholder dynamics, and management objectives guiding FCGMA's groundwater sustainability efforts under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). We also understand the unique responsibilities associated with FCGMA's role as both the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Watermaster for the LPVB.

Dudek developed the enclosed proposal based on our understanding of the work required to achieve sustainability objectives by 2040 and the evolving regulatory and legal landscape that may influence basin management. Our familiarity with the technical underpinnings of the FCGMA GSPs; our understanding of the complex hydrogeologic, managerial, and stakeholder relationships in the Basins; and our demonstrated commitment to supporting FCGMA as an independent technical expert without conflicting interests or commitments makes us uniquely qualified to perform this work.

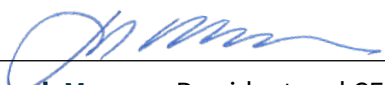
Over the upcoming 5 years, Dudek anticipates that FCGMA will need support in three critical areas:

1. Developing Proactive Management Strategies and Technically Sound Planning Documents
2. Continuing to Foster Strong Stakeholder Relationships
3. Incorporation of Water Rights Challenge Outcomes into SGMA Reporting and Implementation Requirements

Dr. Jill Weinberger will be the project manager and principal in charge for this contract. Jill values her 10-year long relationship with FCGMA and the diligent and dedicated FCGMA staff. She would be honored to continue supporting FCGMA over the next five years as it addresses the critical issues necessary to reach sustainability by 2040.

We appreciate the opportunity to propose on this project and welcome any questions regarding our capabilities. Please reach out to Jill Weinberger at 760.479.4116 or via email at jweinberger@dudek.com with any questions or requests for clarification.

Sincerely,


Joseph Monaco, President and CEO

Joseph Monaco is authorized to negotiate and contractually bind Dudek.


Jill Weinberger, PhD, PG, Project Manager

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2 PROJECT UNDERSTANDING AND DESIRED OUTCOMES

Dudek understands that Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA or Agency) is seeking a consultant to assist with its reporting and management obligations for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin (PVB), and Las Posas Valley Basin (LPVB) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The FCGMA Board of Directors (Board) adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for these three Basins in 2019 and submitted the GSPs to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in 2020. Both the Oxnard Subbasin and the PVB were designated by DWR as being in a state of critical overdraft, while the LPVB was not. The GSPs for all three Basins were developed concurrently because they are hydrogeologically connected, principally via the Fox Canyon aquifer. Recognition of the interconnectivity of the Basins and the need for overarching management was cited by DWR in its approval letters for the GSPs.

Adoption of the GSPs marked the beginning of FCGMA's authority to manage groundwater resources under SGMA and was accompanied by additional regulatory powers and obligations. Among these obligations are production of GSP annual reports that document basin conditions and development of GSP Periodic Evaluations (PEs) at a minimum of every 5 years after the GSPs were submitted. FCGMA must also periodically assess the need to amend the GSPs, document progress toward filling data gaps, and conduct regular outreach to stakeholders and interested parties. In LPVB, the Judgment requires FCGMA to generate materials for the GSP annual reports and PEs specific to the adjudication. These obligations are the core components of the work to be done under this contract.

On occasion, FCGMA receives requests from stakeholders that relate to Basin management but are not directly addressed in the formal reports prepared for DWR. As part of this contract, Dudek understands that FCGMA would also like assistance, on an as-needed basis, to address these requests. This work could include additional data analysis beyond that conducted for the annual reports or PEs, preparation of maps and figures to facilitate discussions with stakeholders and the Board, evaluation of groundwater well interference and drawdown for new well requests, and assessment of potential impacts to sustainable management.

Additionally, this work could include preparation of technical studies in response to any additional recommended corrective actions DWR may issue after reviewing the PEs.

Dudek's Understanding

Maintaining progress toward sustainability will require balancing regulatory compliance, technical uncertainty, stakeholder priorities, adjudication requirements, project implementation schedules, and evolving Basin conditions while continuing to advance implementation of the management actions identified in the GSPs.

Desired Outcomes

Preparation of Annual Reports and Periodic Evaluations.

Develop SGMA compliant documents and, in the case of the LPVB, Judgment required documents, that meet FCGMA's needs to manage groundwater resources, reflect the best available science, incorporate stakeholder feedback, and provide the necessary steppingstones to reach sustainable management by 2040.

Data Gap Analysis. Develop an ongoing evaluation program for prioritizing and closing data gaps that impact groundwater management using an improved data management structure that simplifies data queries and generates a robust data set to answer common data reporting questions.

Technical Support. Develop scientifically sound, defensible assessments and clear communications for technical support projects that inform the Board, stakeholders, and other interested parties of the project need, approach, results, and uncertainties, to support informed decision-making.

Stakeholder, Committee, and Board Meeting

Support. Develop clear, concise materials that reach the appropriate audience, generate meaningful feedback, and reflect the current understanding of the groundwater conditions in the Basins to provide the Board with the necessary information on which to base Basin management decisions.

Project Management. Ensure on-time delivery of project materials within the budget specified, provide clear communications on overall project status and budget, and maintain project manager and team availability to support FCGMA needs.

Key Considerations

Adoption of the GSPs represented the first step in an adaptive management program for the Basins. The first 5 years of GSP implementation have resulted in substantial advances in the hydrogeologic understanding of Basin conditions and informed management approaches. Over the upcoming 5 years, project implementation, legal developments, stakeholder priorities, and DWR review are likely to influence future management strategies and decisions.

FOUR KEY CONSIDERATIONS THAT WILL INFLUENCE UPCOMING MANAGEMENT

Oxnard Subbasin and Pleasant Valley Basin Litigation. Over the 5 years following GSP adoption, the LPVB underwent a comprehensive water rights adjudication process that established a physical solution and named FCGMA as the Watermaster. The Judgment added reporting and management tasks to the preparation of annual reports and PEs. Stakeholders in the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB have initiated a comprehensive water rights adjudication that is currently working its way through the court and may result in similar additional tasks to be completed in those Basins.

Project Implementation. Several projects that could limit the need for demand management have been proposed by individual water agencies, with their own agendas and project timing goals, but few have been implemented. Over the upcoming 5 years, FCGMA will need to work with local water agencies to develop mutually agreed upon project timelines and milestones so that the Board and stakeholders understand whether projects are on track to provide additional water and when the Board may need to act to reduce groundwater production to ensure the Basins reach sustainability by 2040.

DWR Review of the First PEs. DWR is currently reviewing the PEs submitted in 2025. By January 2027, DWR will issue another determination for the GSPs. Dudek currently assumes that DWR will continue to designate the existing GSPs as approved but is likely to issue additional recommended corrective actions that will need to be addressed before the second PEs are submitted in 2030.

Potential GSP Amendments. The work to be done under this contract must support the FCGMA needs to respond to the fundamental requirements of SGMA and to advance its ability to proactively manage the groundwater resources of the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. The results of this work, or the outcomes of any of the above listed considerations, may require amending the GSPs so they continue to represent the best possible framework for achieving sustainable management of the groundwater resources that stakeholders rely on for agricultural, municipal, and domestic supplies. Under SGMA, a GSP amendment must be accompanied by an up-to-date PE. Therefore, if FCGMA determines that a GSP amendment is necessary, Dudek will work with FCGMA to identify the most efficient way of preparing both the PE and the GSP amendment.

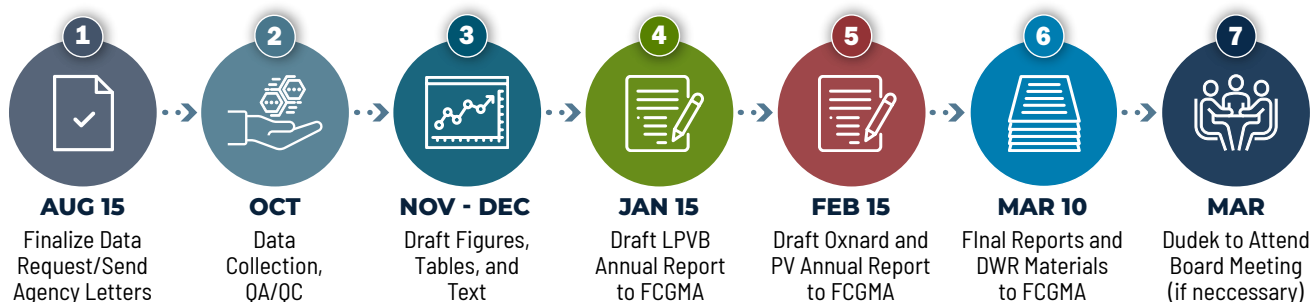
Dudek’s Unique Experience

Dudek is the only firm to have prepared LPVB Watermaster Response Reports, providing unmatched insight into stakeholder feedback, committee processes, and Agency decision-making.

5 SCOPE OF WORK

TASK 1:

Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for WYs 2026–2030



The GSP annual reports provide FCGMA, DWR, and stakeholders with a snapshot of the groundwater conditions in the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB for the preceding water year (WY). The contents and timing of the reports are dictated by the requirements of SGMA and, for the LPVB, the requirements of the Judgment.

Last year, in order to facilitate review by DWR and provide additional information for FCGMA staff, stakeholders, and members of the Board, FCGMA staff worked with Dudek to significantly revise the format of the reports. The revised reports better align with DWR's 2023 Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Guide to Annual Reports, Periodic Evaluations, and Plan Amendments, and include improved maps, tables, and appendices that can be used to support Basin management discussions by the Board.

The annual reports include data from multiple agencies. Collecting the data from these agencies is the critical first step in preparing the reports. As part of this scope, Dudek will work with FCGMA staff to develop the detailed data requests for each agency before the end of the WY, so that each agency can prepare and send the data to FCGMA as soon as possible after the WY has ended.

The following are descriptions of the specific tasks for each annual report, consistent with the DWR Emergency GSP Regulations and the current DWR guidance document. Dudek understands that DWR may issue revisions to its guidance documents during the term of the contract. If revisions are issued, Dudek will work with FCGMA to determine the potential impacts to the structure, contents, and scope of the annual reports.

SUBTASK 1.1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Dudek will review and update the general information and location maps depicting the Basin covered by each

report. The general information and technical analyses will be used to prepare the executive summary after completing the body of the report.

SUBTASK 1.2: GROUNDWATER ELEVATION CONTOUR MAPS

Dudek will conduct an initial quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) assessment of the data collected and, after validating the data, Dudek will generate aquifer-specific contour maps in geographic information system (GIS). A unified set of groundwater elevation contours that cross Basin boundaries will be generated for each aquifer, as appropriate. Contours for the East Las Posas Management Area of the LPVB will be generated separately because the aquifers in this management area are disconnected from those in the West Las Posas Management Area. The initial GIS contours will be reviewed and edited as necessary to generate the final groundwater elevation contour maps representing the piezometric surface in each aquifer.

As part of this subtask, Dudek will also generate seasonal change in groundwater elevation maps, and graphs of precipitation and stream gauge data from stations maintained by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to provide context for the measured water levels. WY type will be assigned based on the definitions of each type developed in the GSP.

SUBTASK 1.3: HYDROGRAPHS

The groundwater elevations obtained under Subtask 1.2 will be used to generate groundwater elevation hydrographs that include historical data, to the extent available, for the key wells in each Basin. Hydrographs for non-key wells will be included in an appendix. Observed trends in the hydrographs will be placed in the context of the WY's hydrologic conditions.

SUBTASK 1.4: GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION

Groundwater extraction data will be reported by aquifer system for the Oxnard Subbasin and the West Las Posas Management Area, aquifer system and aquifer for the PVB, and by aquifer for the East Las Posas Management Area for each annual report. Within each aquifer or aquifer system, groundwater extraction data will be reported by water use sector. Dudek will work with FCGMA to identify the best way to incorporate information on measurement method and accuracy into the text and tables of the reports. For context, the reports will include an estimate of the current percentage of pumping reported. Reporting from the previous year will be updated in the tables, based on the most recent extraction data provided. Figures showing historical and current pumping by water sector, compared to change in storage and compared to WY type, will also be updated to reflect changes to the previous year's reported pumping. Dudek assumes that the maps showing the distribution of pumping will not be updated to reflect changes to the previous year's pumping.

SUBTASK 1.5: SURFACE WATER SUPPLY

Surface water supplies will be documented by agency and location for the Oxnard Subbasin and PVB annual reports. There are no locally derived sources of surface water in the LPVB.

SUBTASK 1.6: TOTAL WATER USE

This section, which is referred to as "Total Water Available" in the annual reports, will be compiled based on the groundwater extraction and surface water supply data. Total water use will also include imported water data. Data will be divided by use sector for each Basin. Dudek will work with FCGMA to identify the best way to incorporate information on measurement method and accuracy into the text and tables of the reports.

SUBTASK 1.7: CHANGE IN STORAGE

FCGMA utilizes two numerical groundwater models to represent groundwater conditions in the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. Typically, these models have not been updated annually and used to calculate change in groundwater storage. Instead Dudek developed a system of linear regressions to estimate change in storage and fulfill the regulatory requirements for reporting storage change in the annual reports. Until FCGMA is able to have complete control over the two models, Dudek recommends continuing to report

changes in groundwater storage based on the system of linear regressions. However, these regressions should be reviewed and updated, if necessary, to reflect more recent data and updates to the numerical models.

The most recent year and cumulative change in storage will be appended to existing tables of historical change in storage and will be shown in figures that also depict the WY type and groundwater use. Change in storage maps will be generated for each aquifer, where sufficient information is available, based on the results of the linear regression analysis.

SUBTASK 1.8 : GSP PROGRESS DESCRIPTION

Dudek will update the tables showing fall and spring groundwater elevations at the key wells; change in elevation from the previous year; and the elevation relative to the minimum threshold, measurable objective, and, where appropriate, 2030 interim milestone groundwater elevation, to show progress toward sustainability.

Implementation of projects and management actions, work done in response to any new DWR recommended corrective actions, updates to ongoing legal matters, and FCGMA administrative changes or updates will be tracked through the year and reported in the annual reports. To facilitate tracking and reporting of Board actions and other efforts that should be documented in the Progress Description section of the annual reports, Dudek will coordinate with FCGMA staff to identify items to be included in this section at the internal weekly meetings following each FCGMA Board meeting. The running list of implementation progress actions from the annual reports will also be used to develop the long-term discussion of GSP implementation progress in the PEs.

SUBTASK 1.9: WATER QUALITY

Degradation of groundwater quality is an undesirable result that applies to the Oxnard Subbasin, PVB, and LPVB. Dudek will work with FCGMA to identify the appropriate tables, hydrographs, and maps of groundwater quality to be included in the annual reports. We note that, depending on the data density and frequency of collection, not every constituent may be mapped for every annual report. Data analysis under this task will identify areas of stable, improving, or degrading water quality conditions, and evaluate the use of groundwater elevation thresholds as a proxy for groundwater quality.

SUBTASK 1.10: REPORT DEVELOPMENT

This subtask covers all the other figures and data needed to support a comprehensive review of Basin conditions in the annual reports. This will include adding the key well hydrographs to the seasonal change in groundwater elevation maps generated as part of Subtask 1.2; preparing data visualizations depicting the groundwater elevations relative to the sustainable management criteria; and preparing figures that illustrate change in land surface elevation and other figures or tables that can be used to explain Basin conditions to DWR, the Board, and stakeholders in support of management needs and decisions.

SUBTASK 1.11: LAS POSAS VALLEY BASIN WATERMASTER RESPONSE REPORTS AND COMMITTEE CONSULTATION

After the TAC and PAC members have prepared their recommendation reports for the draft LPVB annual report, Dudek will prepare response reports that indicate where the draft annual report has been changed in response to TAC and PAC feedback, or why changes were not made in response to TAC and PAC feedback. The discussion of Watermaster responses will be at a similar level of detail to the PAC and TAC recommendations. Dudek assumes that individual TAC and PAC member comments will be provided in MS Excel format. The response reports will include responses to each TAC and PAC member comment in the MS Excel file.

Deliverables:

- Five annual response reports prepared for the Watermaster addressing PAC comments for each LPVB annual report from WY 2026 to WY 2030
- Five annual response reports prepared for the Watermaster addressing TAC comments for each LPVB annual report from WY 2026 to WY 2030

SUBTASK 1.12: REPORT

Under this subtask, Dudek will draft the text of the annual report based on the figures and tables generated in Subtasks 1.1 through 1.10. The text of the annual report will be sufficient to meet DWR requirements and explain the observed groundwater conditions. However, based on past experience, the text will not include detailed descriptions of data that is better represented in figures and tables.

Dudek will deliver the draft LPVB annual report to FCGMA by January 15, with the data available at the time the report is due, for FCGMA review and comment prior

to submittal to the TAC and PAC. The revised draft of the LPVB annual report will be provided to FCGMA by February 1. Dudek understands that the Watermaster-specific appendices for the LPVB annual report may not be available until later in February and will work with FCGMA to incorporate them as they are finalized.

The Oxnard Subbasin and PVB draft annual reports will be provided to FCGMA by February 15, for review and comment. Dudek assumes that FCGMA will provide the comments on the draft reports by March 1, so Dudek can provide the final report to FCGMA by March 10.

After the documents are finalized, Dudek will prepare the DWR Tables 1 through 4 and the annual report elements guide that accompanies the submittal of each annual report to the DWR SGMA portal. These will be provided to FCGMA by March 10, for approval by the FCGMA Board.

Final documents will be stamped and signed by a California Professional Geologist or Engineer. The annual reports will be formatted in compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Version 2.1, Level AA technical standard for Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Deliverables:

- Draft annual reports that adhere to the Committee Consultation timeline identified in Subtask 1.11 for each of the three Basins in original electronic file format for each WY from 2026 through 2030, for a total of 15 draft reports
- Final annual reports for each of the three Basins, including tables and the GSP Annual Reporting Elements Guide in original electronic file and Adobe PDF formats for each WY from 2026 through 2030, for a total of 15 final reports

TASKS 2, 3, AND 4

Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard Subbasin GSP, LPVB GSP, and PVB GSP

The PEs are the formal framework FCGMA uses to assess progress toward sustainable management, review the GSPs, and address DWR recommended corrective actions. Preparation of the PEs provides an opportunity for FCGMA to determine whether the GSPs need revision or amendment. The contents of the PE are dictated by the requirements of SGMA and GSP regulations and the overall structure is the same for each Basin.

Consequently, the work required to complete each subtask of Tasks 2, 3, and 4 in FCGMA's Request for Proposals is the same. Therefore, to avoid repetition, Dudek has structured the description of the scope for

each subtask of the PE in a similar way to the description of the scope for the annual reports. Each of the following subtasks will be completed for each PE, with the exception of Subtask 8 that only applies to the LPVB.



SUBTASK 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The executive summary will provide a high-level overview of GSP implementation activities written in plain language. Significant new information generated over the previous 5 years, progress made toward sustainability, and changes that may necessitate a GSP amendment will be summarized. The executive summary will also contain a location map depicting the Basin boundaries and any other figures necessary to illustrate evaluation of Basin progress and management under the GSP.

SUBTASK 2: EVALUATION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS

The current conditions will be summarized and compared to the sustainable management criteria for each applicable sustainability indicator. The data evaluated will include precipitation and surface water flows, groundwater levels, groundwater quality, groundwater in storage, land subsidence, depletion of interconnected surface water (where applicable), and seawater intrusion (where applicable). These data will largely stem from the WY 2023 through 2028 annual reports. Trends in precipitation and surface flow, as well as impacts of project implementation, will be compared to trends in groundwater conditions to assess the progress toward sustainability and ability of the sustainable management criteria to support GSP implementation progress. Because this section relies on the annual report data, the text of this section is one of the earlier sections that will be prepared under Subtask 5.

SUBTASK 3: FUTURE MODEL SCENARIOS

Dudek will work with FCGMA to identify the need to develop future model scenarios. This need will be determined in part by any new information that

would impact the assumptions of the model scenarios developed for the first PE, including changes to conjunctive use or the development of conjunctive use optimization strategies, identification of new projects or management actions, revisions to existing project implementation sizes or schedules, revisions to existing management action assumptions, and/or significant changes to the two numerical groundwater models that cover the East Las Posas Management Area, and the West Las Posas Management Area, Oxnard Subbasin, and PVB. For the LPVB, these scenarios will incorporate new information regarding projects planned for implementation, or currently being implemented, in the LPVB; projected surface water supplies available for injection through Calleguas Municipal Water District's Aquifer Storage and Recovery wells; and revised groundwater production scenarios that incorporate recent production trends.

We understand that this task includes time to coordinate with FCGMA and any other consultant or agency contracted to conduct the numerical groundwater modeling under separate contract with FCGMA, develop future model scenarios, independently assess and evaluate the numerical model results, integrate the model results into FCGMA's evaluation of long-term sustainability, and discuss the model results in the PE. In our cost estimate, we have assumed time necessary to coordinate on up to 10 model scenarios for each of the two models.

SUBTASK 4: TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF GSP

Under this subtask, Dudek will identify the new information that could impact the understanding of the setting, management areas, undesirable results, and sustainable management criteria of the Basins. Technical analyses done under this task will build on the

work conducted under Tasks 5 and 6 of the overall GSP implementation effort, including work done to respond to any recommended corrective actions that result from their review of the first PEs for each Basin. This work will also inform the development of model scenarios under Subtask 3 of the PE development.

The technical evaluation analyses conducted under this subtask will include a review of lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells, an evaluation of groundwater production and groundwater level trends in each management area or aquifer system, and an evaluation of the existing monitoring network. This work, as well as the work completed under Tasks 5 and 6, will also be used to assess the minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and interim milestones.

SUBTASK 5: PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PE

Using the data collected and analyses conducted, Dudek will prepare the internal draft text, tables, figures, and appendices of the PE for each Basin using the data compiled and analyzed in Subtasks 2 through 4. The data contained in each PE will satisfy the requirements of DWR Emergency GSP Regulations § 356.2 and will conform with the formatting suggested in DWR's 2023 Guidance document on the preparation of GSP PEs. Dudek assumes that the internal draft documents will undergo up to two rounds of comment and revision by FCGMA prior to releasing a public draft.

Deliverables:

- Two internal draft PEs for each Basin

SUBTASK 6: STAKEHOLDER, COMMITTEE, AND BOARD MEETINGS

Two Dudek staff members will attend eight in-person stakeholder meetings to support the development of the PE. Dudek assumes that there will be one initial meeting for all three Basins, three meetings/workshops for the LPVB, and three meetings/workshops for the combined Oxnard Subbasin and PVB. Dudek will deliver draft materials for the meetings to FCGMA two weeks in advance of each meeting to allow time for FCGMA review and comment. Dudek will present the materials at the meetings and allow for sufficient time at each meeting to solicit and record stakeholder feedback.

In addition to the stakeholder meetings, Dudek has budgeted time for up to two staff members to develop materials for and present at six in-person quarterly board meetings to discuss the PE development.

Deliverables:

- Stakeholder and Board presentations in PowerPoint format

SUBTASK 7: PREPARATION OF FINAL PERIODIC EVALUATION

Dudek will address two rounds of public comment on the draft and revised draft PE for each Basin. For each round of public comment, Dudek will prepare a comment matrix documenting comments received, the names of agencies/stakeholder groups who submitted comments, and FCGMA response to comments/document revisions. After FCGMA Board review, Dudek will revise the draft PE for a second round of public comment and FCGMA response. Dudek will then finalize the PE, incorporating revisions as recommended by the Board after review of the second round of public comments. Under this subtask, Dudek will also prepare the PE elements guide and references for inclusion in the DWR submittal. The PE will be formatted to be published online in compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines Version 2.1, Level AA technical standard for Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, as appropriate.

Deliverables:

- Two public draft PEs for each Basin
- Two comment matrices in MS Excel for each Basin
- One final PE for each Basin
- PE elements guide for each Basin
- References in PDF format for each PE

SUBTASK 8: WATERMASTER COMMITTEE CONSULTATION AND RESPONSE REPORTS

Dudek notes that this would be Subtask 7 under Task 3, but for consistency with the development of the other PEs, this is discussed here as Subtask 8, which only applies to the LPVB. Dudek will prepare for and attend one TAC meeting and one PAC meeting to review the recommendation reports on the draft PE of the LPVB and to prepare response reports on behalf of the Watermaster.

Deliverables:

- Up to two response reports prepared for the Watermaster in response to PAC recommendation reports for the draft and/or revised draft PE of the LPVB
- Up to two response reports prepared for the Watermaster in response to TAC recommendation reports for the draft and/or revised draft PE of the LPVB

Assumptions:

- Dudek assumes, for budget purposes, that we will prepare two response reports for the PAC and two response reports for the TAC. If only one report is needed for either or both committees, the remaining budget will not be spent.

TASK 5: DATA GAP ANALYSIS

Under this task, Dudek will support FCGMA in evaluating options for filling data gaps identified in the GSPs that have not yet been addressed. Since the GSPs were prepared, work has been done to install new monitoring wells, collect data more frequently, and store the data in a unified database for easier access. This task includes analysis of the data gaps that have not yet been filled, data gaps that have been identified since the GSPs were prepared, development of strategies and cost estimates for addressing data gaps, and prioritization of these gaps based on impact to Basin management.

Deliverables:

- Technical memoranda in original electronic file (e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, Arc GIS, etc.) and Adobe PDF formats.

TASK 6: TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Dudek will provide ongoing, as needed, hydrogeologic support to FCGMA technical staff. The analyses conducted under this task could include work to address any recommended corrective actions that DWR issues on the first PEs of the GSPs, analyzing lithologic and geophysical data from newly constructed groundwater production or monitoring wells, evaluating groundwater production and groundwater level trends in specific aquifers or aquifer systems, supporting evaluations of management options by aquifer system, and other analyses necessary to support progress toward sustainability. Separate from the obligations under SGMA, these analyses could also include work to support FCGMA's ongoing management responsibilities, including reviewing impacts of new well drilling, assisting with stakeholder requests for data, and other potential support requests related to groundwater management. Dudek will submit specific costs and scopes for each analysis to FCGMA for review and approval before beginning work. Dudek will use the weekly project meetings to keep FCGMA apprised of progress on these tasks, and to discuss potential upcoming tasks that could support the development of the PEs.

Deliverables:

- Technical memoranda in original electronic file (e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, Arc GIS, etc.) and Adobe PDF formats.

TASK 7: PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

Dudek will plan and facilitate community engagement events to educate and inform the public about important Basin management and FCGMA initiatives, and to solicit their input. Dudek will coordinate logistics with FCGMA, develop informational materials, and collaborate with stakeholders to ensure accessibility and inclusivity. Dudek understands the importance FCGMA places on engaging with community members through workshops, presentations, and outreach to continue to build trust, gather feedback, and promote awareness of sustainable practices. Dudek staff are available to provide support via email, phone, and scheduled in-person interactions with stakeholders to ensure that the public has access to accurate information and resources. We welcome the opportunity to continue fostering a positive relationship between FCGMA and the community.

