

**SMALL PUMPER CLASS STIPULATION OF  
SETTLEMENT: EXHIBIT A.1 – part 1 of 11  
(Proposed Judgment and Physical Solution)**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CENTRAL DISTRICT**

Coordination Proceeding Special Title  
(Rule 1550(b))

**ANTELOPE VALLEY  
GROUNDWATER CASES**

Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No.  
4408

**Santa Clara Case No.: 1-05-CV-049053**

Judge: The Honorable Jack Komar, Dept. 17

**[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT AND PHYSICAL  
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1 A number of Parties have agreed and stipulated to entry of a Judgment consistent with the  
2 terms of this Judgment and Physical Solution (hereafter “this Judgment”). The stipulations of the  
3 Parties are conditioned upon further proceedings that will result in a Judgment binding all Parties  
4 to the Action. The Court, having considered the pleadings, the stipulations of the Parties, and the  
5 evidence presented, and being fully informed in the matter, approves the Physical Solution<sup>1</sup>  
6 contained herein. This Judgment is entered as a Judgment binding on all Parties served or  
7 appearing in this Action, including without limitation, those Parties which have stipulated to this  
8 Judgment, are subject to prior settlement(s) and judgment(s) of this Court, have defaulted or  
9 hereafter stipulate to this Judgment.

10 **I. DESCRIPTION OF LITIGATION**

11 **1. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

12 **1.1 Initiation of Litigation.**

13 On October 29, 1999, Diamond Farming Company (“Diamond Farming”) filed in  
14 the Riverside County Superior Court (Case No. RIC 344436) the first complaint in what would  
15 become these consolidated complex proceedings known as the Antelope Valley Groundwater  
16 Cases. Diamond Farming's complaint names as defendants the City of Lancaster, Palmdale  
17 Water District, Antelope Valley Water Company, Palm Ranch Irrigation District, Quartz Hill  
18 Water District, Rosamond Community Services District, and Mojave Public Utility District.

19 On February 22, 2000, Diamond Farming filed another complaint in the Riverside  
20 County Superior Court (Case No. RIC 344468). The two Diamond Farming actions were  
21 subsequently consolidated.

22 On January 25, 2001, Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. (“Bolthouse”) filed a complaint  
23 in the same Court against the same entities, as well as Littlerock Creek Irrigation District and Los  
24 Angeles Waterworks Districts Nos. 37 and 40 (Case No. RIC 353840).

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25 <sup>1</sup> A “physical solution” describes an agreed upon or judicially imposed resolution of conflicting claims in a manner  
26 that advances the constitutional rule of reasonable and beneficial use of the state’s water supply. (*City of Santa Maria*  
27 *v. Adam* (2012) 211 Cal. App. 4th 266, 288.) It is defined as “an equitable remedy designed to alleviate overdrafts  
28 and the consequential depletion of water resources in a particular area, consistent with the constitutional mandate to  
prevent waste and unreasonable water use and to maximize the beneficial use of this state’s limited resource.”  
(*California American Water v. City of Seaside* (2010) 183 Cal. App. 4th 471, 480.)

1           The Diamond Farming and Bolthouse complaints variously allege that unregulated  
2 pumping by these named public agencies (collectively the Public Water Suppliers) has irreparably  
3 harmed Diamond Farming and Bolthouse's rights to produce Groundwater from the Antelope  
4 Valley Groundwater Basin, and interfered with their rights to put that Groundwater to reasonable  
5 and beneficial uses on property they own or lease. Diamond Farming and Bolthouse's complaints  
6 seek a determination of their water rights and to quiet title as to the same.

7           In 2001, the Diamond Farming and Bolthouse actions were consolidated in the  
8 Riverside County Superior Court.

9           In August 2002, a Phase 1 trial commenced in the Riverside County Superior  
10 Court in the consolidated Diamond Farming/Bolthouse proceedings for the purpose of  
11 determining the geographic boundary of the area to be adjudicated. That Phase 1 trial was not  
12 concluded and the Court did not determine any issues or make any factual findings at that time.

13           **1.2 General Adjudication Commenced.**

14           In 2004, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 (“District No. 40”)   
15 initiated a general Groundwater adjudication for the Antelope Valley Ground Water Basin by   
16 filing identical complaints for declaratory and injunctive relief in the Los Angeles and Kern   
17 County Superior Courts (Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 325201 and Kern   
18 County Superior Court Case No. S-1500-CV 254348). District No. 40's complaints sought a   
19 judicial determination of the respective rights of the Parties to produce Groundwater from the   
20 Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin.

21           On December 30, 2004, District No. 40 petitioned the Judicial Council of   
22 California for coordination of the above-referenced actions. On June 17, 2005, the Judicial   
23 Council of California granted the petition and assigned the “Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases”   
24 (Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4408) to this Court (Santa Clara County Superior   
25 Court Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 (Hon. Jack Komar)).

