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SUBJECT: Update on Implementation of the Las Posas Valley Basin Adjudication Judgment –
(New Item)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update on planning for implementation of the Las Posas Valley Basin Adjudication Judgment.

DISCUSSION:

On September 13, 2023, the Santa Barbara Superior Court determined that the appeals recently filed and challenging the judgment in Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Santa Barbara Sup. Ct. Case No. VENC100509700 (LPV Judgment), did not stay implementation of the LPV Judgment. Accordingly, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA), acting as the Las Posas Valley Watermaster, has resumed implementing the LPV Judgment, including confirming and resolving issues with water right holders' WMID information, completing Landowner Constituency Group designations, and scheduling initial organizational group meetings for the election of policy advisory committee members. Staff plans to send email notifications to parties within each Landowner Constituency Group with notice of each group's initial Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) organizational meeting within the next week. Note Exhibit A of the LPV Judgment, Las Posas Watermaster Rules, requires that notice of the date, time, and place of each Constituency Group organizational group meeting may only be provided to parties within that Constituency Group. The purpose of the organizational group meetings is for each Constituency Group to nominate a representative to the PAC for consideration of appointment by your Board.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that your Board receive and file this report and provide feedback as appropriate. This letter has been reviewed by Agency Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-2073.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Pratt".

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