Deliverables:

- Stakeholder handouts, information sheets, and PowerPoint presentations in their original format

TASK 8: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Dudek Project Manager Dr. Jill Weinberger will maintain the project schedule, track expenditures against the budget, and provide updates on task progress. Monthly itemized progress reports will accompany each invoice. Dudek will participate in a kickoff meeting with FCGMA after award of the project and then weekly one-hour status conference or video calls for the duration of the project. Dudek has budgeted for two attendees at the kickoff meeting and each weekly meeting.

Deliverables:

- Monthly itemized progress reports mapped to tasks submitted with project invoices in PDF format
- Project kickoff meeting and weekly project meetings/calls

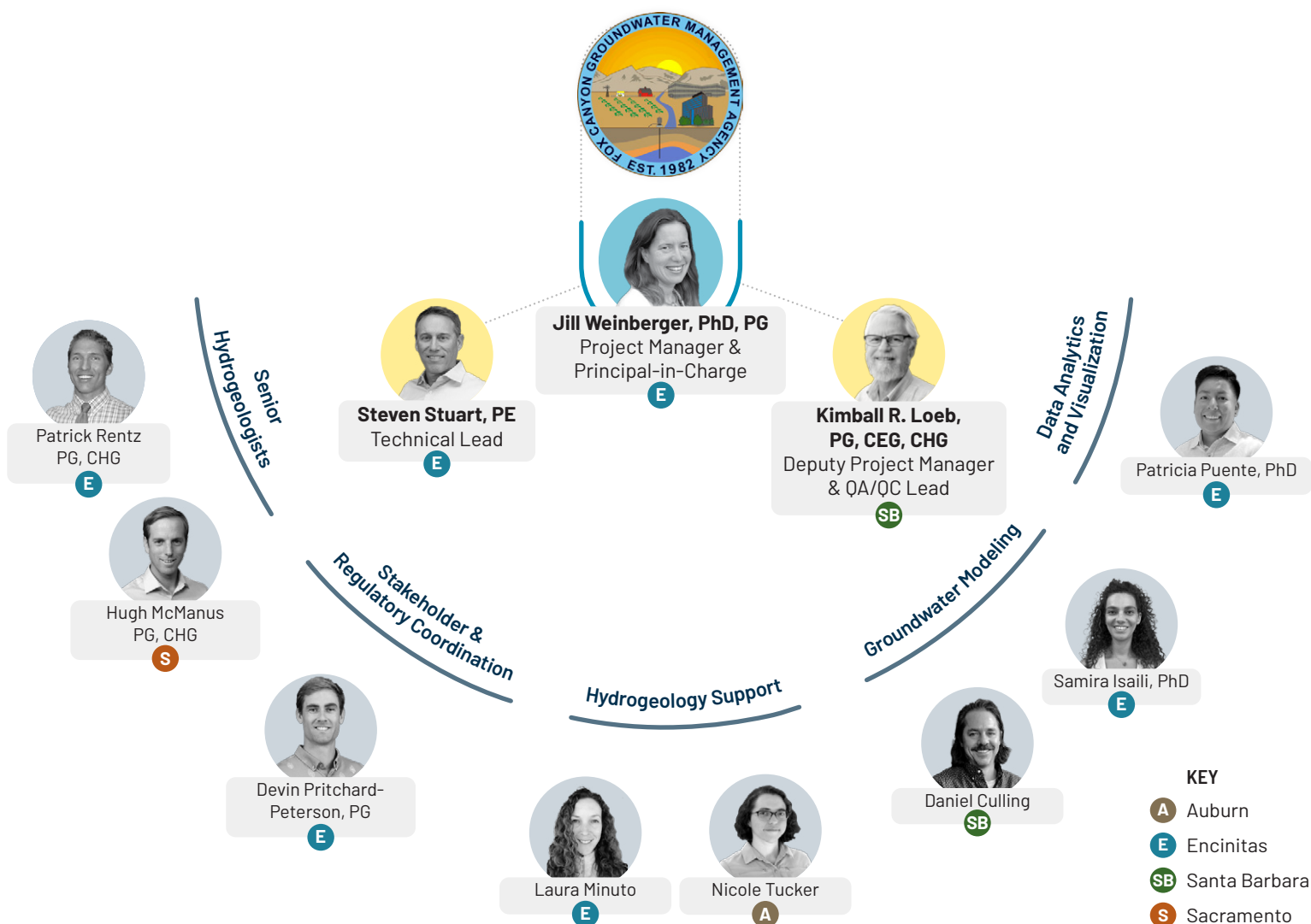
4 PROJECT TEAM

Jill Weinberger, PhD, PG, will serve as project manager, principal in charge, and primary point of contact for this contract. She will be supported by Steven Stuart, PE, as technical lead; Kimball R. Loeb, PG, CEG, CHG, as deputy project manager and QA/QC lead; and a multidisciplinary technical team providing subject matter expertise across groundwater management, hydrogeology, modeling, data analytics, stakeholder coordination, and regulatory support.

Key personnel were strategically selected based on their direct experience supporting FCGMA and their understanding of the Agency’s groundwater sustainability objectives, reporting requirements, and implementation priorities. Collectively, the team has supported preparation of the GSPs, annual reports, PEs, Watermaster activities, stakeholder engagement efforts, and technical analyses that form the foundation of FCGMA’s ongoing implementation program.

Dudek’s project office for this contract will be located in Encinitas, California. **Figure 1** illustrates the proposed project team organization and communication structure, including the home base office location of each key team member. Focused resumes for key personnel are provided in **Appendix A**. To ensure consistency throughout contract performance, Dudek acknowledges that any changes to the proposed project team, including subcontractors or subconsultants, will be submitted to FCGMA in writing and are subject to prior Agency review and approval.

Figure 1. Dudek Team Organization and Home Base Office Location



Staff Hours

Table 1. Team Hours
 for Scope of Work

for Scope of Work		TEAM MEMBERS										
		Jill Weinberger	Kimball Loeb	Steve Stuart	Laura Minuto	Daniel Culling	Nicole Tucker	Samira Ismaili	Patricia Puente	Creative Services II	Publications Specialist II	TOTAL
Task 1 Preparation of GSP Annual Reports for WYs 2026-2030												
Oxnard Subbasin	Data Analysis	5	10		30	120			60			225
	Figures, Tables, & Text	15	20		170	80	200		20	30		535
	Review / Revision	40	50		40						20	150
LPVB	Data Analysis	5	10		30	155			60			260
	Figures, Tables, & Text	15	20		170	160	315		20	40		740
	Review / Revision	40	50		40						20	150
	TAC & PAC Response Reports	40	80				40					160
PVB	Data Analysis	5	10		30	120			60			225
	Figures, Tables, & Text	15	20		170	80	200		20	30		535
	Review / Revision	40	50		40						20	150
Task 2 Periodic Evaluation of the Oxnard GSP												
	Data Analysis	16	20	4	30	120	36	80	54			360
	Figures, Tables, & Text	52	36	4	134	48	88	24	68	56	48	558
	Review / Revision	30	8		80						8	126
	Meetings	32			64							96
Task 3 Periodic Evaluation of the LPVB GSP												
	Data Analysis	20	28	8	94	176	48	80	64			518
	Figures, Tables, & Text	52	36	4	256	62	100	32	80	56	40	718
	Review / Revision	30	12		64		10				8	124
	Meetings	44										44
	Committee Consultation	20	80		40							140
Task 4 Periodic Evaluation of the PVB GSP												
	Data Analysis	16	20	4	30	120	36	80	54			360
	Figures, Tables, & Text	52	36	4	134	48	88	24	68	56	48	558
	Review / Revision	30	8		80						8	126
	Meetings	32			64							96
Task 5 Data Gap Analysis		18	54				144		144			360
Task 6 Technical Support		120	120		480	120	120		480			1440
Task 7 Public Outreach and Communication		227	117				80		120	80		624
Task 8 Project Management		380	260								60	700
TOTAL		1391	1155	28	2270	1409	1505	320	1372	348	280	10078

NOTE:
 Dudek staff members Hugh McManus, Devin Pritchard-Peterson, and Patrick Rentz were not assigned hours, but are included in the staffing chart in case they are needed to provide technical support under Task 6.

5 REQUIRED STATEMENTS

Insurance. Dudek maintains insurance coverage meeting the required \$1,000,000 Commercial General Liability, Workers Compensation, and Automobile Liability minimums.

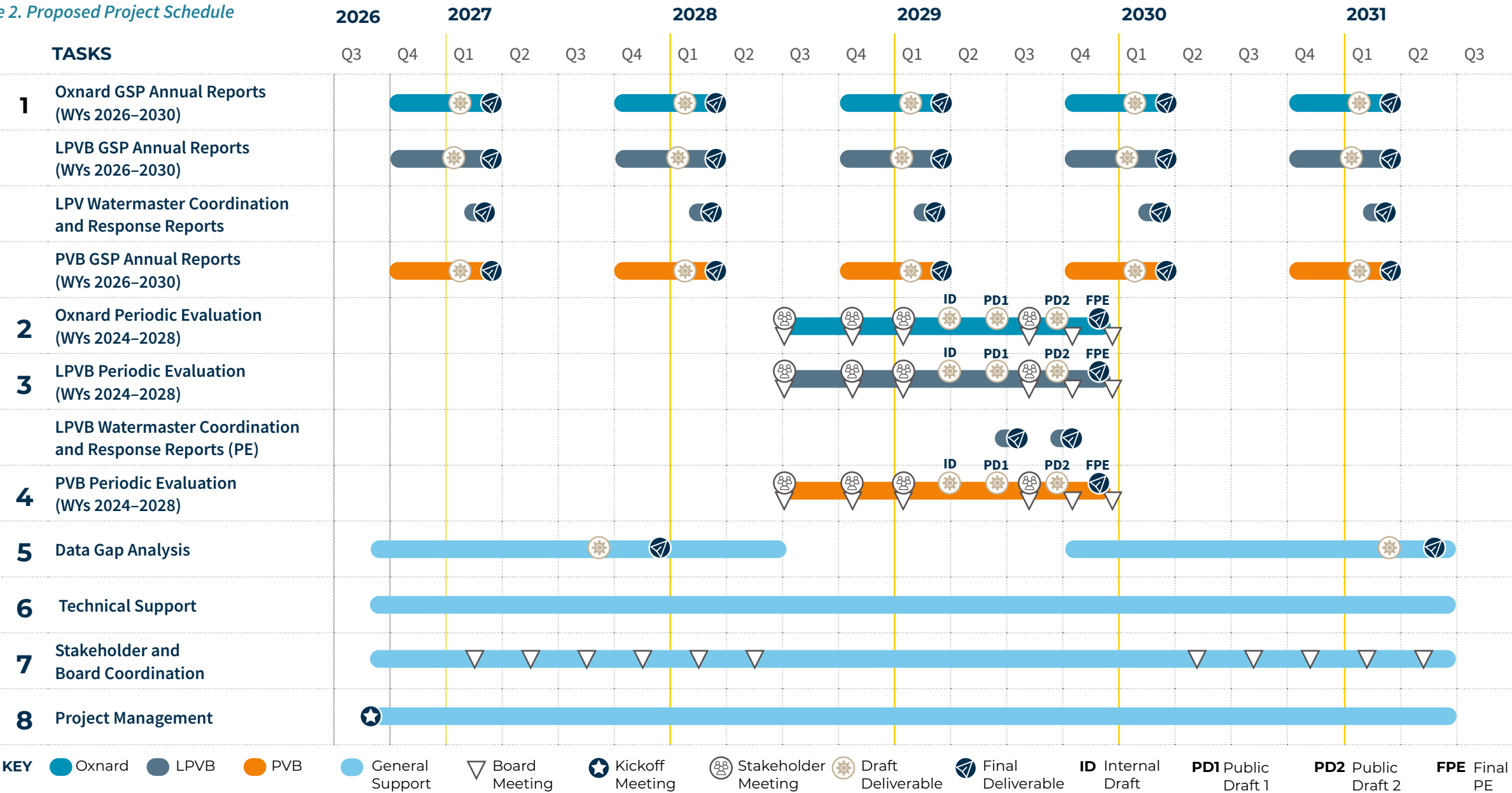
Statement of No Conflict of Interest. Dudek confirms that neither the firm nor any proposed project team member has a conflict of interest that would impair performance of the services described in this proposal. Dudek will continue to comply with all applicable conflict-of-interest requirements throughout the duration of the contract.

Disclosure of Contact with FCGMA Board. Dudek discloses that Dr. Jill Weinberger presented at two FCGMA Board meetings within the previous six months. Dr. Weinberger has not had additional contact with FCGMA Board members outside of those meetings. No other Dudek employee proposed for this contract has had contact with an FCGMA Board member within the previous six months.

PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE

The schedule presented in Table 2 illustrates the anticipated timing of major implementation activities during the contract term. As implementation priorities, regulatory requirements, adjudication outcomes, and stakeholder needs evolve, Dudek will work collaboratively with FCGMA to refine task sequencing and resource allocation while maintaining compliance with SGMA reporting requirements and Agency objectives.

Table 2. Proposed Project Schedule



Firm Overview

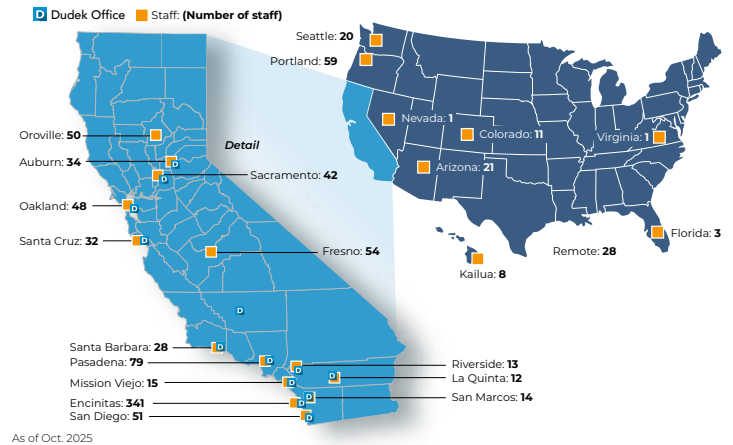
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Firm Profile

Dudek is a 100% employee-owned, California-based environmental, planning, and engineering consulting firm with more than 46 years' experience supporting public agency clients throughout California. Founded in 1980, Dudek has grown into a multidisciplinary firm with more than 1,000 professionals across 21 offices nationwide, including 14 throughout California. The firm provides integrated services in hydrogeology, groundwater modeling, water resources engineering, environmental planning, regulatory compliance, stakeholder engagement, technical communications, and climate resilience planning.

Dudek operates as a single, integrated organization with multidisciplinary technical practices supported by centralized quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC), project management, and administrative systems. This structure enables Dudek to efficiently deploy staff, coordinate across disciplines, and maintain consistency across concurrent project tasks while providing responsive, long-term support for complex water resources programs and regulatory initiatives. Dudek provides comprehensive Groundwater

Dudek Staff By Location



Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation support to groundwater sustainability agencies, water districts, municipalities, watermasters, and stakeholders throughout California. Our multidisciplinary team integrates hydrogeology, groundwater modeling, water resources engineering, data management, regulatory compliance, stakeholder engagement, and technical communications to support long-term groundwater sustainability and regulatory compliance.

CORE SERVICES



Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Implementation



Sustainable Yield Assessments



Stakeholder Engagement



Annual Report Preparation



Monitoring Network Evaluation



Regulator Coordination and Compliance



Periodic Evaluations



Data Gap Analysis



Technical Memoranda and Reporting



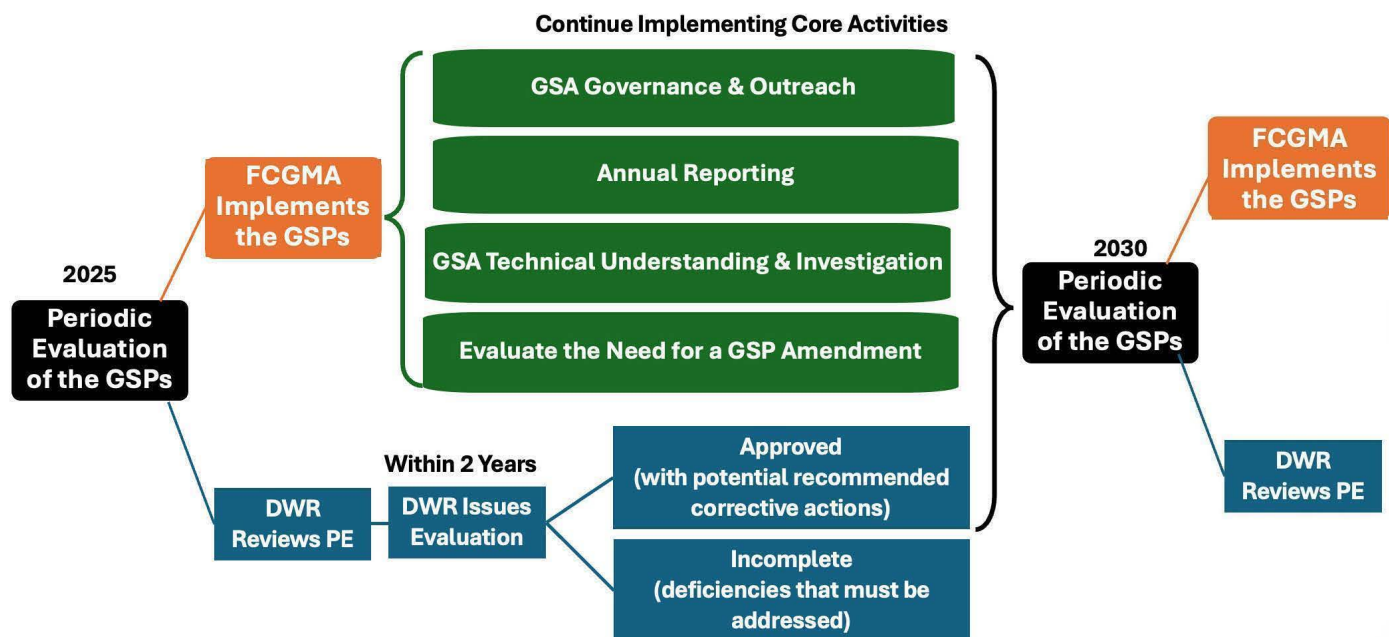
Groundwater Modeling



Seawater Intrusion



Water Resources Planning



GSP Implementation Process

From Plan Development Through Implementation

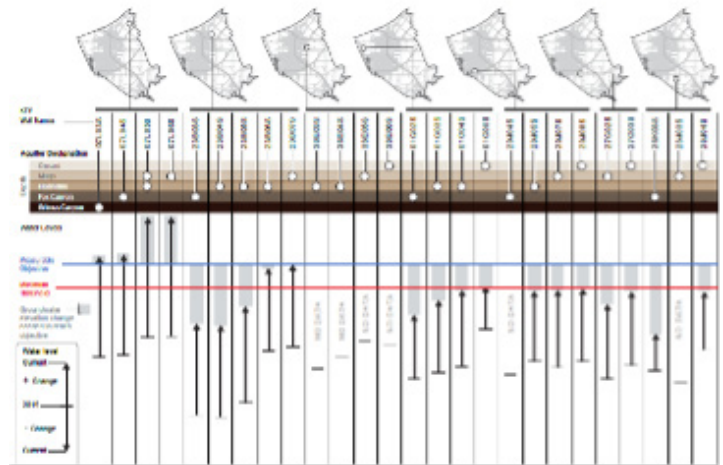
Dudek has supported FCGMA through every major phase of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation. Our team prepared the original GSPs for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and Las Posas Valley Basin and subsequently completed the first Periodic Evaluations for all three basins. Additionally, Dudek has supported FCGMA through the full adjudication process for the LPVB and the ongoing process for the OPV. This work included preparing a Basin Optimization Yield Study that required extensive numerical modeling using both the United Water Conservation District groundwater model and the Calleguas Municipal Water District groundwater model.

Our GSP implementation support work included groundwater and surface water data analysis, monitoring network evaluations, sustainable management criteria assessments, sustainable yield updates, future-condition groundwater modeling, stakeholder coordination, Board support, and technical reporting. Through these efforts, Dudek developed a detailed understanding of basin conditions, groundwater management challenges, stakeholder priorities, and implementation requirements.

Unlike a new consultant team, Dudek can immediately continue supporting FCGMA's implementation efforts without a transition period, knowledge transfer process, or learning curve. Our understanding of historical decisions, technical assumptions, Basin conditions, and Agency priorities allows us to efficiently support annual reporting, periodic evaluations, technical studies, stakeholder coordination, and adaptive management activities.

Dudek prepared the first Periodic Evaluations for the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and Las Posas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). These evaluations assessed five years of implementation progress and provided the technical foundation for ongoing basin management and future implementation activities.

Through these evaluations, Dudek provided technical analyses and recommendations regarding continued implementation of the GSPs and assisted the Agency in communicating technical findings to decision-makers and stakeholders.



- ✓ Original GSPs for three interconnected basins
- ✓ First Periodic Evaluations completed
- ✓ Monitoring network evaluations
- ✓ Sustainable management criteria assessments
- ✓ Sustainable yield updates
- ✓ Groundwater modeling updates
- ✓ Board and stakeholder support
- ✓ Adaptive management evaluations

Supports annual reporting, periodic evaluations, groundwater modeling, adaptive management, and stakeholder engagement throughout California.

Hydrogeologists, groundwater modelers, engineers, GIS specialists, data analysts, regulatory professionals, and stakeholder engagement specialists working as one team.

Provides ongoing implementation support beyond report preparation, helping agencies adapt to changing basin conditions and regulatory requirements.

GSP Implementation, Annual Reporting, and Periodic Evaluation Experience

Dudek has extensive experience preparing GSP annual reports, periodic evaluations, technical studies, and implementation strategies for groundwater sustainability agencies throughout California.

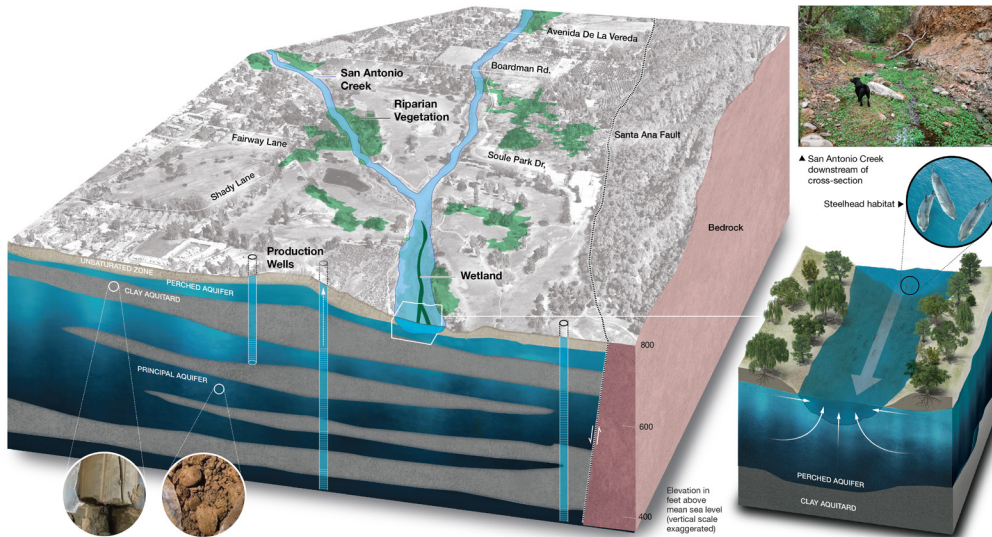
Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Client: Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency

Dudek was contracted by the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency (OBGMA) to develop the GSP for the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin. DWR designated the Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin as a high-priority basin, and as such, required OBGMA to develop and adopt a SGMA-compliant GSP. Dudek worked with OBGMA staff to update its existing Groundwater Management Plan framework, originally developed in 1994, into a comprehensive sustainable management program that conforms with SGMA GSP regulations. This included a reevaluation of the hydrogeologic conceptual model, characterization of beneficial uses and users of groundwater in the basin, and development of sustainable management criteria that ensure long-term groundwater accessibility and usability within the basin.

Full Lifecycle Support

- ✓ GSP Development
- ✓ Annual Reports
- ✓ Data Management System
- ✓ Periodic Evaluation
- ✓ Groundwater Modeling
- ✓ Well Permit Review



To support development of the GSP, Dudek used the previously developed Ojai Basin Groundwater Model to develop historical, current, and projected water budgets for the basin. During this process, Dudek evaluated the numerical model design and calibration and identified key data gaps in the tool that limit quantitative establishment of specific management goals and criteria. Dudek employed the Ojai Basin Groundwater Model to assess the influence of climate change on future basin health and used the model results to support the identification of critical projects and management actions that support long-term groundwater sustainability.

Dudek assisted the OBGMA with preparation of a grant application for SGM Round 2 funding. Dudek's role in grant application development included project identification, scope development, and cost development; work plan and grant material preparation; and public and board engagement and education.

Dudek is currently supporting the OBGMA in implementation of the GSP for the Ojai Basin through preparation of GSP annual reports, development of a data management system, and review of well permits for consistency with the GSP.

Technical Studies, Data Gap Analysis, and Implementation Support

Dudek's supports groundwater sustainability agencies with technical studies evaluating water supplies, recharge opportunities, groundwater management projects, monitoring programs, data gaps, and implementation strategies.

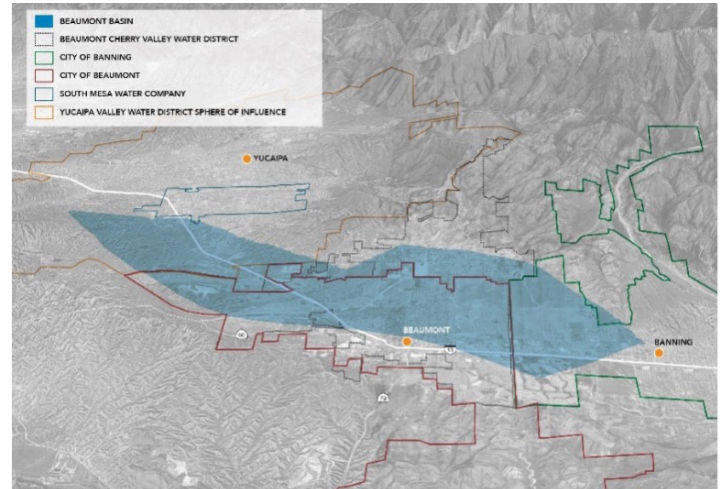
Beaumont Basin Watermaster Administrative and Technical Support Services

Client: Beaumont Basin Watermaster

Dudek provides administrative and technical support services to the Beaumont Basin Watermaster to assist with implementation of the amended Stipulated Agreement adjudicating groundwater rights within the basin.

Administrative services include review of Watermaster operations, competitive procurement support, public meeting facilitation, stakeholder coordination, and updates to the Watermaster Rules and Regulations.

Technical services include annual report review, safe yield evaluations, numerical model review, groundwater management support, and development of an online basin data management system designed to provide improved access to groundwater, production, and surface water information.



Full Lifecycle Support

- ✓ Technical Support Services
- ✓ Safe Yield Evaluation
- ✓ Data Management System
- ✓ Annual Report Review
- ✓ Watermaster Support
- ✓ Groundwater Rights Administration

Groundwater Modeling, Sustainable Yield, and Basin Analytics

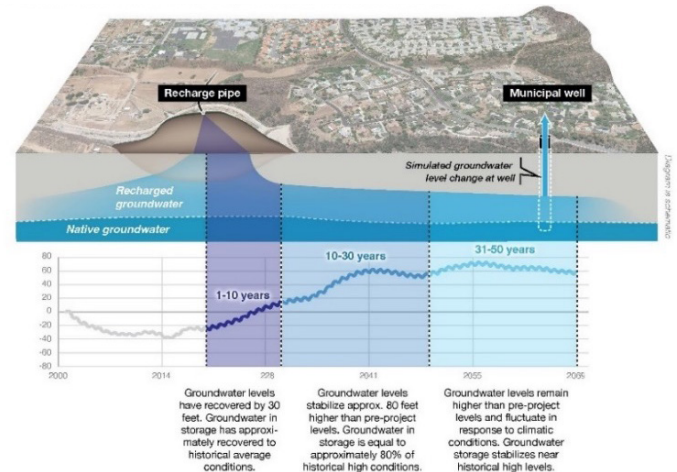
Numerical groundwater modeling is a critical component of annual reporting, periodic evaluations, sustainable yield assessments, data gap evaluations, and adaptive management. Dudek has extensive experience developing, calibrating, updating, and applying groundwater models throughout California.

Future Scenario Modeling for the Yucaipa Subbasin

Client: Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dudek guided the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency through evaluation and application of basin-scale groundwater models used to support GSP development and implementation.

The team assessed existing models, evaluated calibration approaches, and collaborated with model developers to refine simulations used to project future basin conditions through 2069. Modeling analyses quantified the effects of future water demands, hydrologic conditions, groundwater recharge projects, and water supplies to support sustainable yield assessments and long-term groundwater sustainability planning.



Full Lifecycle Support

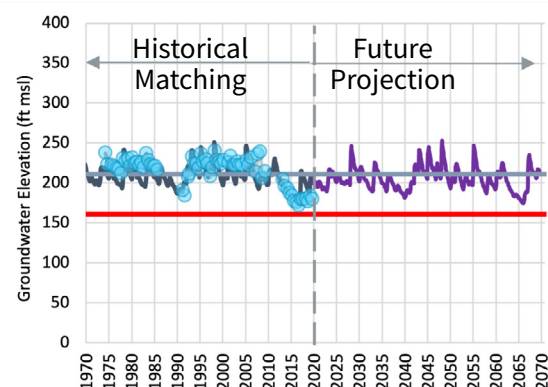
- ✓ Model Applications
- ✓ Future Conditions
- ✓ Sustainable Yield
- ✓ Recharge Project Evaluation
- ✓ Scenario Analysis

Montecito Groundwater Basin Numerical Model

Client: Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dudek developed a basin-scale numerical groundwater model for the Montecito Groundwater Basin using U.S. Geological Survey modeling platforms. The model supports sustainable yield assessments, climate scenario evaluations, groundwater management planning, and identification of critical data gaps.

The model integrates groundwater and surface water interactions, streamflow analyses, basin water budgets, and uncertainty assessments to support long-term management decision-making.



Full Lifecycle Support

- ✓ Technical Capabilities
- ✓ MODFLOW Modeling
- ✓ Climate Analysis
- ✓ Basin Water Budgets
- ✓ Data Gap Identification
- ✓ Uncertainty Analysis

Written Communication, Board Support, and Stakeholder Engagement

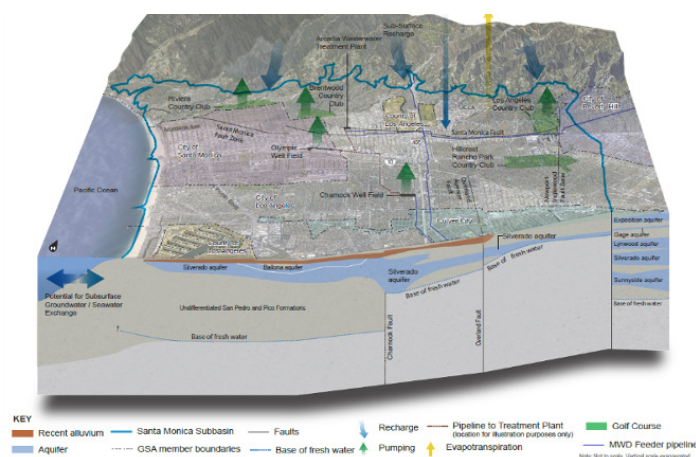
Dudek regularly develops annual reports, periodic evaluations, Board presentations, workshop materials, technical memoranda, regulatory documentation, and stakeholder communication materials. Our professionals translate complex hydrogeologic and modeling analyses into understandable information that supports Agency staff, Board members, stakeholders, and regulatory agencies.

Through our work with FCGMA and other groundwater sustainability agencies, Dudek has facilitated technical workshops, Board discussions, stakeholder meetings, technical advisory committee coordination, and implementation planning efforts that support informed decision-making and long-term basin management.

SGMA Implementation Support for the Santa Monica Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Client: City of Santa Monica

Dudek supports implementation of the Santa Monica Subbasin GSP and is currently preparing the Subbasin's first Periodic Evaluation. Services include groundwater and surface water data analysis, monitoring network evaluation, sustainable yield updates, stakeholder coordination, Board support, and grant administration. Dudek runs and facilitates Board meetings, generates Board materials, agendas, and minutes, and prepares responses to requests from interested parties. The interested parties in this Subbasin are engaged and active. Dudek's Board support helps members understand their obligations under SGMA, provides interested parties with the opportunity to provide constructive feedback, and enhances adaptive management of the groundwater resources of this highly urbanized area. of future water demands, hydrologic conditions, groundwater recharge projects, and water supplies to support sustainable yield assessments and long-term groundwater sustainability planning.



Full Lifecycle Support

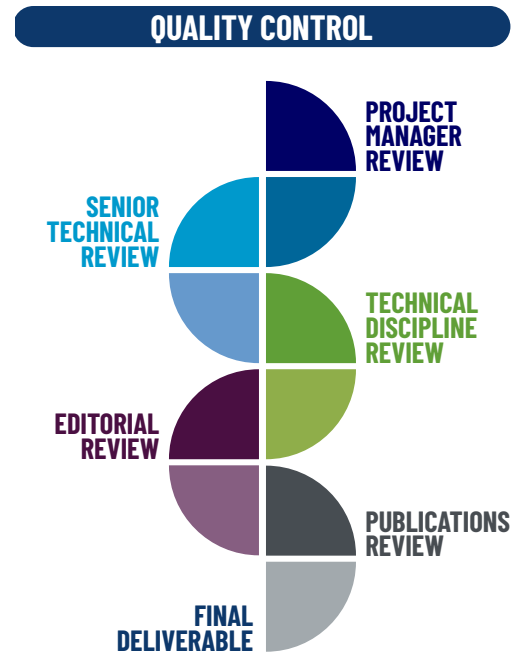
- ✓ Board Support
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement
- ✓ Regulatory Coordination
- ✓ Annual Reporting
- ✓ Periodic Evaluation

Dudek's QA/QC program combines senior technical review, technical editing, document production specialists, and project management oversight to ensure consistency, accuracy, and professionalism across all project deliverables.

For each project, Dudek develops project-specific QA/QC procedures, style guidance, review protocols, and document management processes designed to meet Agency expectations and maintain consistency across annual reports, technical memoranda, periodic evaluations, and supporting documentation.

Accessibility and Publication Standards

Dudek's Publications and Design Team supports the preparation of client-ready deliverables that are accurate, visually consistent, and accessible to all users. Working collaboratively with project managers and technical staff, our publications specialists review reports and supporting materials for formatting consistency, readability, and compliance with applicable accessibility standards. For this project, Dudek will prepare deliverables for publication in accordance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Version 2.1, Level AA, including accessible document structure, heading hierarchy, alternative text, table formatting, color contrast, and PDF accessibility requirements. This integrated review process helps ensure that annual reports, technical memoranda, periodic evaluations, and supporting materials are publication-ready and meet FCGMA's electronic deliverable requirements.



Supporting Long-Term Groundwater Sustainability

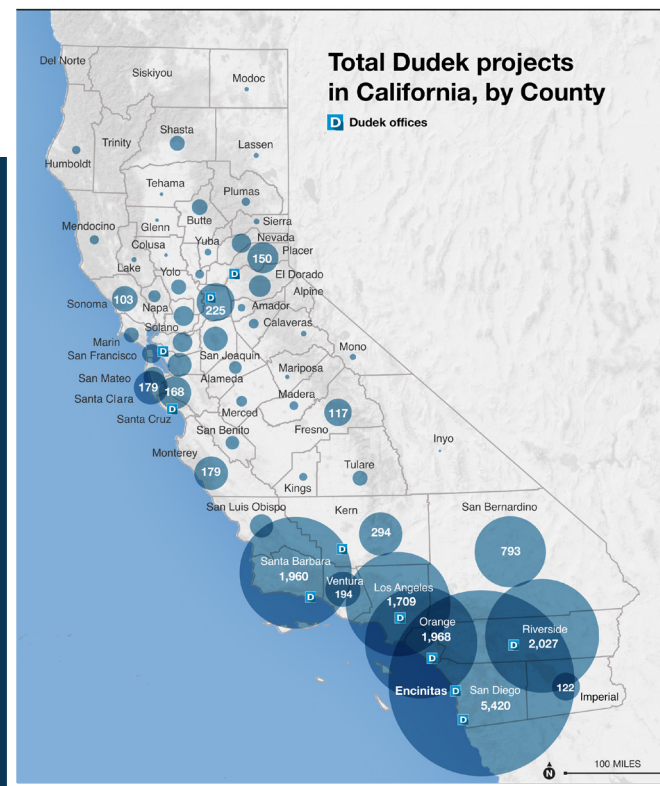
Dudek provides integrated technical, regulatory, and stakeholder support throughout the SGMA implementation lifecycle. Our multidisciplinary team assists agencies with monitoring basin conditions, evaluating performance metrics, updating technical analyses, preparing regulatory deliverables, and implementing adaptive management strategies necessary to achieve long-term groundwater sustainability.



SGMA implementation is an ongoing process of monitoring basin conditions, evaluating performance trends, updating technical analyses, engaging stakeholders, and adapting management strategies as conditions evolve. Effective implementation requires coordination across technical disciplines, regulatory requirements, and stakeholder interests to support informed groundwater management decisions.

Statewide SGMA Implementation Expertise

Dudek supports groundwater sustainability agencies, water districts, municipalities, watermasters, and regional stakeholders throughout California. Our team provides technical leadership for groundwater sustainability planning, groundwater modeling, annual reporting, periodic evaluations, monitoring network management, regulatory compliance, stakeholder engagement, and implementation of long-term groundwater sustainability programs.



▲ Prepared GSPs

▲ Annual Reports

▲ Periodic Evaluations

▲ Groundwater Models

▲ Long-Term Implementation Programs Across California's Most Complex Groundwater Basins

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September 23, 2026

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

SUBJECT: Revised Civil Penalty Procedures – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive and file a presentation on Agency Civil Penalties; (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute revised Civil Penalty collection procedures, and (3) Provide direction to staff on revisions to Agency Ordinances regarding Civil Penalties.

BACKGROUND:

Agency Ordinance Code Chapter 8.5 authorizes assessment of civil penalties. Resolution 2019-1 establishes the civil penalty rate of \$50 per day for late reporting or late payment of Semi-Annual Extraction Statements (SAES). Section 3.0 of Resolution 2019-1 grants the Executive Officer (EO) authority to adjust or waive civil penalties when certain criteria are met. One-time waivers were frequently granted upon written request, and subsequent eligible requests reduced to \$25 per period for Domestic CombCodes and \$50 per period for Agriculture and Municipal CombCodes.

The Agency has accumulated a significant backlog of civil penalty waiver requests stemming from late submission of SAES. Civil penalties, and consequently requests for waivers, increased steadily between 2018 and 2023 due to several regulatory and operational changes that created confusion among operators, including:

- Rollout of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program (2018-2020)
- Implementation of the Water Market pilot program (2019)
- Implementation of meter photo requirement (2019)
- Transition from calendar/crop year reporting to water year reporting (2020 to 2022)
- Introduction of basin specific allocation systems (2020-2021) and an adjudication (2023)
- Implementation of the Las Posas Valley Basin Adjudication (2023-current)
- Reduced stakeholder support and inconsistent enforcement practices
- Staffing shortages and Covid impacts, such as temporarily reassigned staff.

These extensive reporting requirement changes coupled with other competing high-priority Agency initiatives contributed to processing delays, resulting in the backlog as it exists today.

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Civil penalties assessed at \$50 per day without limit or cap escalate quickly beyond a reasonable penalty, often exceeding operators' ability to pay without jeopardizing the financial solvency of their operations. Frequently these accrued penalties are waived or reduced, or moreover simply unaddressed, with balances continuing to grow and making eventual full collection extremely unlikely. Routinely waived and/or unenforced penalties have limited deterrent effect. However, low penalties fail to deter repeat non-compliance or recover administrative costs.

DISCUSSION:

Complex groundwater extraction reporting requirements contribute to increased non-compliance which ultimately limit the Agency's ability to accurately track groundwater use, hindering mission effectiveness. Without changes, continued complexity will worsen non-compliance, increase accounting uncertainty, and further discourage stakeholders from meeting reporting requirements.

Clearing historical requests will improve processing efficiency moving forward. This proposal provides a path forward to resolving backlogged waiver requests, acknowledge Agency related delays, establish a clean baseline for future compliance, and to recommend standardized and simplified guidelines for evaluating future civil penalties. Simplifying future civil penalty policies will encourage compliance and strengthen enforcement mechanisms supporting the Agency's broader mission to preserve groundwater resources.

This proposal establishes two processes: one for resolving the existing backlog and one for handling future requests. For the existing backlog, after a one-time waiver is granted, additional SAES violations under the same CombCode may qualify for a graduated reduction schedule based on the number of past-due reporting periods, prior waiver history, and extraction volumes. For backlogged requests, the reduction schedule reflects pre-2016 practices and considers periods that have aged due to Agency delay.

The reductions for penalties currently in the backlog would follow this reduction schedule:

Existing Backlog Reduction Schedule			
<i>Threshold (Use per reporting period)</i>	<i>1st Violation</i>	<i>2nd Violation</i>	<i>3rd and Subsequent Violations</i>
≤ 2 AF	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$50.00
> 2 AF & < 50 AF	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
≥ 50 AF	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$250.00

All stakeholders with existing civil penalties, whether written request is submitted or not, will be automatically reduced based on the Existing Backlog Reduction Schedule. Written requests will be handled first. Penalties already paid in excess of the schedule amounts will be credited toward outstanding or anticipated future balances, with any remaining overpayment refunded.

Beginning with reporting period 2027-1, the civil penalty of \$50 per day would be automated to be assessed for each day late with a maximum level based on graduated extraction volumes. The schedule incorporates a minimum level for recovery for staff time and is based upon the relative level of risk to groundwater conditions for the extraction volumes that may have occurred.

The future schedule incorporates maximum per violation penalties, as shown:

Future Schedule – Effective Reporting Period 2027-1		
Threshold (Use per reporting period)	Rate Per Day Late	Maximum Penalty Per Violation
≤ 2 AF	\$50.00	\$400.00
> 2 AF & < 50 AF	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
≥ 50 AF	\$50.00	\$2,500.00

Waivers or reductions outside of the framework can be submitted for review. The EO will make a ruling based upon extenuating circumstances (including an ability to pay determination) or Agency error. An appeal to the EO's determination may be submitted to the Board, however, given the limits and processes in place, we expect that this will be an infrequent occurrence. These guidelines align with EO authority under Resolution 2019-1. Subject to Board direction, Staff will work towards revising Agency code to establish clear penalty rates based upon the recommendations presented. A later policy review may reconsider adjustments to penalty rates to better balance deterrence and cost recovery.

CONCLUSION:

Structured schedules at predetermined rates increase consistency, fairness across CombCodes, and support recovery of staff time.

Staff recommends that your Board (1) receive and file a presentation on Agency Civil Penalties; (2) approve, and authorize the Executive Officer to execute, revised Civil Penalty collection procedures as put forth in this letter, and (3) provide direction to staff on revisions to Agency Ordinances regarding Civil Penalties.

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

Sincerely,



John Demers
Executive Officer

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Contract with VMA Communications, Inc. for Professional Consulting Services to Support Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation Outreach, Engagement and Workshops; Authorize the Executive Officer to Make Limited Changes to the Contract – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract with VMA Communications, Inc. (VMA) to provide professional consulting services to support groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) implementation outreach, engagement and workshops, and other services as needed, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$138,057.37 for the initial tasks; and (2) Authorize the Executive Officer to approve amendments and modifications to the VMA contract (including budget modifications) so long as those changes are consistent with the original purpose of the VMA contract, do not result in additional costs to the Agency; and are reviewed and approved as to form by Agency Counsel.

BACKGROUND:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) managing high- and medium-priority basins to achieve basin sustainability goals as listed in their groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2040. As the Agency continues to implement its GSPs in the Las Posas Valley Basin, the Oxnard Subbasin, and in the Pleasant Valley Basin, robust and sustained engagement with stakeholders (which range from wholesale purveyors, agricultural users, municipal water suppliers, landowners, domestic users, and other parties) is essential to build the trust, understanding, transparency, and collaborative decision-making necessary for long-term success.

The Agency is committed to meaningful public participation in the implementation of its GSPs and seeks to build a relationship with a qualified consultant with demonstrated expertise in designing meaningful outreach strategies, conducting stakeholder outreach, and facilitating effective, action-oriented workshops in complex, multi-interest groundwater management settings. As required by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Agency aims to increase its level of public participation and impact

by informing, consulting, involving, collaborating with, and ultimately empowering its stakeholders.

In July 2026, Agency issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified consultants to provide strategic planning, stakeholder outreach and engagement, and workshop facilitation services in support of the Agency's ongoing GSP implementation and related identified priorities, including but not limited to the following tasks and deliverables:

- Development of an iterative, comprehensive Strategic Plan for Stakeholder Outreach, tied to the development and implementation of a Communication and Engagement Plan (CEP) as required by SGMA
- The implementation of the CEP, including outreach and engagement such as the design and facilitation of feedback surveys, community budgeting polls and discussions, stakeholder workshops and other engagement events, training materials, and presentations at Agency public meetings
- The preparation and creation of digital and physical material that distills highly technical data and regulatory requirements into respectful plain language that our range of stakeholders can understand and support
- Ongoing documentation, reporting, and adaptive strategic project management support related to engagement activities that demonstrate how the Agency is receiving and incorporating stakeholder feedback in a meaningful, actionable way over time.

The Agency received two responsive bids and selected VMA Communications as the most qualified and cost-competitive bidder.

DISCUSSION:

The RFP and proposed scope of work consists of the following tasks.

Task 1.1 - Review Existing DWR Assistance and Engagement Resources

Consultant shall research and review available resources and identify resources in a progress report to staff, including elements that will be referenced during the development and implementation of the ensuing Strategic Communication and Engagement Plan, and will include identified resources from the progress report in the Plan's appendices.

Task 1.2 - Review Prior Agency Engagement Activities and Identify Outreach Priorities

Concurrent with task 1.1, the Consultant shall review prior engagement conducted during course of business or GSP development or implementation to date, including collateral and feedback as applicable, to identify recurring issues or themes, gaps, or underrepresented groups, and to identify outreach priorities. The Consultant will meet with staff as needed and will summarize prior engagement findings in a report.

Task 1.3 - Develop and Finalize Communication and Engagement Plan (CEP)

The CEP must incorporate the steps, goals, and desired outcomes as outlined in the DWR GSP Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Guidance Document (January 2018), adapted and updated as needed per DWR regulations and guidelines for SGMA compliance, and should reference other resources as identified.

Task 1.4 - Early Implementation, Timeline and Development of CEP

The Consultant will craft a development and implementation timeline that allows them to work with staff to launch foundational elements of the CEP in phases so that groundwork can be performed concurrently with CEP development, prior to and during formal adoption. The Consultant shall identify which CEP implementation phases and their related engagement activities can be launched early to lay the groundwork for the CEP, then will launch early CEP phases.

Task 2: Implementation

The Consultant shall fully implement the CEP as adopted. The Consultant shall incorporate additional Agency initiatives into outreach planning as requested, in keeping with the procedures established by the CEP. This task includes activities through December 31, 2030, which may be extended by the Agency.

Note: Task 2 activities are not priced, due to the high level of uncertainty that exists prior to the execution of tasks 1.1 through 1.4 and the wide array of options that will be available to the Agency for this second phase. A schedule and budget will be developed through negotiations between the Consultant and the Agency, and the estimated costs for full implementation will be presented to your Board for approval at a later time.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board (1) approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a professional services contract with VMA Communications to provide professional consulting services to support Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation outreach, engagement and workshops, and other services as needed, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$138,057.37 for the initial tasks; and (2) authorize the Executive Officer to approve amendments and modifications to the VMA contract (including budget modifications) so long as those changes are consistent with the original purpose of the VMA contract, do not result in additional costs to the Agency, and are reviewed and approved as to form by Agency Counsel.

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

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John Demers
Executive Officer

Attachments:

- Exhibit 15A – Proposed VMA Communications Professional Services Contract & Exhibits
- Exhibit 15B – Excerpts from VMA Proposal

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FOX CANYON
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND VMA COMMUNICATIONS FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND WORKSHOPS**

This contract is made and entered into this 23rd day of September 2026 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, hereinafter referred to as AGENCY, and VMA Communications, hereinafter referred to as CONSULTANT regarding CONSULTANT's performance of the work and services described in Exhibit A hereto (the "Work").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Scope of Work; Standard of Performance

AGENCY hereby retains CONSULTANT to perform the Work described in Exhibit A hereto. The Work shall be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this contract. In performing the Work CONSULTANT shall exercise the degree of skill and care customarily exercised by professionals in the State of California when providing similar services with respect to similarly complex work and projects.

2. Time Schedule

All Work and any portion thereof separately identified shall be completed within the time provided in the "Time Schedule" attached hereto as Exhibit B. AGENCY will issue a suspension of the contract time when CONSULTANT is delayed by any public agency reviewing documents produced by CONSULTANT under this contract, or to the extent due to acts or omissions of AGENCY. CONSULTANT shall promptly notify AGENCY of any such delays.

3. Fees and Payments

Payment shall be made monthly, or as otherwise provided, on presentation of a completed AGENCY Consultant Services Invoice form in accordance with the "Fees and Payment" provisions attached hereto as Exhibit C.

The total sum of all payments made by AGENCY to CONSULTANT for services and work performed under this contract shall not exceed the "Total Amount Not to Exceed" specified in Section 1 of Exhibit C, attached hereto. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, AGENCY expressly reserves the right to deny any payment or reimbursement requested by CONSULTANT for services or work performed that is in excess of the "Total Amount Not to Exceed" specified in Section 1 of Exhibit C.

4. Termination

AGENCY retains the right to terminate this contract for any reason prior to completion of the Work upon five (5) days written notice to CONSULTANT. Upon termination, AGENCY shall pay CONSULTANT for all Work performed prior to such termination, provided however, that such charges shall not exceed the maximum fee specified for completion

of any separately identified task/phase of the Work which, at the time of termination, has been started by request of AGENCY, plus the outstanding amount of contract retention withheld to date.

5. Right to Review

AGENCY shall have the right to review the Work at any time during AGENCY's usual working hours. Review, checking, approval or other action by the AGENCY shall not relieve CONSULTANT of CONSULTANT's responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the Work.

6. Correction of Work

If any Work performed by CONSULTANT does not conform to the requirements and professional standards of this contract, AGENCY may require CONSULTANT to correct the Work until it conforms to said requirements and standards at no additional cost to AGENCY. AGENCY may withhold payment for disputed Work until CONSULTANT correctly performs the Work or the dispute is otherwise resolved in accordance with this contract. When the Work to be performed is of such a nature that CONSULTANT cannot correct its performance, AGENCY may reduce the CONSULTANT's compensation to reflect the reduced value of the Work received by AGENCY. If CONSULTANT fails to promptly re-perform the Work, AGENCY may have the Work performed by a third party in conformance with the requirements and professional standards of this contract and charge CONSULTANT, or withhold from payments due CONSULTANT, any costs AGENCY incurs that are directly related to the performance of the corrective work. AGENCY shall not unreasonably withhold or reduce payment for CONSULTANT's Work under this section.

7. Sub Consulting

With the prior written consent of AGENCY, CONSULTANT may engage the professional services of subconsultants for the performance of a portion of the Work ("subconsultants"). CONSULTANT shall be fully responsible for all Work performed by subconsultants which must be performed in accordance with all terms and conditions of this contract. All insurance requirements set forth in Section 13 below, "Insurance Requirements", shall apply to each subconsultant, except to the extent such requirements are modified or waived in writing by AGENCY. CONSULTANT shall ensure that each subconsultant obtains and keeps in force and effect during the term of this contract the required insurance.

8. Independent Contractor

In performing the Work, CONSULTANT is an independent contractor and neither CONSULTANT nor its employees, agents or Subconsultants shall be deemed employees of AGENCY for any reason. AGENCY shall have no responsibility or liability for the payment of any salary, wages, unemployment benefits, Workers' Compensation or disability benefits, federal, state or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any of CONSULTANT's employees, agents, subconsultants, or any of their respective employees or agents.

9. Duty of Loyalty; Conflicts of Interest

- a. CONSULTANT owes AGENCY a duty of undivided loyalty in performing the Work under this contract, including the obligation to refrain from having economic interests and participating in activities that conflict with AGENCY's interests with respect to the Work and subject project. CONSULTANT shall take reasonable measures to ensure that CONSULTANT, its principals, officers, employees and Subconsultants do not possess a financial conflict of interest with respect to the Work and subject project. CONSULTANT shall promptly inform AGENCY of any matter that could reasonably be interpreted as creating a conflict of interest for CONSULTANT with respect to the Work and subject project.
- b. CONSULTANT acknowledges that the California Political Reform Act ("Act"), Government Code section 81000 et seq., provides that principals, employees and agents of consultants retained by a public agency may be deemed "public officials" subject to the Act if they make or advise AGENCY on decisions or actions to be taken by AGENCY. To the extent AGENCY determines that the Act applies to CONSULTANT or its principals or employees, each designated person shall abide by the Act, including the requirement for public officials to prepare and file statements disclosing specified economic interests, as directed by AGENCY. In addition, CONSULTANT acknowledges and shall abide by the contractual conflict of interest restrictions imposed on public officials by Government Code section 1090 et seq.
- c. During the term of this contract CONSULTANT shall not employ or compensate AGENCY's current employees.

10. Defense and Indemnification

CONSULTANT shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the AGENCY, including all of its boards, agencies, departments, officers, employees, agents and volunteers (collectively, "Indemnitee"), against any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, debts, demands and liabilities that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, and to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of CONSULTANT or its officers, employees, agents or subconsultants in the performance of this contract. This indemnity provision does not apply to claims, lawsuits, judgments, debts, demands and liabilities arising from the sole active negligence or willful misconduct of Indemnitee.

11. Insurance Requirements

- a. Without limiting CONSULTANT's duty to defend and indemnify AGENCY as required herein, CONSULTANT shall, at CONSULTANT's sole cost and expense and throughout the term of this contract and any extensions hereof, carry one or more insurance policies that provide at least the following minimum coverage:
 - i. Commercial General Liability insurance shall provide a minimum of \$100,000.00 coverage for each occurrence and \$200,000.00 in general aggregate coverage.
 - ii. Automobile Liability insurance shall provide a minimum of either a combined single limit (CSL) of \$1,000,000.00 for each accident or all of the following: \$250,000.00 bodily injury (BI) per person, and \$500,000.00 bodily injury per

accident, and \$100,000.00 property damage (PD). Automobile Liability insurance is not required if the CONSULTANT does no traveling in performing the Work.

- iii. Workers' Compensation insurance in full compliance with California statutory requirements for all employees of CONSULTANT in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00. This Workers' Compensation insurance requirement may only be waived by AGENCY in writing if CONSULTANT is a sole proprietor with no employees and CONSULTANT provides AGENCY with evidence of such before commencing any work under the contract.
- b. With respect to any coverage written on a "claims made" basis, CONSULTANT shall maintain such policy for two years after the term of this contract and such policy shall allow for reporting of circumstances or incidents that may give rise to future claims.
- c. CONSULTANT shall notify AGENCY immediately if CONSULTANT's general aggregate of insurance is exceeded by valid litigated claims in which case additional levels of insurance must be obtained to maintain the above-stated requirements. All required insurance shall be written by a financially responsible company or companies authorized to do business in the State of California.
- d. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall contain the following provisions or endorsements: The County of Ventura, AGENCY, and their respective officials, employees, and agents shall be named as additional insureds ("Additional Insureds"). All required insurance shall be primary coverage as respects the Additional Insureds, and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Additional Insureds shall be in excess of CONSULTANT's insurance coverage and shall not contribute to it. Coverage shall apply separately to each insured, except with respect to the limits of liability, and an act or omission by one of the named insureds shall not reduce or avoid coverage to the other named insureds. AGENCY shall be notified by the insurance company or companies within 3 working days of cancellation or substantial modification of the policy.
- e. CONSULTANT hereby waives all rights of subrogation against AGENCY, the County of Ventura, all special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors, and each of their boards, directors, employees and agents for losses arising directly or indirectly from the activities or Work under this contract. The Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability and Workers' Compensation policies shall contain a provision or endorsement needed to implement CONSULTANT's waiver of these rights of subrogation.
- f. Prior to commencement of the Work, CONSULTANT shall furnish AGENCY with certificates of insurance and endorsements effecting all coverage required hereunder. Copies of renewal certificates and endorsements shall be furnished to AGENCY within 30 days of the expiration of the term of any required policy. CONSULTANT shall permit AGENCY at all reasonable times to inspect any policies of insurance required hereunder.

12. Claims and Disputes

- a. Administrative Review. To assert any claim against AGENCY seeking payment of money or damages regarding the Work, an extension of contract time, or an interpretation or adjustment of the terms of this contract, including “pass-through” claims asserted by CONSULTANT on behalf of a Subconsultant (collectively referred to hereinafter as “claim”), CONSULTANT shall first exhaust its administrative remedies by attempting to resolve the claim with AGENCY’s staff in the following sequence: 1) Project Manager, and 2) Executive Officer. CONSULTANT shall initiate the administrative review process no later than 30 days after the claim has arisen by submitting to the Project Manager a written statement describing each claim and explaining why CONSULTANT believes AGENCY is in error, as well as all correspondence and evidence regarding each claim. CONSULTANT may appeal the decision made by the Project Manager to the Executive Officer, provided that AGENCY receives such appeal in writing no later than seven days after the date of the decision being appealed. If CONSULTANT does not appeal a decision to the next level of administrative review within this seven-day period, the decision shall become final and binding and not subject to appeal or challenge.
- b. Arbitration. All CONSULTANT claims not resolved through the administrative review process stated above shall be resolved by arbitration unless AGENCY and CONSULTANT agree in writing, after the claim has arisen, to waive arbitration and to have the dispute litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction. Arbitration shall be pursuant to Article 7.1 (commencing with Section 10240) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Public Contract Code and the regulations promulgated thereto, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1300) of Division 2 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (collectively, “Rules for Public Works Contract Arbitrations”). Arbitration shall be initiated by a complaint in arbitration prepared, filed and served in full compliance with all requirements of the Rules for Public Works Contract Arbitrations. CONSULTANT consents and agrees that AGENCY may join it as a party to any arbitration involving third party claims asserted against AGENCY arising from or relating to any Work performed by CONSULTANT hereunder.

13. Compliance with Laws and Regulations; Permits and Licenses

CONSULTANT shall perform its obligations hereunder in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. CONSULTANT certifies that it possesses and shall continue to maintain or shall cause to be obtained and maintained, at no cost to AGENCY, all approvals, permissions, permits, licenses, and other forms of documentation required for it and its employees, agents and Subconsultants to comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, and regulations, or other laws, that apply to performance of the Work. AGENCY is entitled to review and copy all such applications, permits, and licenses which CONSULTANT shall promptly make available upon AGENCY’s request.

14. Prevailing Wage Requirements

Certain Work to be performed under this contract may be considered “public works” subject to Labor Code Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, section 1720 et seq.’s prevailing

wage, apprenticeship and other labor requirements. CONSULTANT is solely responsible for determining whether the Work, or any portion thereof, is subject to said requirements, and for complying with all such requirements that apply. All such public works projects are subject to compliance monitoring by the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). AGENCY has obtained from the DIR general prevailing wage determinations for the locality in which the Work is to be performed that are on file with Ventura County Public Works Agency and are available upon request. CONSULTANT is responsible for posting job site notices as prescribed by regulation pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2). CONSULTANT acknowledges that it is aware of state and federal prevailing wage and related requirements and shall comply with these requirements to the extent applicable to the Work, including, without limitation, Labor Code sections 1771 (payment of prevailing wage), 1771.1 (registration with DIR) and 1771.4 (submission of certified payrolls to Labor Commissioner).

15. Work Product

On completion or termination of the contract, AGENCY shall be entitled to immediate possession of, and CONSULTANT shall promptly furnish, on request, all reports, drawings, designs, computations, plans, specifications, correspondence, data and other work product prepared or gathered by CONSULTANT arising out of or related to the Work (collectively, "Work Product"). AGENCY has a royalty-free nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and authorize others to use, Work Product for government purposes. CONSULTANT may retain copies of the Work Product for its files. Work Product prepared by CONSULTANT pursuant to this contract shall not be modified by AGENCY unless CONSULTANT's name, signatures and professional seals are completely deleted. CONSULTANT shall not be responsible for any liabilities to AGENCY for the use of such Work Product that is modified by persons other than CONSULTANT.

16. Miscellaneous

- a. This contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter of hereof and supersedes all previous contracts, agreements, promises, understanding and negotiations, whether written or oral, between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof.
- b. All notices, requests, claims, and other official communications under the contract shall be in writing and transmitted by one of the following methods:
 - (1) Personally delivered.
 - (2) Sent by email correspondence where receipt is confirmed.
 - (3) Sent by courier where receipt is confirmed.
 - (4) Sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

Such notices and communications shall be deemed given and received upon actual receipt in the case of all except registered or certified mail; and in the case of registered or certified mail, on the date shown on the return receipt or the date delivery during normal business hours was attempted. All notices and

communications shall be sent to CONSULTANT at the current address on file with AGENCY for contract payment purposes, and shall be sent to AGENCY as follows:

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

Either party may change its contact information by providing written notice of the change to the other party in accordance herewith:

- c. No modification, waiver, amendment or discharge of this contract shall be valid unless the same is in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both parties.
- d. This contract is for the professional services of CONSULTANT and is non-assignable without prior written consent by AGENCY.
- e. Nothing contained herein shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either CONSULTANT or AGENCY.
- f. Time limits stated herein are of the essence. CONSULTANT is relieved from meeting the time limits due to delays outside its control.
- g. This contract shall be governed, interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and any action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding thereon shall be subject to venue in Ventura County, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract through their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date set forth above.

VMA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

**FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Signature

Signature

Name and Title

John Demers, Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF WORK AND SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND VMA COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND WORKSHOPS

1. Overview of Project and Services

The AGENCY has engaged CONSULTANT to provide professional services to aid AGENCY to provide strategic planning, stakeholder outreach and engagement, and workshop facilitation services in support of the Agency's ongoing Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation and related identified priorities.

Scope of Services

CONSULTANT shall provide the following services and work to AGENCY as detailed in AGENCY'S July 2, 2026 request for proposals and in CONSULTANT's August 20, 2026 proposal:

CONSULTANT shall perform the following tasks under the direction of the Agency's designated Project Manager and in collaboration with Agency staff as directed.

Task 1: Strategic Communication and Engagement Plan

Task 1.1 - Review Existing DWR Assistance and Engagement Resources

To ensure that the Agency is maximizing the support available as a GSA, and to confirm that any proposed strategy will be in alignment with SGMA requirements for GSP implementation, the Consultant shall research and review available resources. Include other resources as appropriate. The Consultant shall identify resources in a progress report to staff, including elements that will be referenced during the development and implementation of the ensuing Strategic Communication and Engagement Plan, and will include identified resources from the progress report in the Plan's appendices.

Task 1.1 Deliverables:

1. Remote meeting(s) with Agency staff as needed.
2. Progress Report Identifying Resources to Agency staff, due 30 days after award of contract.

Task 1.2 - Review Prior Agency Engagement Activities and Identify Outreach Priorities

Concurrent with or overlapping Task 1.1, the Consultant shall review prior engagement conducted during course of business or GSP development or implementation to date, including collateral and feedback as applicable, to identify recurring issues or themes, gaps,

or underrepresented groups, and to identify outreach priorities. The Consultant will meet with staff as needed and will summarize prior engagement findings in a report.

- a. For example, review documentation of stakeholder workshops undertaken during development of the first Periodic Evaluations of the GSPs at <https://fcgma.org/gsp-evals-workshops/>.
- b. As another example, the Agency has discussed revising the Ordinance to Establish an Allocation System for the OPV Groundwater Basins with Amendments (OPV Allocation Ordinance) with stakeholders during several past Operations Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings. Discussing, documenting, and practically applying stakeholder feedback regarding such revisions is an Agency goal that our Board has identified as an urgent priority for outreach.
 - i. The Agency Ordinance website page is linked earlier in this Request.
 - ii. See meeting materials for the April 7, 2025, and the May 11, 2026, meetings at <https://fcgma.org/committee-meetings/operations-committee/>.
 - iii. See meeting materials for the January 28 and May 27, 2026, Board meetings (and use the page's search function to review further as needed) at <https://fcgma.org/board-agendas-broadcasts-minutes/>.
- c. One identified priority of great ongoing importance is extraction reporting. The Agency has worked on training materials for those well owners or operators responsible for extraction reporting, and it is a goal of the Agency to work with the Consultant to prioritize workshops and remote trainings related to reporting for all basins under FCGMA jurisdiction.
 - i. See a recent workshop at <https://fcgma.org/groundwater-extraction-reporting/fcgma-reporting-workshops/>.
 - ii. See also https://fcgma.org/fcgma-online-account_user-guide/.
 - iii. Training materials and workshops related to reporting are a large component of ongoing engagement. Reporting has changed over the years based on ordinance or adjudication depending on basin, and educating stakeholders remains paramount.

Task 1.2 Deliverables:

1. Remote meeting(s) with Agency staff as needed
2. Prior Engagement Report Identifying Pain Points and Outreach Priorities to Agency staff due 45 days after award of contract.

Task 1.3 - Develop and Finalize Communication and Engagement Plan (CEP).

The CEP must incorporate the steps, goals, and desired outcomes as outlined in the DWR *GSP Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Guidance Document* (January 2018), adapted and updated as needed per DWR regulations and guidelines for SGMA compliance, and should reference other resources as identified. The CEP shall include, but not be limited to, addressing the following elements:

- a. Systematically addressing outreach priorities identified during the Consultant's research.

- b. Engagement goals, objectives, and guiding principles.
- c. Long-term strategic engagement planning tied to GSP sustainability goals and deadlines showing how smaller, short-term initiatives are tied to larger outcomes.
- d. Stakeholder Assessment, Survey and Mapping: identification of key stakeholder audiences and tailored engagement strategies for each group. Evaluate each stakeholder group's interests, concerns, level of engagement, and preferred communication methods to create a profile of each stakeholder group. Identify potential barriers to participation, including language access, geographic constraints, ongoing litigation concerns, and socioeconomic factors, as needed.
- e. Messaging and Talking Points for GSP Implementation and other Agency initiatives.
- f. Methods for engagement (types of outreach) that speak to our stakeholder groups.
 - a. Include short technique overviews showing the utility and application of each type of outreach, including field outreach, community relations, focus groups, surveys, workshops, participatory decision-making, and the like; tie in which performance metrics are applicable for each. Overviews can provide reasoning to bolster strategy prior to Board adoption and elements from overviews can serve as reference points when plan elements are reviewed or reported on during implementation.
- g. Engagement planning should include a timeline and roadmap for each outreach priority that includes the application of methods of engagement (workshops, stakeholder project overviews, feedback surveys, and collateral as necessary, such as one-pagers, requests for comment, fact sheets, FAQs, and other informational materials, print and electronic). Planning should include recording events via video or audio as appropriate and recommendations for pivoting this documentation into further collateral for additional applications.
- h. Stakeholder workshops are a key method of engagement the Agency would like to utilize. The Consultant shall work with Agency staff to design workshops as public engagement events that are:
 - 1. Purpose-driven and tailored to specific GSP implementation milestones or decision points, keeping to stated goals and developed talking points.
 - 2. Structured to promote meaningful two-way dialogue rather than one-way information presentation.
 - 3. Inclusive of diverse stakeholder perspectives.
 - 4. Scheduled at times that are most conducive to maximal attendance for each targeted stakeholder group(s).
 - 5. Accessible in terms of location, timing, format (in-person, virtual, or hybrid), and language.
 - 6. Ensure that events meet/exceed ADA Accessibility Guidelines.
 - 7. In addition to larger scope strategic planning as identified elsewhere in the CEP, the Consultant shall prepare for each planned workshop a Workshop Design Brief for Agency review and approval at least 30 days prior to the event. The Brief shall include event objectives, an informal agenda, facilitation approach, materials and collateral list, and logistics plan, including pre-event promotion and post-event feedback and action item follow-up. The Consultant will work with staff as needed on logistics ahead of time, and as required by the Brown Act.

- i. Engagement planning tied to the development of the 2030 Periodic Evaluations and other GSP implementation goals and activities, such as project reviews, annual reporting, groundwater monitoring well improvements, and the like. The second Periodic Evaluation of the GSPs will take years to develop and will need to be a comprehensive part of the CEP. The Periodic Evaluations are due January 13th, 2030, and final Periodic Evaluations are due to the Agency by December 1, 2029, for adoption by the Board.
- j. Engagement planning for related Agency initiatives, such as stakeholder workshops for discussing proposed revisions to Agency Ordinances or providing educational outreach to stakeholders who report extractions to the Agency.
 - a. Workshops for this line of effort are to begin as soon as possible, no later than three months after contract award, as referenced in the Early Implementation segment of Task 1.4.
- k. Communications planning tied to each initiative, including promotion as appropriate for a government agency, tailored messaging and talking points, email and mail distribution, website content, social media, press outreach, collateral, and multilingual materials as appropriate, and including post-initiative follow-up as needed.
- l. The Consultant shall be capable of designing, facilitating, and recording/editing in-person, virtual, and hybrid engagement events.
 - 1. For in-person events, the Consultant will work with staff to secure locations or factor in Agency considerations as needed.
 - 2. For virtual or hybrid events, the Consultant shall:
 - a. Manage appropriate online events (virtual discussions held on Zoom, Teams, or similar)
 - b. Ensure accessibility for participants with limited technological access, including providing dial-in options
 - c. Manage interactive engagement tools (polls, breakout rooms, digital comment boards) as appropriate
 - 3. The Consultant shall collaborate with Agency staff to ensure compliance related to presentations or discussions held at public meetings required to comply with the Brown Act.
- m. The CEP will include the development of an annual schedule of outreach activities, workshops and events, set in collaboration with Agency staff and the Board of Directors.
- n. Documentation and Reporting:
 - 1. Following each workshop, event, or significant outreach activity, the Consultant shall prepare post-outreach reports that provide an overview of the engagement and its logistics, including takeaways to refine and inform future event planning, an activity summary documenting attendance, key discussion points, stakeholder questions and comments, and outcomes or decisions and should plan for submitting post-outreach reports to the Agency within 15 business days of the event.
 - 2. The Consultant shall present an annual schedule of progress update presentations to the Board of Directors and/or their Advisory Committees as part of their schedule of regular meetings, the cadence of which will be determined by Agency staff. Presentations will include an annual

- Stakeholder Engagement Report summarizing outreach activities, participation metrics, key themes raised by stakeholders, and recommendations for improving future engagement.
3. Format the above reporting as needed for inclusion in the Agency's GSP Annual Reporting to DWR, including documentation of public engagement activities as required.
- o. Develop a Feedback Integration element of the CEP, including:
 1. Design and development of a feedback repository that assists with the tracking and analysis of stakeholder feedback from a wider lens so that patterns can be identified.
 2. Illustrative mapping and reporting demonstrating the life cycle of meaningful stakeholder feedback or feedback themes and how this feedback has been received by the Agency and acted on as applicable.
 - a. For example, the Consultant may propose working with staff to create a public facing accountability matrix of stakeholder feedback so that pain points can be recorded, publicly tracked, addressed and resolved; this would help the Agency avoid frustrating stakeholders who may then feel like they need to repeat their feedback over and over without experiencing meaningful response from the Agency. This matrix may be proposed as part of the Agency website or as a report deliverable revised quarterly or semiannually.
 3. Feedback Integration Reporting: As appropriate, the Consultant will create a "What We Heard" report after each major engagement phase to understand how stakeholder perceptions are evolving, and to demonstrate how feedback is being incorporated into the Agency's actions in a meaningful way via outreach.
 4. Propose, and create as directed, collateral based on feedback integration or "What We Heard," further encouraging continued stakeholder participation.
 - p. The CEP shall be a living, iterative document designed with procedures to keep it relevant over time.
 - q. The Consultant shall develop a timeline for iterative evaluation and assessment of the CEP and its methods to discern to what degree it is assisting the Agency with meeting its goals as required by SGMA, including a mechanism for revising and updating the CEP as necessary, as directed by the Agency.

Task 1.3 Deliverables:

1. Remote meeting(s) with Agency staff as needed.
2. Outline, Draft Sections for review, then Draft, Revised, and Final Drafts of CEP as identified above, and in Task 1.4.

Task 1.4 - Early Implementation, Timeline and Development of CEP

The Consultant will craft a development and implementation timeline that allows them to work with staff to launch foundational elements of the CEP in phases so that groundwork can be performed concurrently with CEP development, prior to and during formal adoption. The

Consultant shall identify which CEP implementation phases and their related engagement activities can be launched early to lay the groundwork for the CEP, then will launch early CEP phases (for example, Stakeholder Assessment and Mapping, an initial workshop to discuss revisions to Agency Ordinance language, an extraction reporting educational workshop for those required to submit Extraction and Use Reporting to LPV Watermaster). The early implementation outreach activities can then be used as test cases for CEP refinement during further development. The consultant should aim for a final CEP on or before ten (10) months from contract award.

- a. Craft a development and implementation timeline including milestones for review, reporting and tracking; include early implementation phase(s).
- b. Provide a draft outline of the CEP, accompanied by an updated development implementation timeline for review and feedback by Agency staff, then by the Agency Board of Directors.
- c. Identify and begin early implementation engagement for prioritized Agency initiatives as noted in the timeline and via Task 1.3.
 - a. Facilitate stakeholder workshops for identified early implementation priorities; workshops that address and spotlight select prioritized Agency initiatives will be planned to occur during this Early Implementation phase.
 - b. These select engagements should begin promotion or occur, depending on how they are organized and scheduled, no later than three (3) months from date of contract award.
- d. Provide advanced CEP drafts to staff, and Board as directed, in keeping with the Consultant's proposed development timeline, including structured opportunities for meaningful feedback during its development. Communicate and demonstrate regular progress with each iteration.
- e. Finalize and present the final CEP to the Board for adoption, on or before ten (10) months from contract award.

Task 1.4 Deliverables:

1. Remote meeting(s) with Agency staff as needed.
2. Development and concurrent Implementation Timeline.
3. CEP Early Phase Implementation – execution of prioritized outreach activities as identified in Implementation Timeline, beginning 3 months from award of contract.
4. Early Implementation Stakeholder Workshops as agreed.
5. Outline, Draft Sections for review, then Draft, Revised, and Final Drafts of CEP in keeping with Timeline, anticipated due at 10 months from contract award.
6. Presentations (PowerPoint format) on CEP development, timeline development, and Early Phase Implementation, given to the Board as agreed.

Task 2: Implementation

The Consultant shall implement the CEP as adopted. The Consultant shall incorporate additional Agency initiatives into outreach planning as requested, in keeping with the procedures established by the CEP.

Task 2 Deliverables:

1. Remote meeting(s) with Agency staff as needed.
2. Deliverables, planning, facilitation/execution and follow up of each outreach initiative as identified in the CEP.
3. Presentations (PowerPoint format) on outreach progress mapped to priorities and event planning schedule, given to the Board as agreed.
4. Iterative updates to CEP as required.
5. Reporting and Feedback Integration as identified throughout the CEP.

[End of Exhibit A]

EXHIBIT B - TIME SCHEDULE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND VMA COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND WORKSHOPS

1. Schedule

Notwithstanding Section 2 (Term) of the Contract, all Work to be performed by CONSULTANT on this Contract shall be completed **by December 31, 2030**.

CONSULTANT will organize the activities and tasks into project phases and milestones with associated costs, as shown in Exhibit C. The Agency has proposed or required deadlines such as:

- Progress Report Identifying Resources - due 30 days after award of contract.
- Prior Engagement Report Identifying Pain Points and Outreach Priorities - due 45 days after award of contract.
- Early Implementation Stakeholder Workshops – due to begin promotion or occur, depending on how they are organized and scheduled, 90 days after award of contract.
- Final CEP, per development and implementation timeline, anticipated due at 10 months from contract award.
- CEP Implementation tasks are for ongoing services and will be scheduled according to identified Agency priorities or in keeping with GSP requirements. Implementation is expected to include stakeholder engagement related to comment and review of the second five-year Periodic Evaluation of the GSPs, which are due for formal Board adoption on December 1, 2029.

Task	Schedule
Task 1.1 - Progress Report Identifying Resources	30 Days Post Award
Task 1.2 - Prior Engagement Report Identifying Pain Points & Priorities	45 Days Post Award
Task 1.3 - CEP Outline and Initial Draft Sections Begin	Months 2 & 3
Task 1.4 – Early Implementation Mapping & Workshops	Within 3 Months of Award
Draft CEP Sections sent to Agency Staff for Review	Months 4 through 6
Revised CEP Draft to staff and Board with structured feedback windows	Months 6 through 8
Final CEP presented to Board for adoption	10 Months Post Award
Task 2 – CEP Implementation	Month 10 & Onward
Stakeholder Engagement related to second Periodic Evaluations of GSPs	Through 12/1/2029
Implementation Engagement End (subject to extension)	12/31/2030

2. Delays

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

[End of Exhibit B]

EXHIBIT C – Fees and Payments

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND VMA COMMUNICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND WORKSHOPS

1. Compensation Summary

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

Maximum Fees for Basic Services: \$ 138,057.37

Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$ 138,057.37

2. Fees for Basic Services

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

☒ An **hourly rate** compensation, for actual hours of Basic Services performed that is based upon the hourly rates set forth in the following rate schedule, which rates shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract, not to exceed the **maximum fee amount of the Contract of \$ 138,057.37**. The maximum fees for the respective tasks identified in Exhibit A as well as the total maximum fee amount are shown in the below Task table. In no case shall a fee for a specific task exceed that listed below without prior written approval by the AGENCY. Rates to be charged are identified in the Rate Table listed below.

RATE AND TASK TABLE				
TASK 1 COST ESTIMATE Strategic Communication & Engagement Plan + Early Implementation				
TASK 1.1 Review Existing DWR Assistance and Engagement Resources				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Claudia Cruz	2.0	\$169.63	\$339.26	Executive review
Ben Frech	14.0	\$175.03	\$2,450.42	PM, direction, synthesis and report
Rosie Richardson	4.0	\$154.33	\$617.32	Research management
Lindsay Barnes	3.0	\$164.20	\$492.60	Strategic input
Karina Lazo	24.0	\$123.15	\$2,955.60	Research and drafting

Ernesto Cruz	20.0	\$95.21	\$1,904.20	Resource inventory and research
TASK 1.1 SUBTOTAL	67.0		\$8,759.40	
TASK 1.2 Review Prior Engagement Activities and Identify Outreach Priorities				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Claudia Cruz	2.0	\$169.63	\$339.26	Executive review
Ben Frech	20.0	\$175.03	\$3,500.60	PM, analysis and report development
Rosie Richardson	4.0	\$154.33	\$617.32	Research management
Lindsay Barnes	4.0	\$164.20	\$656.80	Strategic input
Karina Lazo	38.0	\$123.15	\$4,679.70	Document review, analysis and drafting
Ernesto Cruz	26.0	\$95.21	\$2,475.46	Document review and research
TASK 1.2 SUBTOTAL	94.0		\$12,269.14	
TASK 1.3 Develop and Finalize Communication and Engagement Plan (CEP)				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Claudia Cruz	20.0	\$169.63	\$3,392.60	Milestone and final review
Ben Frech	160.0	\$175.03	\$28,004.80	PM, primary strategy and authorship
Rosie Richardson	18.0	\$154.33	\$2,777.94	Senior engagement strategy/review
Lindsay Barnes	20.0	\$164.20	\$3,284.00	Senior communications strategy/review
Karina Lazo	100.0	\$123.15	\$12,315.00	Stakeholder assessment, research and drafting
Jamie Channell	14.0	\$143.74	\$2,012.36	CEP graphics/layout support
Ernesto Cruz	50.0	\$95.21	\$4,760.50	Research, matrices, documentation and production
TASK 1.3 SUBTOTAL	382.0		\$56,547.20	
TASK 1.4 Early Implementation, Timeline and CEP Development				
Implementation Timeline / Coordination				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Claudia Cruz	4.0	\$169.63	\$678.52	Executive milestone review
Ben Frech	28.0	\$175.03	\$4,900.84	Implementation timeline, coordination, Board cycles
Rosie Richardson	5.0	\$154.33	\$771.65	Senior engagement review
Lindsay Barnes	5.0	\$164.20	\$821.00	Senior strategy/review
Karina Lazo	22.0	\$123.15	\$2,709.30	Implementation coordination and support

Ernesto Cruz	14.0	\$95.21	\$1,332.94	Documentation and production
IMPLEMENTATION SUBTOTAL	78.0		\$11,214.25	
Early Implementation Workshop 1				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Ben Frech	15.0	\$175.03	\$2,625.45	Planning, client coordination and facilitation
Rosie Richardson	30.0	\$154.33	\$4,629.90	Senior facilitation/strategy
Karina Lazo	30.0	\$123.15	\$3,694.50	Outreach, logistics, materials and follow-up
Ernesto Cruz	15.0	\$95.21	\$1,428.15	Research, outreach support and documentation
Direct Costs			\$2,000.00	
EARLY IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP 1 SUBTOTAL	90.0		\$14,378.00	
Early Implementation Workshop 2				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Ben Frech	15.0	\$175.03	\$2,625.45	Planning, client coordination and facilitation
Rosie Richardson	30.0	\$154.33	\$4,629.90	Senior facilitation/strategy
Karina Lazo	30.0	\$123.15	\$3,694.50	Outreach, logistics, materials and follow-up
Ernesto Cruz	15.0	\$95.21	\$1,428.15	Research, outreach support and documentation
Direct Costs			\$2,000.00	
EARLY IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP 2 SUBTOTAL	90.0		\$14,378.00	
Early Implementation Workshop 3				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Ben Frech	15.0	\$175.03	\$2,625.45	Planning, client coordination and facilitation
Rosie Richardson	30.0	\$154.33	\$4,629.90	Senior facilitation/strategy
Karina Lazo	30.0	\$123.15	\$3,694.50	Outreach, logistics, materials and follow-up
Ernesto Cruz	15.0	\$95.21	\$1,428.15	Research, outreach support and documentation

Direct Costs			\$2,000.00	
<i>EARLY IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP 3 SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>90.0</i>		<i>\$14,378.00</i>	
Outreach Collateral Piece 1				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Ben Frech	3.0	\$175.03	\$525.09	Content direction/review
Karina Lazo	3.0	\$123.15	\$369.45	Drafting/content coordination
Jamie Channell	8.0	\$143.74	\$1,149.92	Design and revisions
<i>OUTREACH COLLATERAL PIECE 1 SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>14.0</i>		<i>\$2,044.46</i>	
Outreach Collateral Piece 2				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Ben Frech	3.0	\$175.03	\$525.09	Content direction/review
Karina Lazo	3.0	\$123.15	\$369.45	Drafting/content coordination
Jamie Channell	8.0	\$143.74	\$1,149.92	Design and revisions
<i>OUTREACH COLLATERAL PIECE 2 SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>14.0</i>		<i>\$2,044.46</i>	
Outreach Collateral Piece 3				
Team Member	Estimated Hours	Billing Rate	Estimated Cost	Role / Notes
Ben Frech	3.0	\$175.03	\$525.09	Content direction/review
Karina Lazo	3.0	\$123.15	\$369.45	Drafting/content coordination
Jamie Channell	8.0	\$143.74	\$1,149.92	Design and revisions
<i>OUTREACH COLLATERAL PIECE 3 SUBTOTAL</i>	<i>14.0</i>		<i>\$2,044.46</i>	
TASK 1.4 SUBTOTAL	390.0		\$60,481.63	
TOTAL TASK 1			\$138,057.37	Professional Services

4. Delays

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

5. Payment

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

Requests for Payment

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

CONSULTANT shall submit all requests for payment to:

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

Emailed invoices are preferred.

Payment Schedule

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

Timely Invoicing

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

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

[End of Exhibit C]

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AGENCY

GSP Implementation Outreach, Engagement, and Workshops

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED: AUGUST 20, 2026



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August 20, 2026

Mr. John Demers
Executive Officer
Fox Canyon Groundwater
Management Agency
800 S. Victoria Avenue,
#L1610
Ventura, California 93009

Dear Mr. Demers,

On behalf of VMA Communications, I am pleased to submit the enclosed proposal to provide outreach, engagement, and workshop facilitation services in support of Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency's (FCGMA) ongoing Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) implementation. We understand that building the trust and shared understanding required for long-term GSP success across the Oxnard Subbasin, Pleasant Valley Basin, and Las Posas Valley Basin.

VMA brings a rare combination of qualifications to this engagement. Our staff has spent years working directly within the groundwater industry, conducting outreach to and building lasting partnerships with groundwater users, contractors, and agencies. That experience gives us fluency in California's groundwater governance landscape, including SGMA and the practical realities of GSP implementation, and a working understanding of how groundwater users think and what will earn their trust and participation.

VMA brings nearly 30 years of experience designing and executing public engagement strategies for California public agencies, including work on major infrastructure programs such as the California High-Speed Rail and Delta Conveyance projects. Across transportation, water, and other public agency work statewide, VMA has consistently moved the needle on complex, high-visibility projects. We know how to translate technical, regulatory material into plain, respectful language, design workshops that create genuine two-way dialogue, and build the feedback loops that let an agency demonstrate it is listening and acting. We understand not only what needs to be done to meet FCGMA's engagement goals, but how to do it.

VMA is a Southern California-based firm, and our proximity to the Agency means we can meet in person when it matters and move quickly on early implementation priorities. Our proposed project team, approach, schedule, and cost estimate are detailed in the enclosed materials. We appreciate the opportunity to be considered and welcome the chance to discuss our approach further.

We would be honored to support FCGMA in advancing this regional project and welcome any questions at valerie.martinez@vmapr.com or (909) 445-1001.

Sincerely,



Valerie Martinez-Bencomo
President/CEO



Project Understanding

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency is entering a critical phase of GSP implementation, one that requires more than routine public notice. With "Rampdown" a real possibility if stakeholder led water supply projects fall short, an active adjudication shaping stakeholder trust, and SGMA's 2040 sustainability deadline ahead, the Agency needs a Communication and Engagement Plan (CEP) built on genuine two-way dialogue rather than one-way announcements. We understand this project as building the foundation for that trust: an engagement plan that identifies and profiles FCGMA's diverse stakeholder groups, ties every outreach activity to specific GSP milestones, and creates a documented feedback loop so stakeholders can see how their input actually shapes Agency decisions.

We also know the Agency's priorities go beyond the plan itself. FCGMA needs early, visible progress on ordinance revisions and extraction reporting education within three months of award, a workshop series that reaches all three basins, and a final CEP ready for Board adoption within ten months. Our approach starts with reviewing DWR guidance and FCGMA's prior engagement history so the plan is grounded in local reality rather than a generic template, then moves into stakeholder mapping, messaging development, and workshop design built for real dialogue instead of formality. Once adopted, we will carry the CEP into full implementation through 2030, keeping reporting consistent, adjusting to new priorities as they come up, and supporting the Agency through the second Periodic Evaluation process.

We're excited about this opportunity, and we've built a proposal we believe will create real, lasting engagement across FCGMA's stakeholder base, one that earns trust through consistency and follow through rather than a single round of outreach, and that leaves the Agency with a plan its stakeholders actually recognize as their own.

Scope of Work

This scope of work presents VMA's guiding methodology and specific project ideas for FCGMA's Communication and Engagement Plan. In certain areas we have expanded on our thinking and potential approach to demonstrate our capabilities and have purposefully kept other areas brief to stay with the proposal page limit. If contracted, we will fully draft a CEP that addresses every aspect of the RFP and other potential tasks that may be required.

1.1 Review Existing DWR Assistance and Engagement Resources

VMA understands that a Communication and Engagement Plan built in isolation from the State's own guidance is a plan built to be revised, at the Agency's expense, in staff time and stakeholder goodwill. Before we draft a single message or plan a single workshop, our team will review DWR's Communication and Engagement Toolkit and the full library of assistance resources available to GSAs under SGMA, benchmarking Fox Canyon's current standing against the State's expectations for GSP implementation outreach.

Our Approach

- **Cross-reference DWR guidance against the realities of FCGMA's stakeholder base**, including agricultural users, municipal purveyors, domestic well owners, landowners, disadvantaged communities, Tribal interests, environmental stakeholders, and other groundwater users, each with distinct concerns and communication needs.
- **Document findings in a Progress Report** that also seeds the CEP's appendices, avoiding duplicated effort later in the process.

A NOTE ON DWR RESOURCES

DWR provides valuable information and tools, but those resources are built often for statewide application, and they don't always reflect local politics, basin history, stakeholder relationships, or the economic realities of FCGMA's communities. Our approach will be to ensure that guidelines are met with DWR CEP guidelines, while also bringing in ideas that will succeed at a local level.

1.2 Review Prior Agency Engagement Activities and Identify Outreach Priorities

Introducing a new team to a project is real work, but a fresh perspective on prior engagement, workshops, and stakeholder comments can be extremely useful when it's used properly. VMA works on engagement across California for public agencies, municipalities, school districts, and non-profits, giving us a broader perspective while still respecting FCGMA's institutional knowledge.

This is where VMA's dual fluency in groundwater policy and public engagement becomes a real asset. Groundwater engagement is different from typical public outreach: users are often multigenerational landowners or operators with deep institutional memory, real economic stakes in the outcome, and, in basins with a history of allocation disputes or adjudication, a well-founded wariness of process that feels imposed rather than collaborative.

Priority Engagement Topics

Two words that create immediate concern for groundwater users are allocation and extraction reporting. As recent allocation ordinances are being challenged in court, it will be important to communicate clearly and quickly any post-ruling ordinances that come into effect.

1. Allocation Ordinance: Stakeholder Engagement

- **Targeted Outreach:** reach well owners, agricultural users, businesses, municipalities, groundwater contractors, and environmental organizations, with effort scaled to each group's level of impact and influence.
- **Briefings & Workshops:** small-group briefings, in-person workshops, and virtual listening sessions.
- **Accessible Materials:** plain-language fact sheets, FAQs, comparison charts, maps, and short explainer videos showing what's changing, why, and who's affected.
- **Ongoing Updates:** regular communication through email, the Agency website, newsletters, and meeting recaps so participants always know where things stand.
- **Transparency:** be direct about what's changing, what's constrained by law or adjudication, and where stakeholder input can genuinely shape outcomes, without promising what's outside the Agency's authority.

2. Extraction Reporting: Education, Training & Support

Our approach starts from that reality, meeting stakeholders where they are with plain instructions and hands-on support rather than assuming familiarity with the process.

- **In-Person Workshops:** hands-on sessions across the region where owners and operators learn to complete extraction reporting correctly.
- **Video Tutorials:** short walk-throughs covering account setup, meter readings, documentation, and submission, hosted online for ongoing reference.
- **Updated Training Manuals:** refreshed to reflect current requirements and system changes, and made easier to navigate.
- **Remote Trainings & Office Hours:** live sessions timed around reporting deadlines, plus recurring office hours for lower-pressure Q&A.
- **Quick-Reference Tools:** checklists, common-error sheets, and step-by-step guides operators can keep on hand.
- **Benefits-Focused Messaging:** connect accurate reporting to better basin management and fewer preventable problems, and track recurring questions to keep improving materials.

1.3

Develop and Finalize the Communication and Engagement Plan (CEP)

CEP Framework: Our Approach

- **Outreach Priorities:** organize the CEP so every priority traces directly back to what we heard in Tasks 1.1 and 1.2, not a generic template dropped on top of FCGMA's basins.
- **Long-Term Strategic Alignment:** every short-term initiative in the CEP, whether it's a single fact sheet or a basin workshop, ties back to a specific GSP sustainability goal and deadline, so the Agency and its stakeholders can see how day-to-day outreach adds up to basin sustainability by 2040, not just a calendar of disconnected events.
- **Local Context:** we've learned over the years, especially in water work, that locality in messaging and understanding is incredibly important. A message that lands with growers and well owners in Ventura County has to reflect the character, history, and concerns specific to the OPV Basins, not a generic statewide template.
- **Stakeholder Identification:** sustainable groundwater planning touches the entire community, but some stakeholders carry a larger direct interest in the GSP, allocation decisions, reporting requirements, projects, and future basin conditions.
- **Messaging & Talking Points:** VMA will create a shared bank of talking points for staff and board members to reference on a wide range of project topics.

VMA's Approach to Talking Point Development

- ➔ **Lead with facts, but don't ignore feelings:** technical accuracy matters, but so does acknowledging what's at stake for the person hearing it.
- ➔ **Know the audience:** tailor language, depth, and tone to who's in the room, whether that's an agricultural operator, a municipal water manager, or a domestic well owner.
- ➔ **Anchor every talking point to a goal:** inform, reassure, correct a misconception, or invite input.
- ➔ **Stay consistent across channels:** one message, delivered the same way whether it's coming from a Board member, field staff, or a fact sheet.
- ➔ **Prepare for pushback:** build anticipated-question responses into the bank so staff aren't caught off guard at the podium.

STRATEGIES TO GET INFLUENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS SUPPORT

- **Ask for their input beyond their own issue:** invite influential stakeholders to weigh in on outreach strategy itself, not just the topics that affect them directly, so they feel ownership in the process.
- **Act on it visibly:** when their advice shapes a decision, tell them so directly. Knowing their input counts is what turns an influential stakeholder into an ally rather than a skeptic.
- **Work around their schedules:** meet them where and when it is convenient, rather than defaulting to the Agency's standard meeting format.
- **Give them a visible role:** a workshop panel seat or an early look at materials lends the Agency credibility with their peers and gives influential stakeholders a stake in the outcome.

COLLATERAL

VMA's in-house design team brings decades of experience translating complicated water and regulatory topics into materials people actually read, balancing enough technical detail to be credible with enough plain language to be usable.



STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT, SURVEY & MAPPING

Stakeholder mapping matters to smart resource allocation because it gives a practical picture of who is affected, how significant the impact is, who holds influence, what information stakeholders need, and what barriers may prevent participation.

→ **Important note:** If done correctly, these surveys can also prove extremely useful in identifying stakeholders that may not be obvious or apparent in initial research.

Important Survey Information to Consider:

- ✓ Basin and geographic location
- ✓ Land ownership
- ✓ Annual extraction rate
- ✓ Well ownership/operator relationship
- ✓ Exposure to allocation
- ✓ Sensitivity around the ongoing OPV adjudication
- ✓ Past participation
- ✓ Primary concerns
- ✓ Preferred communication methods
- ✓ Accessibility, scheduling, or geographic barriers to participation

STAKEHOLDER LIST

These stakeholders are local examples of the organizations who would be directly affected by the GSP and who would serve as key partners in reaching the broader stakeholder community. Upon award, VMA would review FCGMA’s existing stakeholder database and build out a comprehensive, basin-wide outreach list to guide the engagement plan.

Priority Stakeholder Group	Example Organizations / Stakeholders
Agricultural Users	• Farm Bureau of Ventura County • Ventura County Agricultural Association • OPV Coalition • Oxnard Plain agricultural growers/landowners • Major berry, vegetable, citrus and nursery growers operating within the basins
Well Owners	• Crestview Mutual Water Company • Pleasant Valley Mutual Water Company • Solano Verde Mutual Water Company • Rural residential/HOA communities dependent on private or shared wells
Cities & Counties	• City of Oxnard • City of Camarillo • City of Moorpark • County of Ventura
Water Districts / Water Providers	• United Water Conservation District • Calleguas Municipal Water District • Camrosa Water District • Pleasant Valley County Water District
Environmental Organizations	• Ventura County Resource Conservation District • Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
Tribal Governments / Tribal Organizations	• Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians • Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation • Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Businesses & Industry Groups	• Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA) Ventura • County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (CoLAB) • Oxnard Chamber of Commerce • Camarillo Chamber of Commerce • Building Industry Association of Southern California, Ventura County Chapter



WORKSHOPS

Public meetings and workshops are one of the CEP's most visible tools, and one of the easiest to get wrong, and potentially damaging to the Agency's reputation.

VMA will work closely with FCGMA staff to identify priority areas for community engagement, including specific groundwater basins, population centers, and stakeholder communities. From there, we will plan and execute meetings, workshops, and trainings tailored to the needs of each area, ensuring outreach is concentrated where it matters most, whether tied to ordinance revisions, adjudication developments, reporting requirements, or other emerging priorities.

Workshop Planning Framework



Getting People There

- **Multi-channel promotion:** email, mail notices, the Agency website, local and agricultural publications, and trusted messengers (water district staff, the ag commissioner's office, grower associations).
- **Direct outreach** to known stakeholder leaders and repeat participants ahead of each meeting. A personal call or email consistently outperforms a mass notice.
- **Scheduling options** where feasible (daytime/evening, weekday/weekend) to fit different stakeholder groups' availability.



Materials Development

- **Agendas and materials** built for each meeting's specific issues, not a one-size-fits-all template.
- **Visual aids**, such as maps, charts, and one-pagers, that let attendees orient themselves quickly on technical allocation or reporting topics.
- **A Workshop Design Brief** submitted to Agency staff for review and approval at least 30 days ahead of each event, covering objectives, agenda, facilitation approach, materials, and logistics.



Keeping the Room Productive

Workshops and public meetings are one of the most important ways to engage stakeholders, but they can also turn unproductive or even hostile if not handled well.

- **Neutral, trained facilitation:** a facilitator other than Agency staff runs the room, keeps time, and de-escalates, which protects staff from becoming the target and keeps the meeting on track.
- **Structured format over open-mic:** small-group breakout tables or stations, each with a facilitator/notetaker, so quieter voices get heard and no single speaker can dominate the room.
- **Written and digital input options:** comment cards or live polling so people uncomfortable speaking publicly can still weigh in, and input isn't limited to whoever is loudest.
- **Pre-submitted questions:** gathered at registration where possible, to help shape the agenda around substantive concerns rather than reactive venting.
- **A stated next step:** every meeting closes with what happens to the input gathered and when people can expect a response, so attendees leave with confidence the meeting mattered.



Interactive & Visual Activities

- **Interactive mapping stations:** a large basin or area map where attendees can pin their property, well, or area of concern and attach a short note. This surfaces geographic patterns, such as clusters of concern around a specific stretch of the basin, that don't always come through in verbal comment.
- **Comment boards:** sticky-note or whiteboard stations where people can post a thought as they arrive or between sessions, giving a low-pressure alternative to speaking up in front of the room.
- **Dot-voting or priority ranking:** attendees place a limited number of stickers or dots on the issues, projects, or options that matter most to them, giving staff a quick visual read of group priorities without a single person dominating the conversation.
- **Topic stations:** small tabletop displays on specific topics (allocation, reporting, a proposed project) that people can move through at their own pace instead of sitting through one long presentation.
- **Digital options:** QR-code comment forms or live polling so anyone who prefers to weigh in from their phone can do so during or after the event.



Accessibility

- **Locations, formats, and materials that meet or exceed ADA Accessibility Guidelines,** with language access and dial-in options built in from the start.



After the Meeting

- **Post-outreach report** within 15 business days summarizing attendance, key themes, and outcomes.
- **Feedback** folded into “What We Heard” reporting and the accountability matrix so participants can see their input reflected.



Finalizing CEP Development

VMA will complete CEP development by building out the remaining components needed to operationalize the plan: integrating the multi-year 2030 Periodic Evaluation process into the CEP calendar, developing a communications channel plan for each initiative covering email, mail, website, social media, press outreach, multilingual materials, and post-event follow-up, and publishing an annual outreach calendar of workshops and events set collaboratively with staff and the Board. This includes a reporting structure with post-outreach reports delivered within 15 business days of each event and an annual Stakeholder Engagement Report formatted to drop directly into FCGMA's GSP Annual Report to DWR, along with a feedback integration process built around a feedback repository, a public-facing accountability matrix where appropriate.

1.4 Early Implementation, Timeline and Development of the CEP

With our experience and knowledge of the subject matter we won't have to wait ten months to see engagement actually happen. Our approach front-loads priority activities so the Agency gets visible movement early, while giving the project team real-world test cases to refine the CEP before it's finalized.

Our Approach

- **Phased Timeline:** a development and implementation timeline with built-in review, reporting, and tracking milestones, shaped with staff from day one.
- **Early Wins:** identify two to three CEP elements ready to launch early (stakeholder mapping, an ordinance-revision workshop, and an extraction reporting fact sheet) and get them moving within three months of award. Additional early activities can include stakeholder interviews, a baseline survey, a refreshed contact database, and a basic communications toolkit for staff.
- **Structured Board and Staff Check-ins:** advance CEP drafts shared at each iteration with real feedback windows, not a single review dumped at the finish line.
- **Board Communication:** regular PowerPoint updates so the Board sees steady, visible progress rather than a plan that materializes all at once at month ten.

2 Implementation

Once the CEP is adopted, the work shifts from planning to doing, and staying flexible enough to fold in new Agency priorities without losing momentum on what's already scheduled. VMA will treat implementation as an ongoing management process with the understanding that timeline and conditions change throughout projects.

Our Approach

- **Full CEP Execution:** deliver the engagement calendar as adopted, including workshops, surveys, collateral, communications, stakeholder briefings, reporting trainings, and follow-up, on schedule and in coordination with Agency staff.
- **Rolling Priorities:** a simple process for folding new Agency initiatives into the outreach plan as they arise, without derailing what's already on the calendar.
- **Consistent Reporting Rhythm:** maintain the same post-event reports, feedback tracking, and Board updates established in Task 1.3, so implementation doesn't feel like a new system starting from scratch.
- **Iteration:** the CEP stays a living plan, with formal revisit points tied to the annual calendar, GSP implementation milestones, major Agency decisions, stakeholder feedback, and the 2030 Periodic Evaluation process.

Development & Implementation Timeline

A working timeline for the contract term, built around the milestones and deadlines identified in the RFP. This will be refined with Agency staff during Task 1.1 and revisited throughout the contract.

Milestone	Timing
Contract Award	Month 0
Progress Report Identifying Resources (Task 1.1)	30 days after award
Prior Engagement Report Identifying Pain Points & Priorities (Task 1.2)	45 days after award
CEP Outline and initial draft sections begin (Task 1.3)	Months 2–3
Early Implementation begins: stakeholder mapping, ordinance-revision workshop, extraction reporting training, and at least one basin workshop (Task 1.4)	Within 3 months of award
Draft CEP sections shared with Agency staff for review	Months 4–6
Revised CEP draft to staff and Board, with structured feedback windows	Months 6–8
Final CEP presented to Board for adoption	10 months from award
CEP Implementation begins (Task 2)	Month 10 onward
Stakeholder engagement tied to the second Periodic Evaluation, due for Board adoption	Through December 1, 2029
Contract term ends (subject to Agency extension)	December 31, 2030

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SUBJECT: Approval of Las Posas Valley Basin Annual Water Right Allocation Calculations for Water Year 2026 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027) [LPV Watermaster] – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation from Agency staff on the calculation of annual Water Right Allocations under the Las Posas Valley (LPV) Adjudication Judgment for Water Year (WY) 2026, and (2) Adopt the proposed Annual Water Right Allocations for WY 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The Las Posas Adjudication Judgment provides that Watermaster, following Committee Consultation, shall annually calculate the Annual Water Right Allocations using the protocols and formulas set forth in Exhibit D to the Judgment. (Judgment § 4.2.) Under the Judgment, each Water Right Holder's annual allocation depends in part on the Operating Yield of the LPV Basin. The Judgment set the Initial Operating Yield for the LPV Basin at 40,000 acre-feet (AF) through at least WY 2024 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025). (Judgment § 4.9.1.1). On January 22, 2025, Watermaster approved extension of the Initial Operating Yield through WY 2025 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026) to enable completion of the Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS) that will set the Operating Yield for future water years and be used to determine annual Water Right Allocations until the Operating Yield and Sustainable Yield match by 2040. On May 27, 2026, your Board adopted the BOYS which concluded that if Basin Optimization Projects are fully implemented as scheduled, the need to reduce the amount of all WY 2026 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027) water right allocations pursuant to Section 4.9 of the Judgment (i.e., basin wide rampdown) would be unnecessary to maintain a Basin Optimization Yield of 40,000 AF, inclusive of pumping reduced through in-lieu deliveries of imported water. As such, given the anticipated partial implementation of Basin Optimization projects in WY 2026, annual allocations remain unchanged from prior years, however, the Operating Yield is reduced to 39,000 AFY and an additional 1,000 AFY supplied as in-lieu deliveries of imported water.

DISCUSSION:

Prior to calculating draft WY 2026 Annual Water Right Allocations, Watermaster contacted Hypericum Land Company, LLC, Hypericum Interests, LLC, Butler Ranch Mutual Water Company, and Del Norte Mutual Water Company (collectively, Conditional Domestic Holders) to determine whether any of them planned to exercise their Conditional Water Rights in WY 2026 (See Judgment, §§ 4.5.3.9, 4.5.3.10, Exhibit G, and Exhibit H.) Butler Ranch Mutual Water Company, Hypericum Land Company, LLC and Hypericum Interests, LLC counsel acknowledged receipt of Watermaster staff's written communication and confirmed that these companies had not met the conditions set forth in the Judgment to accrue any Conditional Domestic Allocations for WY 2026. However, these parties reserve the right to request such allocation in the future when such conditions as outlined in the Judgment have been met. These letters are attached as Exhibit 16A and Exhibit 16B, respectively. As of September 18, 2026, Watermaster did not receive a response from Del Norte Mutual Water Company's counsel. Therefore, none of the Conditional Domestic Allocations granted to Conditional Domestic Holders under the Judgment has been accrued. Staff prepared the attached draft WY 2026 Allocations Calculations excluding said conditional domestic allocations.

On August 27, 2026, staff referred the draft WY 2026 Allocations Calculations to the Las Posas Valley Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for consultation in accordance with the Judgment. (Judgment § 4.2.) On August 27, 2026, staff published the draft WY 2026 Annual Allocations Calculations on the Watermaster website for review by Water Right Holders, notified Water Right Holders of the draft via email and requested feedback by September 11, 2026. The PAC provided a recommendation report endorsing the draft WY 2026 Groundwater Annual Calculations on September 8, 2026 (Exhibit 16C).

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board (1) receive and file this presentation and (2) approve the attached annual Water Right Allocations Calculations for the Las Posas Valley Basin for Water Year 2026 (Exhibit 16D).

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)
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Attachments:

- Exhibit 16A – Hypericum Letter dated September 10, 2026
- Exhibit 16B – Butler Mutual Water Company Letter dated July 20, 2026
- Exhibit 16C – PAC Recommendation Report dated September 3, 2026
- Exhibit 16D – Water Year 2026 Water Right Allocations Calculations

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Re: WY 2025-26 Conditional Domestic Allocations for Hypericum Under Las Posas Valley Groundwater Adjudication Judgment

Dear Mr. Kaseke,

In response to your letter dated July 9, 2026, I am sending this letter to acknowledge that as of August 28, 2026, Hypericum Land Company, LLC and Hypericum Interests, LLC (collectively, Hypericum) has not yet met the conditions set forth in Exhibit G of the Judgment in the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin adjudication (*Los Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENCI00509700) to receive a Conditional Domestic Allocation.

Accordingly, at this time, Hypericum does not claim an allocation for Water Year 2026-27 on any parcel. Hypericum will notify Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (in its capacity as Watermaster) when the conditions outlined in Exhibit G of the Judgment have been met and a Conditional Domestic Allocation has accrued on any parcel.

Sincerely,



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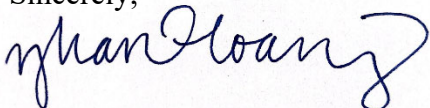
Re: WY 2026-27 Conditional Domestic Allocations for Butler Ranch Mutual Water Company Under Las Posas Valley Groundwater Adjudication Judgment

Dear Mr. Kaseke,

This letter acknowledges that as of July 20, 2026, Butler Ranch Mutual Water Company (“Butler Ranch”) has not yet met the conditions set forth in Exhibit G of the Judgment in the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin adjudication (*Los Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENCI00509700) to receive a Conditional Domestic Allocation.

Accordingly, at this time, Butler Ranch does not claim an allocation for Water Year 2026-27 on any parcel. Butler Ranch will notify Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (in its capacity as Watermaster) when the conditions outlined in Exhibit G of the Judgment have been met and a Conditional Domestic Allocation has accrued on any parcel.

Sincerely,



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TO: Las Posas Valley Watermaster

FROM: Las Posas Valley Watermaster Policy Advisory Committee

RE: Recommendation Report – Las Posas Valley Annual Allocation

DATE: September 3, 2026

Recommendation:

The PAC supports the proposed Annual Allocations schedule for Water Year 2026.

Policy Rationale for Recommendation:

There are no changes to the 40,000 AF Operating Yield nor to the existing LPV Basin Annual Allocations, both of which are carried forward in the draft schedule for WY 2026.

Summary of Facts in Support of Recommendation:

N/A

Tally of Committee Member Votes:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ian Prichard, Calleguas MWD	X			
Paul Chan, VC WWD No. 1 & 19*				X
John Menne, Zone MWC	X			
Rob Grether, West LPV Large Ag	X			
David Schwabauer, East LPV Large Ag	X			
Patricia Martinez, East LPV Small Ag				X
Dave Borchard, West LPV Small Ag	X			
Laurel Servin, East LPV MWC				X
Steven Murata, West LPV MWC	X			
Arturo Aseo, Commercial				X
<i>*As of the date of this vote, Mr. Chan was nominated by Ventura County Waterworks to serve as the agency representative on the PAC but had not been confirmed by the Watermaster Board. As such, he did not cast a vote.</i>				

Report of Bases for Majority and Minority Committee Member Positions:

N/A

Recommendation Report – Annual Allocation

Draft LPV Agricultural Groundwater Allocations Water Year 2026 (09/01/2026)

WMID	Landowner	Ranch / Property Name	Parcels	Wells	Allocation Basis (AF)	Base Agricultural Allocation (AF)	Supplemental Agricultural Allocation (AF)	Annual Supplemental Allocation (AF)	Annual Allocation (AF) Water Year 2026	Mutual Water Company Type	Mutual Water Company
1001	49 Acres Scholle Ranch LP		1100091010 1100091020 1100091030 1100120080 1100120160 1100120170	02N21W10Q03 02N21W10Q04	368.02	248.46	119.56	106.19	354.65	Hybrid	Del Norte
1002	Aggen Associates, LLC		1100141020 1100142010	02N21W12G01	164.71	158.61	6.10	5.42	164.03	N/A	N/A
1003	Aggen Partners, LP		1100142075 1100142140	02N21W12H01 02N21W12H02	219.09	148.03	71.05	63.10	211.13	Hybrid	Zone
1004	Samuel and Sylvia Alvarez Family Revocable Trust dated 02/20/1998, Samuel and Sylvia Alvarez, Trustees		1100200090		88.67	59.05	29.62	26.31	85.36	Exclusive	Zone
1005	Samuel and Sylvia Alvarez Family Revocable Trust dated 02/20/1998, Samuel and Sylvia Alvarez, Trustees		1100200080 1100200100		98.15	67.15	31.00	27.53	94.68	Exclusive	Zone
1006	Apricot Lane Farm Holdings, LLC	Main - Broadway	5030010025 5030010030 5030010040 5030010335 5030010395 5030020125 5030020260 5030020425	03N20W25J04 03N20W25R04	295.51	137.69	157.82	140.17	277.86	N/A	N/A
1007	Apricot Lane Farm Holdings, LLC	Stockton	1080170025 1080170035	03N20W24P03	67.72	57.57	10.15	9.01	66.58	N/A	N/A
1008	Bryce and Elaine Bannatyne Trust, Bryce Bannatyne, Trustee	Rancho Resplandor Sand Canyon	1100200240	02N20W09B01	27.43	27.31	0.12	0.11	27.42	N/A	N/A
1009	Bryce and Elaine Bannatyne Trust, Bryce Bannatyne, Trustee	Rancho Resplandor Moorpark	5020060010	03N19W29L01	219.05	92.96	126.09	111.99	204.95	N/A	N/A
1010	Bell Ranch Investors, LLC		1560180350 1560180360 1560180430	02N20W17P01 02N20W17L01	583.35	244.63	338.72	300.83	545.46	N/A	N/A
1011	John W. Borchard Ranches, Inc., a California corporation	Reiman Ranch	1100133230 1100133240		264.51	180.19	84.32	74.89	255.08	Exclusive	Zone
1012	John W. Borchard Ranches, Inc., a California corporation	Goodyear Ranch	1100133200 1100150115		67.49	45.98	21.52	19.11	65.09	Exclusive	Zone
1013	Farmland Reserve, Inc.,		5030050225 5030050245	02N20W01Q01 02N20W01Q02	81.00	47.86	33.13	29.42	77.28	N/A	N/A
1014	Berylwood Ranch, LLC, a California limited liability company		1100020090 1100020100		235.38	107.92	127.46	113.20	221.12	Exclusive	Zone
1015	Roberta Ann Bianchi Trust dated 04/25/1988, Roberta Ann Bianchi, Trustee		1100092170		43.28	43.28	0.00	0.00	43.28	Exclusive	Del Norte
1016	Roberta Ann Bianchi Trust dated 04/25/1988, Roberta Ann Bianchi, Trustee		1100092210		45.61	45.61	0.00	0.00	45.61	Exclusive	Del Norte
1017	William A. Miller, Trustee of the William A. Miller Living Trust dated August 6, 2003, et al.		5030010090 5030010145 5030010165 5030010310 5030010405	03N20W26J01 03N20W26R03	224.48	134.26	90.22	80.13	214.39	N/A	N/A
1018	William A. Miller, Trustee of the William A. Miller Living Trust dated August 6, 2003, et al.		1080170090 5020020180 5030010325	03N20W26J01 03N20W26R03 03N19W29F07	41.51	18.47	23.04	20.46	38.93	N/A	N/A
1019	John W. Borchard, Jr., Trustee of the John W. Borchard, Jr. Trust dated May 12, 1971	Baptiste Ranch	1100170645		48.23	30.02	18.21	16.17	46.19	Exclusive	Zone
1020	Lauren A. Borchard, Trustee LAB Trust, Leslie K. Borchard	MCB Farms LLC, Greenhills Ranch	1090031185		89.95	52.65	37.30	33.13	85.78	Exclusive	Del Norte
1021	Lauren A. Borchard, Trustee for the LAB Trust, Leslie K. Borchard	MCB Farms LLC -Donlon 3 Ranch	1100420035		43.26	30.55	12.71	11.29	41.84	Exclusive	Rancho Canada

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1022	Borchard, Patricia C. Trust, John Borchard Trustee	Green Hills Ranch	1090031175		99.92	62.29	37.62	33.41	95.70	Exclusive	Del Norte
1023	Broadway Road Moorpark, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company		5020020030		149.97	62.89	87.08	77.34	140.23	Exclusive	Thermic
1024	John S. Broome Trust dated June 1, 1967, John S. Broome, Jr., Trustee, et al.	Escabitas	1090050135 1090050205	02N21W17N03 02N21W17R02	214.57	149.58	64.99	57.72	207.30	N/A	N/A
1025	John S. Broome Trust dated June 1, 1967, John S. Broome, Jr., Trustee, et al.	Colina	1100200065	02N20W09H01	83.37	41.39	41.98	37.28	78.67	Hybrid	Zone
1026	Bruecker 2005 Revocable Family Trust, Kenneth A. and Juli A. Bruecker, Co-Trustees		5030060225 5030060235 5030060255 5030060325	02N20W01A01	87.15	68.42	18.73	16.63	85.05	N/A	N/A
1027	Burdullis Ranches LLC		1100420025		39.37	36.76	2.61	2.32	39.08	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1028	Burdullis Ranches LLC		1100420045		37.22	30.79	6.43	5.71	36.50	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1030	Green Hills Ranch, LLC	Green Hills Ranch	1090031065 1090031095 1090031125 1090031155		338.16	213.40	124.76	110.80	324.20	Exclusive	Del Norte
1031	Glen and Kim T. Carmichael, Co-Trustees of the Glen and Kim T. Carmichael Joint Living Trust and Carmichael Farms Trust		1070130195 1070130205 1070130255 1100100025	03N21W34R01	193.45	148.93	44.53	39.55	188.48	Hybrid	Del Norte
1032	Miguel Magdaleno Jr., Trustee of the Magdaleno Living Trust dated April 4, 2002		5030050320	02N20W01M01	230.66	100.48	130.17	115.61	216.09	N/A	N/A
1034	Ann Cooluris, Trustee of the Ann C. Cooluris Trust, et al.		1100150085		164.41	112.49	51.92	46.11	158.60	Exclusive	Zone
1035	Culbert Farms LLC, Cristina Marie Kildee, Delcia Ann Giacalone, Jennifer Elizabeth Kildee, Richard D. Culbert, Michael Kenneth Kildee, Kevin Bertis Kildee	Culbert 60 Ranch	1100142100		80.73	73.86	6.87	6.10	79.96	Exclusive	Zone
1036	D&D Coastal, LLC		1080180065	03N20W27G06	32.79	14.19	18.60	16.52	30.71	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
1037	DeBoni Corporation		1100141090	02N21W11H02	120.66	80.81	39.85	35.39	116.20	Hybrid	Zone
1038	DeBoni Corporation		1100092160 1100093010		116.22	105.01	11.21	9.96	114.97	Exclusive	Del Norte
1039	Dent Ranch, LP		5000210220		23.49	10.09	13.41	11.91	22.00	Exclusive	Thermic
1040	Leslie C. Dobson & Debra L. Dobson	Lot 3	1100230335	03N20W33B04	16.93	12.04	4.89	4.34	16.38	Hybrid	Las Lomas
1041	US Horticulture Farmland		5030040255 5030040265 5030040285 5030040295	02N20W02N03 02N20W02N03m2	402.14	275.86	126.28	112.15	388.01	Hybrid	Berylwood
1042	Zachary Rastegar Farms, LLC	Shiloh Ranch	1070110035 1070110050 1070130030 1070130070 1100110075	03N21W35P02	240.22	141.95	98.27	87.28	229.23	N/A	N/A
1043	Isabella Rastegar Farms, LLC	Tara Ranch	1070120060 1070120215 1070120225 1070130145	02N21W04Q02	181.17	107.06	74.12	65.83	172.89	Hybrid	Del Norte
1044	John Moffatt Grether, Trustee of the GST Exempt Exemption Trust and the Survivors Administrative Trust under the Grether Family Trust	Home 13	1090042080		15.39	15.39	0.00	0.00	15.39	Exclusive	Del Norte
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.	Perkins Ranch	1100120010		169.52	85.37	84.15	74.74	160.11	Exclusive	Zone

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1046	Ernest Borchard Ranch Co., LLC, a California limited liability company	Thorpe Ranch	1100120060		200.41	148.36	52.05	46.23	194.59	Exclusive	Zone
1047	J. David Borchard and Michele A. Borchard, Co-Trustees of the J. David and Michele A. Borchard Family Trust dated September 25, 2014	DJB Ranch	1100160020		108.56	54.78	53.79	47.77	102.55	Exclusive	Zone
1048	John W. Borchard, Jr. and J. David Borchard, Co-Trustees of John's Exempt Residuary Trust, under the John W. Borchard 1986 Trust	Hawkins Ranch	1100131010		22.47	11.31	11.16	9.91	21.22	Exclusive	Zone
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.	Knittles Ranch	1100133220 1100133250		96.58	65.44	31.15	27.67	93.11	Exclusive	Zone
1050	Dusty Lane LLC		1080100145	03N20W28P03	22.22	16.14	6.08	5.40	21.54	N/A	N/A
1051	Dusty Lane LLC		1100230255	03N20W28P03 03N20W28Q01	25.47	18.50	6.97	6.19	24.69	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
1053	James D. Engel, Trustee for the James D. Engel and Kay A. Engel Trust Dated April 15, 1998	Quail Hill Enterprises, Inc.	5030020350	03N20W36A03	40.00	22.33	17.67	15.69	38.02	N/A	N/A
1054	Farmland Reserve, Inc.		5030060115 5030060155 5030060180	02N20W01Q01 02N20W01Q02	299.50	132.46	167.04	148.36	280.82	N/A	N/A
1055	Green Fuse Botanicals, LLC		5030040065		16.09	13.18	2.92	2.59	15.77	Exclusive	Berylwood
1056	Zachary Rastegar Farms, LLC		1070130080 1100110180	03N21W35L03	111.48	94.08	17.39	15.44	109.52	N/A	N/A
1058	Gwyn Goodman, Trustee for the Goodman Family Trust		1100071245 1100071255 1100072030		54.57	29.56	25.01	22.21	51.77	Exclusive	Berylwood
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	Balcom Canyon Ranch	1080100025	03N20W28J01S	134.58	97.74	36.84	32.72	130.46	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
1060	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	Hawley Ranch	1100080100		143.26	77.24	66.02	58.64	135.88	Exclusive	Berylwood
1061	James A. Waters, III, Trustee for The J&H Waters Revocable Trust Dated July 18, 2008	Bard Ranch	5030020370	03N20W36A03	35.00	20.10	14.90	13.23	33.33	N/A	N/A
1062	John Moffatt Grether, Trustee of the Helen B. Grether Trust, the GST Exempt Exemption Trust, and the Survivors Administrative Trust under the Grether Family Trust	Home Ranch	1090042090		105.74	102.65	3.08	2.74	105.39	Exclusive	Del Norte
1063	Elizabeth B. Grether Trust, Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustee		1550270255		150.40	119.05	31.36	27.85	146.90	Exclusive	Zone
1064	April First Trust dated 01/15/2001, John M. Grether and Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustees	Russell	1100092260		56.22	56.22	0.00	0.00	56.22	Exclusive	Del Norte
1065	April First Trust dated 01/15/2001, John M. Grether and Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustees	Rita	1100133085	02N21W01L01 02N21W11A03 03N21W36Q01	29.60	16.85	12.75	11.32	28.17	N/A	N/A
1066	April First Trust dated 01/15/2001, John M. Grether and Elizabeth B. Grether, Trustees	Selia	1100141125		53.46	49.44	4.02	3.57	53.01	Exclusive	Zone
1068	Jose de Jesus and Maria de la Cruz Gutierrez, Joint Tenants		1100420095		21.06	10.97	10.09	8.96	19.93	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1069	Jose de Jesus and Maria de la Cruz Gutierrez, Joint Tenants		1100420105		15.30	15.30	0.00	0.00	15.30	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1070	Hacopian, Edward/Kristine		1100230215	03N20W28P04	25.00	20.50	4.50	4.00	24.50	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
1071	Hagel, Timothy et al	Meadows of Moorpark	1080161115	03N20W26C01	8.82	8.82	0.00	0.00	8.82	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby

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1072	MP Ranch, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company		1100230145	03N20W28P01 03N20W28Q02	31.63	16.60	15.03	13.35	29.95	N/A	N/A
1073	Higgins, Sunny May Trust et al	Snyder Ranch	1100150020 1610030030		216.71	102.41	114.30	101.51	203.92	Hybrid	Zone
1075	Jefferson Farms, LP		1080110330 1080180135 1080180145 1080180155 1100430035 1100430045 1100430055 1100430065 1100430075 1100430085	03N20W27H04 03N20W27J01 03N20W34J01m2 03N20W35D01	663.37	285.26	378.10	335.81	621.07	N/A	N/A
1076	Michael D. and Merrie Ketley, Trustee for the Michael and Merrie 2008 Revocable Family Trust, dba Triangle K. Farms		1100040410 1100160195 1100160215 1100160225 1100170300	02N0W07R03 02N20W08M01	143.95	70.69	73.25	65.06	135.75	N/A	N/A
1077	Kirschbaum, LLC	La Loma Main Ranch	1090031035	02N21W04J01	257.00	161.36	95.64	84.94	246.30	Hybrid	Del Norte
1078	Kirschbaum, LLC	Balcom Canyon Ranch	1100230125	03N20W33B03	65.17	34.62	30.55	27.13	61.75	Hybrid	Las Lomas
1079	Lamb Trust, John B Lamb Trustee		1100100215 1100100235 1100100265		13.58	8.22	5.36	4.76	12.98	Exclusive	Del Norte
1080	Graham Somis Ranch, LLC	McKee Ranch	1100142085 1100142095	02N20W07L01	200.28	144.64	55.63	49.41	194.05	Hybrid	Zone
1081	JG Leavens LLC and Leavens Ranches LLC		5000150115 5000150135 5000150145 5020010105 5020010115 5020030040 5020031095 5020031105 5020032045 5020040025 5020040075 5020040085 5020040095 5020040105 5020040205 5020050025 5020050035 5020050045 5020050055 5020050075 5020060035 5020060045 5020070030 5020070075 5020070085 5020070105 5020070115	03N19W29K04 03N19W29K06 03N19W29K07 03N19W29K08	1,877.76	787.45	1,090.31	968.35	1,755.80	N/A	N/A
1082	Los Angeles Avenue Ranch LP et al.		1090061040 1090061180 1090061200	02N21W15M04	512.55	216.36	296.19	263.06	479.42	N/A	N/A

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1083	Lowe Family Trust dated 07/28/1996, David Huei-Chung and Florence Ai-Lieng Lowe Trustees		1100420085		33.66	27.90	5.76	5.12	33.02	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1084	Mahan Ranch, et al		1100060645 1100060695 1100071095 1100071115 1100071265	03N20W34J01 03N20W34J01m3 03N20W34J02 03N20W34J03 03N20W34J03m3	184.49	104.01	80.47	71.47	175.48	Hybrid	Berylwood
1085	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	Escondido Ranch	1100040395 1100040405	03N20W33F01	245.52	122.76	122.76	109.03	231.79	N/A	N/A
1086	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	GTO Ranch	1100150075	02N20W07L01	100.19	59.21	40.99	36.40	95.61	Hybrid	Zone
1087	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	Inoberry Ranch	1100180360 1100180370	02N20W09C01	400.33	216.85	183.49	162.97	379.82	Hybrid	Zone
1088	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	Luzmar Ranch	1100160245		50.39	36.71	13.68	12.15	48.86	Exclusive	Zone
1089	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	Palace Ranch	1100170255		74.56	34.75	39.81	35.36	70.11	Exclusive	Zone
1090	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	Patricia Ranch	1100120055		91.72	54.44	37.27	33.10	87.54	Exclusive	Zone
1091	Audelio Martinez	Sand Canyon - North	1100200220		23.80	23.80	0.00	0.00	23.80	Exclusive	Zone
1092	Audelio Martinez	Sand Canyon - South	1100200335	02N20W09C01	29.43	22.94	6.49	5.76	28.70	N/A	N/A
1093	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	Santa Rosa Ranch	1100160100		146.82	86.76	60.06	53.34	140.10	Exclusive	Zone
1094	Mastro Culbert Farms, LLC & Steven Mastro		5000130135 5000130155 5000130165 5000130175	03N19W30F01	232.40	109.86	122.54	108.83	218.69	N/A	N/A
1095	Rancho Isla Vista LLC		1090031025	02N21W18A01 02N21W18H08 02N21W18H11	130.05	78.65	51.41	45.66	124.31	Hybrid	Del Norte
1097	John R. Milligan Trust dated December 11, 1998, et al.		5040021260	02N19W07B02 02N19W07K01	344.67	144.54	200.13	177.74	322.28	N/A	N/A
1098	Mittag Farms	RC - Farms	1090050260 1090050370	02N21W16N03	307.89	307.89	0.00	0.00	307.89	N/A	N/A
1099	Mittag Farms	RMD - Farms	1100010010 1100010080 1100010145 1100132160 1100132240	02N21W01L01 02N21W11A03 03N21W36Q01	1,089.46	904.97	184.49	163.85	1,068.82	Hybrid	Zone
1100	Mittag Ranches	Rancho Enrique	1090050330	02N21W17F05	226.22	196.55	29.67	26.35	222.90	N/A	N/A
1101	Mittag Ranches	RMD - Ranches	1100120130 1100120215 1100120220 1100132040 1100132150 1100132230 1100141130	02N21W11A02	613.66	576.75	36.91	32.78	609.53	Hybrid	Zone
1102	Mittag Ranches	RC - Ranches & Judith	1090061055 1090061135 1090061260	02N21W16J03	344.03	344.03	0.00	0.00	344.03	Hybrid	Zone
1103	Brian L. Moore Revocable Trust dated 10/30/2009, Brian L. Moore, Trustee		1100420075		33.84	33.84	0.00	0.00	33.84	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1105	SatFarm, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company	SatFarm 4, LLC	5030020245 5030030275	03N20W36L01	43.60	25.08	18.52	16.45	41.53	N/A	N/A
1106	Mueller Family Trust, Scott R. Mueller		1100420055		21.85	21.85	0.00	0.00	21.85	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1108	Paul Naumes, Trustee for the Paul Naumes 2013 Living Trust, San Joaquin Door & Supply, Inc.		1080162125 1080162155 1080162175 1080162195 1080162205	03N20W26C02	82.14	42.71	39.43	35.02	77.73	N/A	N/A

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1109	Charles R. and Kathleen M. Northcross Family Trust dated 05/27/2000, Charles and Kathleen Northcross, Trustees		1100420015		33.01	30.59	2.42	2.15	32.74	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1110	Cohen Trust of 1990, dated 11/27/1990, and restated 08/05/2010, Marc S. Cohen and Lyn M. Cohen, Co-Trustees		1100010215		14.87	8.80	6.07	5.39	14.19	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
1111	Oro Del Norte, LLC		1100092190		382.72	266.20	116.52	103.49	369.69	Exclusive	Del Norte
1112	Placco, LLC	PR1	1550270200 1550270275		272.58	168.20	104.38	92.70	260.90	Exclusive	Zone
1113	Placco, LLC	PR2	1100010155		58.54	44.34	14.20	12.61	56.95	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
1114	Placco, LLC	PR3	1630010270 1630010320 1630010330 1630010370 1630010420 1630010430 1630010440 1630010450 1630010460 1630010480	02N20W16B06	421.43	288.35	133.08	118.19	406.54	Hybrid	Arroyo Las Posas
1115	Placco, LLC	PR4	1550270215 1550270230 1550270280 1550270290 1550270305 1550270315 1550270325	02N21W13A01	518.58	330.45	188.13	167.09	497.54	Hybrid	Zone
1116	Quine Ranch LP		5000090185	03N19W30D02	88.04	42.28	45.76	40.64	82.92	N/A	N/A
1117	SatFarm, LLC, a California limited Liability Company	SatFarm 4, LLC	5030020225	03N20W36L01	42.40	24.52	17.87	15.87	40.39	N/A	N/A
1119	Mark Ratto, Trustee of the Mark Ratto Revocable Living Trust dated February 2, 2016		1100060635 1100200185	03N20W34J03m4	67.40	45.87	21.53	19.12	64.99	N/A	N/A
1120	RBV 2+5, LLC		1090032150 1090032160	02N21W18A01 02N21W18H08 02N21W18H11 02N21W04Q02m2	56.88	48.82	7.55	6.71	55.53	Hybrid	Del Norte
1121	RBV-Vanoni, LLC		1090032170 1090042050 1090042100	02N21W18A01 02N21W18H08 02N21W18H11 02N21W04Q02m2	189.55	167.74	21.81	19.37	187.11	Hybrid	Del Norte
1122	Frank Russell Ranch LP		1100092250 1100120250		135.70	81.29	54.40	48.31	129.60	Exclusive	Del Norte
1123	Santa Clara Avenue Oxnard, LP, a Delaware limited partnership		1090050240	02N21W17M03	298.41	180.36	118.05	104.85	285.21	N/A	N/A
1124	Santa Elena Farms, LLC, a California limited liability company		1090032135 1090032145		158.92	94.18	64.74	57.50	151.68	Exclusive	Del Norte
1125	Santa Paula Hay & Grain and Ranches, LLC	Waters Ranch	5030072055		64.69	27.13	37.56	33.36	60.49	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
1129	Santa Paula Hay & Grain and Ranches, LLC	Balcom Canyon (2018)	5030040120 5030040130 5030040140	02N20W11D01	237.02	162.17	74.85	66.48	228.65	Hybrid	Berylwood
1132	John W. Borchard, Jr., Trustee of the John W. Borchard, Jr. Trust dated May 12, 1971	Mulinix Ranch	1100020130 1100020140		132.96	92.66	40.30	35.79	128.45	Exclusive	Zone
1133	John W. Borchard, Jr., Trustee of the John W. Borchard, Jr. Trust dated May 12, 1971	Ford Ranch	1100131020		111.70	56.26	55.44	49.24	105.50	Exclusive	Zone
1134	Ventura Citrus Properties LLC		5030020400	03N20W36L01	48.80	25.85	22.96	20.39	46.24	N/A	N/A
1135	Newman Trust dated 01/27/2000, Ronald Newman, Trustee		5030020300	03N20W36L01	29.43	17.10	12.33	10.95	28.05	N/A	N/A

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1136	James A. Fitzgerald Trust No. II, Brian Fitzgerald, Trustee	Fitzgerald Ranch	5030020135	03N20W25R03 03N20W36A04	29.83	17.08	12.75	11.32	28.40	N/A	N/A
1138	Seacoast Farms, LLC		1090041160 1090041180	02N21W08G04 02N21W08H03 02N21W17D03	692.97	497.71	195.26	173.42	671.13	N/A	N/A
1139	Gayl Family 1992 Trust, Robert Gayl, Trustee	Gayl Ranch	5030020340	03N20W25R03 03N20W36A04	29.51	26.22	3.30	2.93	29.15	N/A	N/A
1140	Sharlee C. Carnes, Meredith C. Horton, Michael E. Culbert	Culbert Home Ranch	1550270070 1550270095		75.57	66.01	9.56	8.49	74.50	Exclusive	Zone
1142	Stagola, Inc.	Balcom Ranch Road	1100220010	02N20W03K03	458.11	192.11	266.00	236.25	428.36	N/A	N/A
1143	Thomas Staben	Lemon Ranch	1630010805 1630010825 1630020765 1630020795		59.79	41.08	18.71	16.62	57.70	Exclusive	Zone
1144	Lucy Milligan Wahl and Claire Catherine Milligan, Co-Trustees of the MCM Trust II dated December 14, 1990		1090050085 1090050125 1090050185	02N21W20A01 02N21W20A02 02N21W21D04	224.79	173.83	50.96	45.26	219.09	N/A	N/A
1145	Lee Stoeckle Living Trust dated 10/19/2009, Leo Stoeckle, Trustee		5000150125	03N19W20G01	88.40	40.25	48.15	42.76	83.01	N/A	N/A
1146	A 40% interest to Richard Sundberg, Trustee of the Leslie Jill C Sundberg Residual Trust, Dated 11/28/2004 and a 60% interest to Richard Sundberg and Odelia Sundberg, Trustees of the Richard and Odelia Family Trust VDT July 9th, 2020		5030040055		50.41	24.59	25.82	22.93	47.52	Exclusive	Berylwood
1148	Sunshine Agriculture, Inc.	Main Ranch	1100050010 1100050030	02N20W04B01 02N20W04F01 02N20W04F02 03N20W34L01 03N20W34L02	2,029.99	1,015.00	1,015.00	901.46	1,916.46	N/A	N/A
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	Roberto	1100091040 1100120230	02N21W10G03	85.69	73.51	12.19	10.83	84.34	Hybrid	Del Norte
1151	Dorcas H. Thille, Trustee of the Dorcas H. Thille Trust		1090061070 1090061080 1090061150		148.13	109.45	38.67	34.34	143.79	Exclusive	Zone
1152	Tschirhart Trust, Donald/Jean		1080140285 1100040105 1100040165 1100040425	03N20W32H03 03N20W32K01	206.35	193.14	13.21	11.73	204.87	N/A	N/A
1153	Benjamin C. Vasquez and Leonita C. Vasquez, husband and wife as joint tenants, as to an undivided 70% interest and Michael Contreras Vazquez and Yvonne Herrera Vasquez, husband and wife as joint tenants, as to an undivided 20% interest and West Coast Harvesting, Inc., a California corporation, as to an undivided 10% interest, all as tenants in common.		1100220050	02N20W10G01	157.93	93.77	64.16	56.98	150.75	Hybrid	Zone
1154	VH Farms LP	VH Farms LLC	1100210330		31.85	17.96	13.88	12.33	30.29	Exclusive	Berylwood
1155	Joshua L. Waters, Trustee for the the Joshua Exempt Trust, et al.		5000210085 5000210095		87.33	46.31	41.02	36.43	82.74	Exclusive	Thermic
1156	Waters Ranch, LP		5000130070 5000130110	03N19W30E06	292.55	122.68	169.87	150.87	273.55	N/A	N/A
1157	Waters Ranch, LP		5000200040 5000210110 5000210240		348.16	164.12	184.04	163.45	327.57	Exclusive	Thermic
1158	Waters & Sons Farms LP	Waters & Sons Farms LP	1080170115 5000090165	03N19W30D02	93.55	51.54	42.00	37.30	88.84	N/A	N/A

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1159	Magana Ranch, LLC		1100060165 1100430025	03N20W34J01 03N20W34J01m3 03N20W34J02 03N20W34J03 03N20W34J03m3	145.38	68.59	76.79	68.20	136.79	N/A	N/A
1160	Krista Van Wagner and Brent Van Wagner, wife and husband, as joint tenants		5030020200	03N20W25R03 03N20W36A04	24.73	24.73	0.00	0.00	24.73	N/A	N/A
1161	Lee David Martin JohnLillian Farms LLC, a California limited liability company		5030020410 5030030290	03N20W25R03 03N20W36A04 03N20W36L01	40.50	23.16	17.34	15.40	38.56	N/A	N/A
5000	Jesus Bravo Ahumada, a married man as his sole and separate property		5030020165	03N20W36A04	49.12	28.09	21.03	18.68	46.77	N/A	N/A
1162	Patsy D. Waters, Trustee for the 1994 Bypass Trust		5000210105		90.49	45.01	45.48	40.39	85.40	Exclusive	Thermic
1163	Ronald and Nickoletta Partain Family Trust, Ronald Partain, Trustee	Wild Swan Ranch	5030020145	03N19W17Q01	30.83	16.70	14.13	12.55	29.25	N/A	N/A
1166	Wise Orchards at Somis LLC	Somis Orchards	1100060385	03N20W34G01	92.85	42.87	49.97	44.38	87.25	N/A	N/A
1167	Wise Orchards at Somis LLC	Wise Orchards I	5030040085		43.30	26.80	16.50	14.65	41.45	Exclusive	Berylwood
1169	Wonderful Citrus, LLC		1100010065	03N21W36Q02 03N21W36R03	417.67	285.77	131.89	117.14	402.91	N/A	N/A
1170	Lemon 500, LLC		1120010025 1120010035 1120010045 1120010055 1120010065 1120010075 1120010085 1120010095 1120010105 1120010115 1120010125 1120010135 1120020025 1120020035 1120020045 1120020055 1120020065 1120020075 1120020085 1120020095 1120020105	02N20W06J01 02N20W06R03	1,126.03	770.44	355.59	315.81	1,086.25	N/A	N/A
1171	Yong, Jeffrey		1080162055 1080170015 5030010080 5030010415	03N20W26H01	117.26	99.47	17.79	15.80	115.27	N/A	N/A
1178	Audelio Martinez and Renato Martinez	Somis Ranch	1610060015		73.78	40.82	32.97	29.28	70.10	Exclusive	Zone
1179	Ali Seyedi Revocable Trust dated 12/30/2019, Ali Seyedi, Trustee		1100420065		38.71	20.14	18.57	16.49	36.63	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
1180	JJM Somis Ranch, LLC	JJM Somis	1100150105		78.32	70.22	8.10	7.19	77.41	Exclusive	Zone
1181	Mary Ann Wehrheim, Trustee of the Wehrheim Family Trust		5030050365 5030050390	02N20W02J02	79.91	47.61	32.30	28.69	76.30	N/A	N/A
1188	Larry Raymond, as Trustee of the Rayday Survivors' Trust		5030020320	03N20W36G02	35.02	23.01	12.01	10.67	33.68	N/A	N/A
1189	Timothy Hoke and Barbara Hoke		5030060145	02N20W01E03	46.55	21.77	24.78	22.01	43.78	N/A	N/A
1190	Gordon and Luanne Hilton		5030020330	03N20W36G02	36.88	21.52	15.37	13.65	35.17	N/A	N/A
1191	Wisam Salem and Athra Salem	Empty Saddle Ranch	5030020150	03N20W36G02	36.65	21.80	14.84	13.18	34.98	N/A	N/A
1192	JRRE Horizon LLC	Rancho Vista Allegre	1100230405	03N20W28J04	66.52	39.26	27.26	24.21	63.47	N/A	N/A

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1193	Thomas A. Kestly, as Trustee for the Thomas A. Kestly Family Trust 2003	K-1 Ranch a.k.a. Kestly AG	5030030305	03N20W36P01	37.97	22.54	15.43	13.70	36.24	N/A	N/A
1194	Alfonso Gonzalez, Trustee of the Alfonso Gonzalez 2013 Separate Property Trust	Rancho San Jan	5030060285	02N20W01J01	24.91	24.91	0.00	0.00	24.91	N/A	N/A
1195	Brian A. Lee and Maria G. Lee as Trustees of the Lee Family Trust	Rancho Maria	5030020360	03N20W36G02	25.43	23.45	1.99	1.77	25.22	N/A	N/A
1196	Lynch Land & Cattle, LLC, et al.	Lynch Ranch	1080110310 1080110320 1080110340	03N20W27B03 03N20W27G05	37.99	37.99	0.00	0.00	37.99	N/A	N/A
1197	Charles Blanc Living Trust dtd 12/23/02		5030020185	03N20W36G02	28.71	20.80	7.91	7.03	27.83	N/A	N/A
3101	Westfield Farms		1630020415		22.91	15.66	7.26	6.45	22.11	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3102	Spencer E. Love		1630010620		28.07	19.18	8.89	7.90	27.08	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3103	Spencer E. Love		1630020565		1.34	0.91	0.42	0.37	1.28	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3104	Roy T. Butera, Trustee of the Butera Family Trust dated March 9, 1998		1630020605		28.44	19.43	9.00	7.99	27.42	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3105	Kirpal Dhaliwal, et al.		1630020550		23.25	15.89	7.36	6.54	22.43	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3106	Keith and Laura Huss, Trustees of the Huss Family Trust dated October 22, 2013		1630010755		34.23	23.39	10.84	9.63	33.02	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3107	Joseph W. and Lisa Sutter, Trustees of the Sutter Family Trust u/d/t dated October 27, 2007		1630020250 1630020280 1630020290		12.17	8.32	3.85	3.42	11.74	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3110	Jesus Jr. and Maribel Aguilera, Trustees of Aguilera Family 2015 Revocable Trust dated February 11, 2015		1630020210		43.74	29.89	13.85	12.30	42.19	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3111	Glen R. Carmichael and Kimberly T. Carmichael, Trustees of the Glen Carmichael and Kimberly Carmichael Joint Living Trust		1630010290		42.88	29.30	13.58	12.06	41.36	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3112	Chirag and Khushbu Dalsania		1630020585		28.21	19.27	8.93	7.93	27.20	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3113	Benjamin and Leonila Vazquez		1630020200		33.01	22.56	10.45	9.28	31.84	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3114	Alan Clark Goddard and Deborah Lynne Goddard		1630020270		0.12	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.12	Exclusive	Arroyo Las Posas
3201	8201 Bixby Road LLC		1080180045 1080180085		55.12	36.44	18.68	16.59	53.03	Exclusive	Balcom-Bixby
3203	Tom & Ruth Millington		1080100155		4.72	2.44	2.29	2.03	4.47	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
3204	Patty Grubman (The City Farm)		1080180075 1080180095	03N20W27G07	20.83	16.84	3.99	3.54	20.38	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
3205	Waters Family Ranches Oasis - Caldwell Morris K Tr		1100060465		23.94	23.94	0.00	0.00	23.94	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
3206	John & Cynthia Schoustra		1100060455		28.12	28.12	0.00	0.00	28.12	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
3207	Marlene Valter		1100230045		0.89	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.89	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
3210	Mark Ellrott		1080161105	03N20W27H02	1.85	1.85	0.00	0.00	1.85	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
3301	Aceves, Jose L. and Donald M. Herman (Plants Plus)		1100071040		16.35	10.11	6.24	5.54	15.65	Exclusive	Berylwood
3302	Shen, Xiaoyang		1100072040		18.72	13.21	5.51	4.89	18.10	Exclusive	Berylwood
3304	VIK Holdings, LLC, a California limited liability company		5030040175		70.62	41.31	29.32	26.04	67.35	Exclusive	Berylwood
3305	Ventura County Nursery		1100220075		16.74	8.02	8.72	7.74	15.76	Exclusive	Berylwood
3306	McMahon, Julian		1100210320		36.13	15.15	20.98	18.63	33.78	Exclusive	Berylwood

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3307	Balcom Canyon Ranch, LLC c/o Matthew Lamishaw		1100210100		42.19	29.87	12.32	10.94	40.81	Exclusive	Berylwood
3309	Avalos, Heliodoro and Yadira Trustees (Laguna - Posita Ranch)		1100072050		28.17	11.81	16.36	14.53	26.34	Exclusive	Berylwood
3310	Berney, Charles and Carol		1100080015 1100080060		40.81	30.20	10.61	9.42	39.62	Exclusive	Berylwood
3312	Hameed, Rashid & Salmeen		1100071185		16.28	12.12	4.16	3.69	15.81	Exclusive	Berylwood
3313	Servin, Vincent W. Trust, pledged CCFLB		5030040045		58.38	34.10	24.28	21.56	55.66	Exclusive	Berylwood
3316	Maryann McCormick		1100072060 1100080080		65.37	34.58	30.79	27.35	61.93	Exclusive	Berylwood
3319	Amelia Lujan & Juan Lujan	El Encanto	1100080075		21.57	15.07	6.50	5.77	20.84	Exclusive	Berylwood
3321	Nancy Ramirez Lim, a Single Woman		1100210270		45.64	33.45	12.19	10.83	44.28	Exclusive	Berylwood
3323	Becerra Roberto and Maria Trustees, pledged to CCFLB		5030040225		48.96	24.27	24.69	21.93	46.20	Exclusive	Berylwood
3330	Lim, Basilio And Rosie Chu Lim Trustees, pledged to CCFLB		5030040180 5030040200		92.70	45.72	46.98	41.72	87.44	Exclusive	Berylwood
3331	Miguel Magdaleno, Trustee of the Miguel Magdaleno Living Trust Dated April 4, 2002		1630020745 1630020755 1630020775 1630020785 1630031365 1630031375	02N20W10N01	466.19	263.40	202.79	180.11	443.51	Hybrid	Berylwood
3333	Javier A. Rodriguez and Gabrielle R. Rodriguez, husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship		1100071155		7.55	4.35	3.20	2.84	7.19	Exclusive	Berylwood
3334	Kapigian, John and Linda, pledged to Ames & Marjorie Borrell		1100071205		4.82	3.76	1.06	0.94	4.70	Exclusive	Berylwood
3335	Baron, Richard A. & Sandra		5030040195 5030040215		38.50	28.62	9.88	8.77	37.39	Exclusive	Berylwood
3338	Valley Growers (Under Tash APN)		1100220085		27.36	15.32	12.05	10.70	26.02	Exclusive	Berylwood
3342	Gatling, Richard E. or Bonnie L. Gatling		1100072070		13.03	12.26	0.77	0.68	12.94	Exclusive	Berylwood
3343	Rosales, Rojallo		1100071050		17.90	10.17	7.73	6.87	17.04	Exclusive	Berylwood
3344	Sasaki and Suzuki, pledged to Equitable (Laguna Sasaki)		1100072020		31.49	13.20	18.28	16.24	29.44	Exclusive	Berylwood
3345	Tash Trust, George and Debra as Trustees		1100210290		25.91	10.86	15.05	13.37	24.23	Exclusive	Berylwood
3346	Lucas, Thomas and Kim Darlene Staats		5030040035		51.54	21.89	29.65	26.33	48.22	Exclusive	Berylwood
3348	Benjamin Ventura Moreno, a single man and Ricardo Corona and Diana Pina Arevalo, husband and wife		5030040075		25.70	10.78	14.92	13.25	24.03	Exclusive	Berylwood
3501	Biocca, Siro		1090032120		41.07	41.07	0.00	0.00	41.07	Exclusive	Del Norte
3502	Bliss Trust		1100100155		21.00	21.00	0.00	0.00	21.00	Exclusive	Del Norte
3503	Brown, Nicholas		1100110150		3.86	1.62	2.24	1.99	3.61	Exclusive	Del Norte
3504	Friel Las Posas LLC		1100092155		58.45	49.55	8.90	7.90	57.45	Exclusive	Del Norte
3505	Lewis, James		1100100145 1100100160		25.49	18.46	7.03	6.24	24.70	Exclusive	Del Norte
3506	Milligan Ranch Partnership, LP		1100092140 1100092230		175.32	141.10	34.22	30.39	171.49	Exclusive	Del Norte
3507	Plum Vista		1090042065		227.27	227.27	0.00	0.00	227.27	Exclusive	Del Norte
3508	R Attilio/D Vanoni		1090032040 1090032050		109.83	78.98	30.85	27.40	106.38	Exclusive	Del Norte
3509	Thompson, Brian		1100110145		14.71	11.29	3.41	3.03	14.32	Exclusive	Del Norte
3510	Vorbeck, Alexandra		1100100225 1100100245 1100100255		17.98	13.13	4.85	4.31	17.44	Exclusive	Del Norte
3511	Wilhite, R.J.		1100092115 1100092135		35.50	25.02	10.48	9.31	34.33	Exclusive	Del Norte
3601	Bought The Farm, LLC	Lot 01	5030071035		30.40	12.75	17.65	15.68	28.43	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3602	Katherine Cannon & Oliver Hutchinson	Lot 02	5030071025		29.10	19.46	9.64	8.56	28.02	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3603	Rodney A. Spicer & Suzan R. Hall-Spicer	Lot 03	5030071015		1.45	1.02	0.43	0.38	1.40	Exclusive	Fuller Falls

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3605	Guzman Investments and Loan Inc.	Lot 05	5030072135		33.36	21.76	11.60	10.30	32.06	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3606	Jeffrey S. Yong & Margaret K. Yong	Lot 06	5030072145		86.91	52.31	34.60	30.73	83.04	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3607	Luzyro, LLC	Lot 07	5030072075		45.29	29.88	15.41	13.69	43.57	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3608	Mustang Creek Ranch, LLC	Lot 08	5030072155		70.83	29.84	40.99	36.40	66.24	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3609	PenMeg LLC	Lot 09	5030072325		126.44	55.21	71.22	63.25	118.46	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3610	Walter E. Johnson and Dawn-Marie Johnson, Trustees of the Johnson Family Trust	Lot 10	5030072285		53.93	25.12	28.81	25.59	50.71	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3611	Vista 11, LLC	Lot 11	5030072305		64.42	37.03	27.40	24.34	61.37	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3612	Patrice McNicoll	Lot 12	5030072255 5030072265		73.43	39.75	33.68	29.91	69.66	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3613	GFO, LLC	Lot 13	5030072195 5030072275		116.89	54.58	62.31	55.34	109.92	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3614	Josep J. Bilic, Trustee of the Bilic Living Trust Dated April 10, 1984	Lot 14	5030072205		59.49	29.25	30.24	26.86	56.11	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3615	Fremont HGS, LLC	Lot 15	5030072215		61.95	27.05	34.90	31.00	58.05	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3616	Moshe Ben-Dayán & Stephanie McColgan	Lot 16	5030072225		56.34	23.63	32.72	29.06	52.69	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3617	John Berns, Trustee of the Geraldine P. Berns Family Trust, Establish 17, 1987	Lot 17	5030072035		64.88	27.21	37.67	33.46	60.67	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3618	PenMeg, LLC	Lot 18	5030072095		56.88	29.98	26.91	23.90	53.88	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3619	Mark A. Mallas and Dawn-Marie Johnson, Trustees of the Mallas Family Trust Dated 7-9-1991, and Mark A. Mallas	Lot 19	5030072105		54.19	29.29	24.90	22.11	51.40	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3620	GFO, LLC	Lot 20	5030072235		119.18	51.74	67.44	59.90	111.64	Exclusive	Fuller Falls
3702	Howard M. Schweitzer and Susan Lee Main, Trustees of The Main-Schweitzer Revocable Trust dated August 26, 2016		1100010175		21.97	21.66	0.31	0.28	21.94	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
3703	Lois Boch	Boch Ranch	1100010185		48.14	25.44	22.70	20.16	45.60	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
3704	Jacob Hodges and Linda Hodges, Trustees of the Jacob and Linda Hodges Family Trust Dated May 27, 2016		1100010195		24.96	24.96	0.00	0.00	24.96	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
3705	Bruce Bennett and Patricia Conway Bennett, Trustees of the Bruce Bennett and Patricia Conway Bennett Trust established January 7, 2007		1100010205		12.57	12.57	0.00	0.00	12.57	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
3801	Timothy W. Huddleston and Lisa M. Huddleston	Lot 1	1100230315		11.61	11.61	0.00	0.00	11.61	Exclusive	Las Lomas
3802	Claude R. Goodman & Loraine S. Goodman, Trustees of The Claude R. Goodman and Loraine S. Goodman Family Trust, dated September 25, 2003	Lot 2	1100230325		1.09	1.01	0.08	0.07	1.08	Exclusive	Las Lomas
3804	Charles R. Knowles Jr. and Marie L. Knowles, Trustees, or their successors in trust of the Knowles Family Trust D.T.D. 3/9/93	Lot 4	1100230305		30.06	21.88	8.17	7.26	29.14	Exclusive	Las Lomas
3807	Paul R. Jacques	Lot 7	1100230365		0.59	0.55	0.04	0.04	0.59	Exclusive	Las Lomas
3808	Kathleen Reinhard, Trustee of the Bruder-Reinhard Family Trust-Survivor's "A" Trust	Lot 8	1100230375		13.22	12.00	1.22	1.08	13.08	Exclusive	Las Lomas
3901	James E. Pierce	Somis Nursery	1100420115		16.71	7.01	9.70	8.61	15.62	Exclusive	Rancho Canada
4101	Miguel Magdaleno, Jr., Trustee of the Magdaleno Living Trust dated April 4, 2002		5000140065		17.16	10.12	7.04	6.25	16.37	Exclusive	Thermic
4102	Louis McCutcheon and Anne McCutcheon		5000140095		56.57	29.15	27.42	24.35	53.50	Exclusive	Thermic
4103	Romas		5000140015		306.21	128.41	177.80	157.91	286.32	Exclusive	Thermic
4201	AMS Craig LLC, a Delaware limited liability company		1100210120		23.11	18.64	4.46	3.96	22.60	Hybrid	Zone
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	Allen Ranch	1100170375 1100170385		12.38	12.26	0.12	0.11	12.37	Exclusive	Zone

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4203	Benjamin C. Vasquez and Leonila C. Vasquez, Trustees of the Vazquez Trust dated July 7, 2021, as community property		1100150040		28.55	15.29	13.26	11.78	27.07	Exclusive	Zone
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		1550270035		87.07	87.07	0.00	0.00	87.07	Exclusive	Zone
4208	Ehud Ariav Enterprises, Inc.		1100170565		22.00	22.00	0.00	0.00	22.00	Exclusive	Zone
4209	Agoure Ranch, LLC		1100200215		64.00	64.00	0.00	0.00	64.00	Exclusive	Zone
4210	Fred A Sharl, Ernest R Nichols, Arthur L Nichols, Vincent E Gisler		1100120180		154.98	106.68	48.30	42.90	149.58	Exclusive	Zone
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		1100120035		93.15	64.09	29.06	25.81	89.90	Exclusive	Zone
4213	Soon Ja Lee, as Trustee of The Lee Family Trust, dated March 19, 1988		1100150065		54.44	35.77	18.67	16.58	52.35	Exclusive	Zone
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		1100141065 1100141075		76.88	37.31	39.57	35.14	72.45	Exclusive	Zone
4215	Marilyn E. Smith, Trustee, Marilyn E. Smith 1997 Revocable Trust dated May 14, 1997		1100141080		18.77	11.74	7.03	6.24	17.98	Exclusive	Zone
4216	Santa Rosa Partners, LLC a California limited liability company		1100141100 1100141140		105.97	81.66	24.30	21.58	103.26	Exclusive	Zone
4217	Rancho Limonada LLC		1100170330 1100170340 1100170350 1100170405 1100170445 1100170505 1100170525 1100170545		211.86	137.47	74.39	66.07	203.54	Exclusive	Zone
4220	Elizabeth Pajka		1100160185 1100160205		14.63	6.13	8.49	7.54	13.67	Exclusive	Zone
4221	Urban-D Ranch Limited Partnership		1610050030		23.57	9.89	13.69	12.16	22.05	Exclusive	Zone
4225	Terry Noriega, as Trustee of the Noriega Family Trust dated January 26, 1996		1610010180		42.21	32.41	9.80	8.70	41.11	Exclusive	Zone
4226	Terry Noriega, as Trustee of the Noriega Family Trust dated January 26, 1996		1610010170		47.76	33.03	14.73	13.08	46.11	Exclusive	Zone
4228	AMS Craig LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	C & R Ranch	1100200255		22.79	21.56	1.23	1.09	22.65	Exclusive	Zone
4232	The Lim Family Trust U/D/T 02-01-90, Basilio Y. Lim, Trustee and Rosie C. Lim, Trustee		1100200195		40.05	20.42	19.63	17.43	37.85	Exclusive	Zone
4233	Donal N. Ziemer and Ann L. Ziemer, Trustees of the Ziemer Family Trust established November 14, 1980		1560121050		20.02	9.65	10.37	9.21	18.86	Exclusive	Zone
4237	DFK Corporation, a California Corporation		1100141045 1100141110		100.82	100.82	0.00	0.00	100.82	Exclusive	Zone
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		1100170585		46.57	30.54	16.03	14.24	44.78	Exclusive	Zone
4244	Highwood Farms LLC		1100352020		32.57	20.37	12.20	10.84	31.21	Exclusive	Zone

Draft LPV Agricultural Groundwater Allocations Water Year 2026 (09/01/2026)

WMID	Landowner	Ranch / Property Name	Parcels	Wells	Allocation Basis (AF)	Base Agricultural Allocation (AF)	Supplemental Agricultural Allocation (AF)	Annual Supplemental Allocation (AF)	Annual Allocation (AF) Water Year 2026	Mutual Water Company Type	Mutual Water Company
4245	James E. Pierce and Janice Pierce, Trustees of the James E. Pierce and Janice Pierce Revocable Trust, established August 15, 2003		1100390045		19.24	19.24	0.00	0.00	19.24	Exclusive	Zone
4247	Somis Farm, LLC		1100150050		78.30	45.52	32.79	29.12	74.64	Exclusive	Zone
4253	Little Bison Farm LLC		1100170180		90.51	44.09	46.43	41.24	85.33	Exclusive	Zone
4257	Eppy Ranch, LLC		1550270055		29.17	23.43	5.74	5.10	28.53	Exclusive	Zone
4259	Nancy D. O'Reilly		1100200305		0.99	0.99	0.00	0.00	0.99	Exclusive	Zone
4260	Nicandro Luna and Ernestina Luna, husband and wife, as joint tenants		1100240115		1.83	0.92	0.91	0.81	1.73	Exclusive	Zone
4261	Paul D. Burns and Lisa A. Burns, Co-trustees of the Paul and Lisa Burns Family Trust		1630010495 1630010815 1630010835		16.46	6.90	9.56	8.49	15.39	Exclusive	Zone
4262	Rancho Largo, LLC		1100120155		28.62	28.62	0.00	0.00	28.62	Exclusive	Zone
4263	Benjamin Vasquez and Leonila C. Vasquez, husband and wife as joint tenants		1100220040	02N20W10G01	104.35	66.68	37.67	33.46	100.14	Hybrid	Zone
4264	James R. Thiessen, an unmarried man, James R. Thiessen, Trustee of the James R. Thiessen Trust dated November 30, 2012		1100180145 1100180165		17.93	16.28	1.64	1.46	17.74	Exclusive	Zone
					34,332.69	21,400.98	12,931.69	11,485.17	32,886.15		

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Draft LPV Domestic Allocations Water Year 2026 (09/01/2026)

WMID	Landowner	Ranch / Property Name	Parcels	Wells	Allocation Basis (AF)	Annual Allocation (AF) Water Year 2026	Mutual Water Company Type	Mutual Water Company
1074	Hypericum Land Company LLC, Hypericum Interests LLC (Domestic - Conditional)		Exhibit G		24.00	0.00	N/A	N/A
1107	Mittag Ranches	RC - Domestic Well	1090061260	02N21W16A01	1.00	0.96	N/A	N/A
1131	James A. Waters III, Trustee For The J&H Revocable Trust, James A. Waters III, Trustee For The Andrew Exempt Trust	Balcom Canyon Ranch	1080100025	03N20W28J05	1.08	1.03	N/A	N/A
1177	Butler Ranch Mutual Water Company (Domestic - Conditional)		Exhibit G		24.00	0.00	N/A	N/A
1182	Hagel, Timothy et al	Meadows of Moorpark	1080161115	03N20W26C01 03N20W26D01	1.00	0.96	N/A	N/A
1183	Julie Rhoads		1100230055	03N20W27M01m2	1.05	1.01	N/A	N/A
1184	Marlene Valter		1100230045	03N20W27M01	1.00	0.96	N/A	N/A
1185	Fox Canyon Farms, LLC		1100230285	03N20W27N05	1.00	0.96	N/A	N/A
1186	Bill Poole		1100230235	03N20W28P02	1.00	0.96	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
1187	Waters Family Ranches Oasis - Caldwell Morris K Tr		1100060465	03N20W27K02	1.00	0.96	N/A	N/A
3308	The Kirstin K. Doss Trust		1100071175		2.69	2.58	Exclusive	Berylwood
3332	The Ehrhardt Family Trust dated January 9, 2020		1100080090		1.00	0.96	Exclusive	Berylwood
3400	Crestview Mutual Water Company (Domestic)		Exhibit E	02N21W22A01 02N21W22G01 02N21W28A02	717.00	686.48	N/A	N/A
3535	Del Norte Water Company (Domestic)		Exhibit F		48.99	46.90	Exclusive	Del Norte
3536	Del Norte Water Company (Domestic - Conditional)		Exhibit H		25.00	0.00	Exclusive	Del Norte
3706	John R. Mathes, Trustee of the Jhn R. Mathis Trust U/T/A Dated August 7, 1992	Lot 8	1100110195		3.44	3.29	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
4229	Arnold and Sandra Peterson, husband and wife as joint tenants		1100382215		2.03	1.94	Exclusive	Zone
4239	Frank Keith McCallion and Janell Case		1100240105		1.73	1.66	Exclusive	Zone
4258	Michael A. Spahr and Jeanne M. Spahr, Trustees of the Spahr 2000 Family Trust Dated May 10, 2000		1100240225		1.84	1.76	Exclusive	Zone
4267	Michael James Kytlica and Vladimir Ian Kytlica		1100240485		1.36	1.30	Exclusive	Zone
Total Domestic Allocations					788.21*	754.65		

Note:

Domestic - Conditional: Conditions set forth in the Judgment for conditional not accrued for WY2026

788.21* - Allocation Basis total excludes conditional allocations for WY2026

Draft LPV Commercial Allocations Water Year 2026 (09/01/2026)

WMID	Landowner	Ranch / Property Name	Parcels	Mutual Water Company Shareholder	Allocation Basis (AF)	Annual Allocation (AF) Water Year 2026	Mutual Water Company Type	Mutual Water Company
1033	Claridge, Gail, Claridge Family Trust		1100210030 5030030155 5030073025	Yes	13.52	12.94	Exclusive	Berylwood
1057	Golf Realty Fund, LP	Spanish Hills Country Club	1520242275 1520242305 1520251365 1520252015 1520261035 1520261075 1520261095 1520261105 1520261115 1520261125 1520261135 1520261145 1520261155 1520262075 1520281165 1520283065	No	201.23	192.66	N/A	N/A
1096	Mesa Union School District		1090050320 1090050340 1090050350 1090050360	Yes	17.00	16.28	Hybrid	Del Norte
1104	City of Moorpark		5060010280 5060010640	No	96.76	92.64	N/A	N/A
1130	Saticoy Partners, LLC	Saticoy CC Golf	1090020150 1090020170 1090020285 1090020290 1090311080 1090340040	No	304.66	291.69	N/A	N/A
1137	Saticoy Properties LLC/Grimes Rock Inc * Transfer of this Allocation Basis is limited to 50% of the total.		5000050135 5000090055 5000090260 5000090270 5000090280 5000090290 5000090325 5000090355 5000090365	No	180.00	172.34	N/A	N/A
1141	Fox Canyon Farms, LLC		1100230285	Yes	17.84	17.08	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
1147	Sunshine Agriculture, Inc.	Stines Property	1100230355	Yes	1.53	1.46	Exclusive	Las Lomas
1172	ZIP TWO, LLC		1110010025 1110010035 1110010065 1110010075 1110010095 1110010115 1110010125	No	326.52	312.62	N/A	N/A
1200	City of San Buenaventura			No	57.86	55.40	N/A	N/A

Draft LPV Commercial Allocations Water Year 2026 (09/01/2026)

WMID	Landowner	Ranch / Property Name	Parcels	Mutual Water Company Shareholder	Allocation Basis (AF)	Annual Allocation (AF) Water Year 2026	Mutual Water Company Type	Mutual Water Company
2011	Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 - ELPMA		N/A	N/A	2,661.76	2,548.44 (1,548.44* + 1,000.00*)	N/A	N/A
2191	Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 - ELPMA		N/A	N/A	499.71	478.44	N/A	N/A
2192	Ventura County Waterworks District No. 19 - WLPMA		N/A	N/A	1,990.46	1,905.72	N/A	N/A
3202	Julie Rhoads		1100230055	Yes	10.55	10.10	Hybrid	Balcom-Bixby
3208	Anderson Trust		1080110120	Yes	5.44	5.21	Exclusive	Balcom-Bixby
3318	Kosaku Vada and Chairumpa Vada, Trustees of The Kosaku and Chairumpa Vada Family Trust dated August 18, 2016		1100210240	Yes	25.24	24.17	Exclusive	Berylwood
3325	Marschewski, Thomas A. and Alison Rae Choate Marschewski		1100071145	Yes	7.02	6.72	Exclusive	Berylwood
3329	Full Tilt Farms LLC, a California Limited Liability Company		1100210280	Yes	9.27	8.88	Exclusive	Berylwood
3340	The Azmoun Family Trust 2003		1100071275	Yes	4.96	4.75	Exclusive	Berylwood
3701	Danah A. Zaman and Adel Gandomikal, Wife and Husband as Joint Tenants		1100010165	Yes	5.91	5.66	Exclusive	La Loma Ranch
3805	Catherine Hill, Trustee of the Hill Trust # 2 U/A Dated March 28, 1998	Lot 5	1100230345	Yes	2.79	2.67	Exclusive	Las Lomas
Total Commercial Allocations					6,440.03	6,165.87		

Note:

1,548.44* - Available for pumping

1,000* - Purchase of Imported Water (BOP Project 2)

Draft LPV Mutual Water Company Allocations Water Year 2026 (09/01/2026)

WMID	Mutual Water Company	Wells	Mutual Water Company Allocation	Annual Allocation (AF) Water Year 2026
3100	Arroyo Las Posas Mutual Water Company	02N20W16B03	0.00	0.00
3200	Balcom-Bixby Water Association Inc., a California corporation	03N20W27H01 03N20W27H03	27.02	24.00
3300	Berylwood Heights Mutual Water Company	02N20W02D02 02N20W03B01 02N20W03H01 03N20W34K01	46.43	41.24
3500	Del Norte Water Company	02N21W09D02 02N21W09N01 02N21W18H01 02N21W18H03 02N21W18H10 02N21W18H12 02N21W18H14	40.34	35.83
3600	Fuller Falls Mutual Water Company	03N20W35G01 03N20W35H03	0.00	0.00
3700	La Loma Ranch Mutual Water Company	03N21W35R01 03N21W35R02	0.00	0.00
3800	Las Lomas Mutual Water Company	03N20W33B01 03N20W33B02	0.00	0.00
3900	Rancho Canada Water Company LLC	02N20W05J01	0.00	0.00
4100	Thermic Mutual Water Company	03N19W29M02 03N19W29M03 03N19W30J01 03N19W30Q01	0.00	0.00
4200	Zone Mutual Water Company	02N20W04R03 02N20W07R02 02N20W07R03 02N20W08E01 02N20W08F01 02N20W08M01 02N20W08Q01 02N20W09F01 02N20W09Q04 02N20W09Q05 02N20W09Q07 02N20W09R01	103.84	92.22

Draft LPV Mutual Water Company Allocations Water Year 2026 (09/01/2026)

WMID	Mutual Water Company	Wells	Mutual Water Company Allocation	Annual Allocation (AF) Water Year 2026
Total Mutual Water Company Allocations			217.63	193.29

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September 23, 2026

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

SUBJECT: Receive a Presentation on the Implementation of Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Project (BOP) No. 2 [Purchase and In-Lieu Use of Imported Water from Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) for Basin Replenishment]; Approve and Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute A Memorandum of Understanding with Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 for Implementation of BOP No. 2; Authorization for the Executive Officer to Make Limited Amendments – (New Item)

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Receive a presentation on the implementation on Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Project No. 2 [Purchase and In-Lieu Use of Imported Water from Calleguas Municipal Water District for Basin Replenishment]; (2) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 for implementation of BOP No. 2; and (3) Authorize the Executive Officer to make limited amendments to the MOU.

BACKGROUND:

On July 10, 2023, the Santa Barbara Superior Court entered final Judgment in Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (Judgment). The Judgment determines and adjudicates all groundwater rights within the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) and establishes a physical solution that provides for the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The Judgment requires FCGMA, as Watermaster, to prepare a Basin Optimization Plan that evaluates potential projects and programs to help achieve sustainable management of the Basin by 2040 and to maintain the Operating Yield at 40,000 AF or as close thereto as achievable. On June 25, 2025, your Board adopted the BOP which recommended five projects for implementation, including BOP No. 2: the Purchase of Imported Water from Calleguas Municipal Water District for Basin Replenishment ("The Program").

On May 27, 2026, your Board adopted the Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS), a requirement of the Judgment whose purpose is to determine the Basin Optimization Yield, “the estimated yield that is projected to be available to achieve sustainable groundwater management by 2040” and evaluate the need to proportionally reduce all water right allocations in the Basin to achieve that goal (Judgment, § § 1.21, 3.3, 4.10, 5.1.) The study concluded that if the projects, BOP No. 2 and BOP No. 5 (Arroyo Simi-Las Posas Water Acquisition, are fully implemented as scheduled, such reduction is unnecessary to maintain a Basin Optimization Yield of 40,000 AFY, inclusive of the pumping reduced through in-lieu deliveries of imported water, 3,380 AFY.

On July 23, 2026, your Board following consultation with the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Fiscal Committee approved a phased implementation of the Program, beginning with an initial Water Year 2026-27 purchase of 1,000 AFY of CMWD imported water in-lieu of pumping of which 500 AF would be purchased by Water Right Holders in CMWD Service Area per the provisions of the Judgment section 7.9., and an additional 500 AF purchased by the Agency using funds from the Water Supply Sustainability Reserve. Given that the initial purchase of 1,000 AFY is about a third of the required 3,140 AFY in-lieu deliveries, staff prioritized the northeastern part of East Las Posas Management Area to receive the full amount under Ventura County Waterworks District No.1 (“The District”). The District provides water and sewer service to the City of Moorpark. It operates groundwater production wells and distribution systems within the target areas of BOP 2, has the ability to receive water from CMWD and participated in an earlier Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) supported in-lieu program, the Groundwater Storage Agreement, under which CMWD stored groundwater that the District transferred to CMWD in exchange for deliveries of imported water with FCGMA oversight, 1996 - 2016.

As such, FCGMA and the District desire to establish a cooperative framework for the District’s voluntary participation in BOP No. 2, including participating in the Program’s intended reduction of groundwater pumping, receipt of In-Lieu Deliveries from CMWD, and reimbursement by FCGMA of the difference in costs between the District pumping groundwater and the District delivering imported water from Calleguas in-lieu of pumping groundwater.

DISCUSSION:

The attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) sets the terms and conditions under which the District will participate in BOP No. 2 and FCGMA will provide financial incentives to the District for its participation for an initial five year term in sync with the BOP implementation period (Exhibit 17A). In summary, the MOU sets the following:

- Defines “In-Lieu Deliveries” or “In-Lieu Water” as the imported water from CMWD delivered to the District for use in place of groundwater that would otherwise have been extracted under the District’s Annual Allocation.
- Defines the “Eligible Cost Differential” as the difference between the applicable CMWD rate (including any applicable readiness-to-serve, capacity, or other charges reasonably attributable to the In-Lieu Deliveries) and the District’s verified cost of pumping and delivering an equivalent volume of groundwater.

- Clarifies that the participation of the District in BOP No. 2 is voluntary subject to the availability of CMWD supply, operational feasibility, the terms of the MOU and any separate water purchase agreement between the District and CMWD.
- The District will reduce extractions from participating wells by an agreed volume (“In-Lieu Volume”), which may be adjusted by mutual written agreement based on monitoring data, CMWD water supply availability, or Basin conditions and specified in the Annual Allocations Schedule for the Program Year.
- The District will take delivery of an equivalent volume of In-Lieu Water from CMWD and use it to meet customer demand that would otherwise have been met by the reduced extractions.
- The Agency will use the District’s reported three-year groundwater extraction and use reports to develop a baseline for the District’s groundwater extraction.
- The Agency will use District’s reported three-year CMWD water imports to develop a baseline of the Districts CMWD deliveries that are part of normal operations but are not part of BOP No.2.
- The District will submit to FCGMA, supporting documentation of (a) volumes of In-Lieu Water delivered by CMWD, (b) corresponding reductions in extractions from Participating Wells, and (c) calculation of the Eligible Cost Differential. Invoices shall be submitted bi-annually or as otherwise agreed.
- The Agency will evaluate the District’s purported In-Lieu Water against the established baselines and reimburse the District for the Eligible Cost Differential for in-lieu deliveries that offset groundwater pumping in the participating wells.
- The Agency shall not reimburse for volumes not delivered, not used in-lieu of extraction or exceeding agreed in-lieu amounts.
- Volumes, Participating Wells, and reimbursement structures may be modified because of monitoring results, Basin Optimization Yield Study updates, or changes in CMWD rates/availability upon the Parties’ executing an amendment to this MOU as provided.
- The MOU does not alter the District’s Allocation, Carryover rights, or other rights and obligations under the Judgment, except to the extent In-Lieu Deliveries are credited as reducing extractions for purposes of Basin management and sustainability accounting.

When fully implemented, BOP No. 2 is one of the projects key to sustainable management of the Las Posas Valley Basin under the Judgment and SGMA.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board (1) receive and file this presentation; (2) approve and authorize the Executive Officer or designee to execute the MOU with the District for implementation of BOP No. 2; and (3) authorize the Executive Officer or designee to approve corrections, clarifications, modifications, and technical changes to the MOU that are consistent with the original purpose of the MOU, do not result in additional costs to FCGMA and the County of Ventura, and are reviewed and approved as to form by Agency Counsel.

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

Item 17 – Memorandum of Understanding BOP 2
FCGMA Board Meeting, September 23, 2026

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaseke', with a stylized, cursive script.

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

Attachments:

Exhibit 17A – Draft Memorandum of Understanding for Implementation of
Basin Optimization Project No. 2 (Purchase of Imported Water From
Calleguas Municipal Water District For Basin Replenishment)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF BASIN OPTIMIZATION PROJECT 2 (PURCHASE OF IMPORTED WATER FROM CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR BASIN REPLENISHMENT)

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into as of _____, 2026 (the “Effective Date”), by and between Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (“FCGMA”), in its capacity as the court-appointed special master (watermaster) for the Las Posas Valley Basin (“Basin”) under the Judgment in *Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. VENC100509700 (the “Judgment”), and Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1 (“District”), a dependent special district of the County of Ventura operated through the Ventura County Public Works Agency, Water and Sanitation Department. Hereinafter, FCGMA.

FCGMA and the District are sometimes referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

- A. On July 10, 2023, the Santa Barbara Superior Court entered final Judgment in *Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency*, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (Judgment). The Judgment comprehensively determines and adjudicates all groundwater rights within the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin (“Basin”) and establishes a Physical Solution that provides for the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
- B. The Judgment lists a series of potential “Basin Optimization Projects” to help achieve sustainability in the Basin and requires FCGMA to prepare a Basin Optimization Plan (“BOP”) to evaluate and select projects for implementation prior to 2040 to maintain the Operating Yield at 40,000 AF or as close thereto as achievable.
- C. On June 25, 2025, the Agency Board of Directors adopted the 2025 Las Posas Valley Basin Optimization Plan (BOP) which recommended five projects, including BOP 2: the Purchase of Imported Water from Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) for Basin Replenishment. BOP combines two projects from the Judgment into one; Importing of Surplus Water (Judgment, § 5.4.2) and Using Calleguas Facilities for Replenishment. (Judgment, § 5.4.9)
- D. In addition to the BOP, the Judgment requires the FCGMA conduct a Basin Optimization Yield Study (BOYS) to determine the Basin Optimization Yield, “the estimated yield that is projected to be available to achieve sustainable groundwater management by 2040” and evaluate the need for Rampdown in the Basin (Judgment, § § 1.21, 3.3, 4.10, 5.1.) On May 27, 2026, the Agency Board of Directors adopted the BOYS, which concluded that if the projects, Watermaster In-Lieu Program and Arroyo Simi-Las Posas Water Acquisition, are fully implemented as scheduled, Rampdown is unnecessary to maintain a Basin Optimization Yield of 40,000 AFY, inclusive of the pumping reduced through in-lieu deliveries of imported water.

- E. The District operates wells and distribution systems within the target areas of BOP 2, has the ability to receive water from CMWD and participated in an earlier Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) supported in-lieu program, the Groundwater Storage Agreement, under which CMWD stored groundwater that the District transferred to CMWD in exchange for deliveries of imported water with FCGMA oversight, 1996 - 2016.
- F. The Purchase of Imported Water from Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD) for Basin Replenishment is thus based on the BOYS Projects Scenario and provides for the delivery of imported water from CMWD in lieu of groundwater extraction (“In-Lieu Deliveries”) in areas of chronic groundwater-level decline, specifically the eastern portion of the West Las Posas Management Area (WLPMA) and the northern portion of the East Las Posas Management Area (ELPMA), utilizing existing infrastructure.
- G. The Parties desire to establish a cooperative framework for the District’s voluntary participation in BOP 2, respective roles and responsibilities including the reduction of groundwater pumping, receipt of In-Lieu Deliveries from CMWD, and reimbursement by FCGMA the eligible cost differential between groundwater pumping costs and the costs associated with the deliveries of imported water from Calleguas in-lieu of pumping. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1.PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the terms and conditions under which the District will participate in BOP No. 2 and FCGMA, as Watermaster, will reimburse the District for certain costs, as provided herein, to offset the cost differential of such In-Lieu Deliveries.

2.DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used in this MOU have the meanings set forth in the Judgment and the BOP, unless otherwise defined herein. For purposes of this MOU, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- “In-Lieu Deliveries” or “In-Lieu Water” means imported water purchased from CMWD and delivered to the District for use in place of groundwater that would otherwise have been extracted under the District’s Annual Allocation.
- “Eligible Cost Differential” means the difference between the applicable CMWD rate (including any applicable readiness-to-serve, capacity, or other charges reasonably attributable to the In-Lieu Deliveries) and the District’s verified cost of pumping and delivering an equivalent volume of groundwater, as determined pursuant to Section 5.
- “Participating Wells” means the specific wells identified in Exhibit A (to be attached and updated as needed) at which the District agrees to reduce or cease extraction in exchange for In-Lieu Deliveries as part of BOP 2.
- “Program Year” means a Water Year (October 1 – September 30) as defined in the Judgment section 1.112.

3.DISTRICT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 The District will participate voluntarily in BOP No. 2 subject to the availability of CMWD supply, operational feasibility, and the terms of this MOU and any separate water purchase agreement between the District and CMWD.
- 3.2 For each Program Year in which the District participates:
 - a. The District will reduce groundwater extractions from the Participating Wells by an agreed volume (the “In-Lieu Volume”), which may be adjusted by mutual written agreement based on monitoring data, CMWD water supply availability, or Basin conditions and specified in the Annual Allocations Schedule for the Program Year.
 - b. The District will take delivery of an equivalent volume of In-Lieu Water from CMWD and use it to meet customer demand that would otherwise have been met by the reduced extractions.
 - c. The District will prioritize utilization of the agreed In-Lieu Volume and will not extract groundwater from the Participating Wells in excess of any residual Allocation remaining after accounting for the In-Lieu Volume, except as otherwise permitted under the Judgment or approved in writing by FCGMA.
- 3.3 The District will agree to FCGMA using the District’s prior three-year average volume of CMWD water to establish a baseline for the District’s, CMWD water imports that are not part of the In-Lieu Program.
- 3.4 The District shall agree to FCGMA using the District’s prior three-year average volume of groundwater extractions reported to FCGMA to establish a baseline for extractions to be included in the In-Lieu Program.
- 3.5 The District will report accurate records of extractions from Participating Wells, volumes of In-Lieu Water received CMWD water imports and shall report such data to FCGMA as part of the Groundwater Extraction and Use Reporting to FCGMA per the Judgment.3.4 The District shall coordinate with CMWD regarding scheduling, delivery, and any operational constraints on In-Lieu Deliveries.

4.FCGMA OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 Subject to available funding from the Basin Assessment (or other authorized sources) and appropriation by the FCGMA Board, FCGMA will reimburse the District for the Eligible Cost Differential associated with verified In-Lieu Deliveries, in accordance with the payment procedures herein.
- 4.2 FCGMA will monitor groundwater conditions in the target areas and may adjust recommended In-Lieu Volumes or Participating Wells based on data, modeling, or Basin Optimization Yield Study updates, with notice to the District.
- 4.3 FCGMA will not compel or otherwise require the District’s participation in BOP No. 2.

5.COST REIMBURSEMENT AND PAYMENT

- 5.1 Prior to or at the start of each Fiscal Year and Program Year, the Parties will meet and confer to estimate the Eligible Cost Differential, using the then-applicable CMWD rates and the District’s documented three-year average and / or projected pumping costs (including energy, maintenance, Agency extraction charges and

other direct costs reasonably attributable to extraction and delivery from the Participating Wells).

- 5.2 FCGMA will verify reported In-Lieu Water Volumes and the District's CMWD water imports against the established baselines and verify the corresponding reduction in groundwater extractions from the Participating Wells as part of the Groundwater Extraction and Use Reporting.
- 5.3 The District will submit to FCGMA, supporting documentation of (a) volumes of In-Lieu Water delivered by CMWD, (b) corresponding reductions in extractions from Participating Wells, and (c) calculation of the Eligible Cost Differential. Invoices shall be submitted bi-annually or as otherwise agreed.
- 5.4 FCGMA will review and, if complete and consistent with this MOU and applicable FCGMA program policies, pay approved invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt.
- 5.5 Reimbursement will be limited to the Eligible Cost Differential for verified In-Lieu Volumes. No reimbursement will be provided for volumes not delivered, not used in lieu of Groundwater, or exceeding agreed amounts. FCGMA may audit records upon reasonable notice.
- 5.6 Nothing in this MOU obligates FCGMA to fund In-Lieu Deliveries beyond the amounts appropriated for BOP No. 2.

6. TERM AND TERMINATION

- 6.1 This MOU shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for an initial term of five (5) years, in sync with the initial BOP implementation period, unless earlier terminated or extended as provided herein.
- 6.2 Either Party may terminate this MOU upon giving 90 days' prior written notice to the other Party. Termination shall not affect either Party's obligation to pay for services performed prior to the effective date of termination (including payment for verified In-Lieu Deliveries already made).
- 6.3 FCGMA may suspend or reduce reimbursements, and the District may suspend participation, during periods of CMWD supply shortage, drought declarations, system emergencies, or if Basin conditions no longer support the Project, upon reasonable notice.

7. REPORTING, MONITORING AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The District will provide FCGMA with data necessary to verify In-Lieu Volumes, extraction reductions, and costs, consistent with Judgment reporting requirements and the purposes of this MOU.
- 7.2 The Parties shall meet at least annually (or more frequently as needed) to review program performance, groundwater level data, costs, and any recommended adjustments to volumes, wells, or reimbursement parameters.
- 7.3 This MOU is intended to support adaptive management. Volumes, Participating Wells, and reimbursement structures may be modified because of monitoring results, Basin Optimization Yield Study updates, or changes in CMWD rates/availability upon the Parties' executing an amendment to this MOU as provided herein.

8. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AGREEMENTS

- 8.1 The District's purchase of water from CMWD shall be governed by the District's separate agreement(s) with CMWD. FCGMA is not a party to, and has no contractual obligations under, any CMWD agreement.
- 8.2 This MOU does not alter the District's Allocation, Carryover rights, or other rights and obligations under the Judgment, except to the extent In-Lieu Deliveries are credited as reducing extractions for purposes of Basin management and sustainability accounting.
- 8.3 Nothing herein creates any right to continued funding or participation beyond the term and funding available under this MOU and the BOP.

9. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1 **No Partnership.** This MOU does not create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the Parties.
- 9.2 **Notices.** All notices shall be in writing and delivered electronically or overnight courier to the addresses set forth below:

FCGMA:

Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Attn: Executive Officer, CC Clerk of the Board
800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura,
CA 93009-1610

Email: john.demers@venturacounty.gov, FCGMA@venturacounty.gov

District:

Ventura County Waterworks District No. 1
Ventura County Public Works Agency,
Attn: Director
Water and Sanitation Department, 6767 Spring Road
P.O. Box 250 Moorpark, CA 93020-0250

Email: kai.luoma@venturacounty.gov, paul.chan@venturacounty.gov

- 9.3 **Amendments.** This MOU may be amended only by a written instrument executed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.
- 9.4 **Governing Law.** This MOU shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and the Judgment. Venue shall be in the same court exercising continuing jurisdiction over the Judgment, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara. Further, in addition to the requirements of the Judgment, the Parties shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations of the federal, state, and local governments.
- 9.5 **Assignment.** This MOU is an agreement for the personal performance of both Parties. Each Party has relied upon the skills, knowledge, and experience, of the other Party as an inducement to enter into this MOU. Neither Party shall assign or subcontract this MOU, or any part of it, without the express written consent of the other Party. Further, the District shall not assign any moneys due or to become due under this MOU without the prior written consent of FCGMA.

- 9.6 **Waiver or Default.** Waiver of any default by either Party shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default. Waiver or breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach, and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this MOU unless this MOU is modified as provided herein.
- 9.7 **Entire Agreement.** This MOU contains the entire agreement of the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof, and no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements otherwise between the Parties not embodied herein or incorporated herein by reference, shall be of any force or effect. Further, no term or provision hereof may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, unless executed in writing by the Parties. This MOU, including any exhibits, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes prior negotiations or understandings (except the Judgment, BOP, and any CMWD agreements).
- 9.8 **Severability.** The provisions of this agreement are severable and the invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions. If any provision of this agreement is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the Parties shall endeavor to modify that clause in a manner that gives effect to the intent of the Parties.
- 9.9 **Counterparts.** This agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree that this agreement may be transmitted and signed by electronic or digital means by either/any or both/all Parties and that such signatures shall have the same force and effect as original signatures, in accordance with California Government Code Section 16.5 and California Civil Code Section 1633.7.9.8
- 9.10 **Authority.** Each signatory represents that they have authority to bind the Party on whose behalf they sign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this agreement through their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

**FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

**VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 1**

By:

Name:

Title:

Date:

FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Kelly Long (Vice Chair) – Ventura County Board of Supervisors (*Term Exp 2-28-27*)
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