26           For procedural purposes, the Court requested that District No. 40 refile its   
27 complaint as a first amended cross-complaint in the now coordinated proceedings. Joined by the   
28

1 other Public Water Suppliers, District No. 40 filed a first amended cross-complaint seeking  
2 declaratory and injunctive relief and an adjudication of the rights to all Groundwater within the  
3 Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin. The Public Water Suppliers' cross-complaint, as currently  
4 amended, requests an adjudication to protect the public's water supply, prevent water quality  
5 degradation, and stop land subsidence. Some of the Public Water Suppliers allege they have  
6 acquired prescriptive and equitable rights to the Groundwater in the Basin. They allege the Basin  
7 has been in overdraft for more than five consecutive Years and they have pumped water from the  
8 Basin for reasonable and beneficial purposes in an open, notorious, and continuous manner. They  
9 allege each non-public cross-defendant had actual or constructive notice of these activities,  
10 sufficient to establish prescriptive rights in their favor. In order to alleviate overdraft conditions  
11 and protect the Basin, the Public Water Suppliers also request a physical solution.

### 12 **1.3 Other Actions**

13 In response to the Public Water Suppliers first amended cross-complaint,  
14 numerous Parties filed cross-complaints seeking various forms of relief.

15 On August 30, 2006, Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency ("AVEK") filed a  
16 cross-complaint seeking declaratory and injunctive relief and claiming overlying rights and rights  
17 to pump the supplemental yield attributable to return flows from State Water Project water  
18 imported to the Basin.

19 On January 11, 2007, Rebecca Lee Willis filed a class action complaint in the Los  
20 Angeles County Superior Court (Case No. BC 364553) for herself and on behalf of a class of  
21 non-pumping overlying property owners ("Non-Pumper Class"), through which she sought  
22 declaratory relief and money damages from various public entities. Following certification, the  
23 Non-Pumper Class entered into a settlement agreement with the Public Water Suppliers  
24 concerning the matters at issue in the class complaint. On September 22, 2011, the Court  
25 approved the settlement through an amended final judgment.

26 On June 2, 2008, Richard A. Wood filed a class action complaint for himself and  
27 on behalf of a class of small property owners in this action ("Small Pumper Class"), *Wood v. Los*  
28

1 *Angeles Co. Waterworks Dist. 40, et al.*, (Case No.: BC 391869) through which he sought  
2 declaratory relief and money damages from various public entities. The Small Pumper Class was  
3 certified on September 2, 2008.

4 On February 24, 2010, following various orders of coordination, the Court granted  
5 the Public Water Suppliers' motion to transfer and consolidate all complaints and cross-  
6 complaints in this matter, with the exception of the complaint in Sheldon R. Blum, etc. v. Wm.  
7 Bolthouse Farms, Inc. (Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 1-05-CV-049053), which  
8 remains related and coordinated.

9 **1.4 McCarran Amendment Issues**

10 The Public Water Suppliers' cross-complaint names Edwards Air Force Base,  
11 California and the United States Department of the Air Force as cross-defendants, seeking the  
12 same declaratory and injunctive relief as sought against the other cross-defendants. This  
13 Judgment, or any other determination in this case regarding rights to water, is contingent on a  
14 Judgment satisfying the requirements of the McCarran Amendment, 43 U.S.C. §666. The United  
15 States reserves all rights to object or otherwise challenge any interlocutory judgment and reserves  
16 all rights to appeal a Judgment that does not satisfy the requirements of the McCarran  
17 Amendment.

18 **1.5 Phased Trials**

19 The Court has divided the trial in this matter into multiple phases, four of which  
20 have been tried.

21 Through the Phase 1 trial, the Court determined the geographical boundaries of the  
22 area adjudicated in this Action which is defined as the Basin. On November 3, 2006, the Court  
23 entered an order determining that issue.

24 Through the Phase 2 trial, the Court determined that all areas within the Basin are  
25 hydrologically connected and a single aquifer, and that there is sufficient hydraulic connection  
26 between the disputed areas and the rest of the Basin such that the Court must include the disputed  
27 areas within the adjudication area. The Court further determined that it would be premature to make  
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1 any determinations regarding, *inter alia*, claims that portions of the Basin should be treated as a  
2 separate area for management purposes. On November 6, 2008, the Court entered its Order after  
3 Phase Two Trial on Hydrologic Nature of Antelope Valley.

4 Through the Phase 3 trial, the Court determined the Basin is in a current state of  
5 overdraft and the safe yield is 110,000 acre-feet per Year. The Court found the preponderance of  
6 the evidence presented established that setting the safe yield at 110,000 acre-feet per Year will  
7 permit management of the Basin in such a way as to preserve the rights of the Parties in  
8 accordance with the California Constitution and California law. On July 13, 2011, the Court filed  
9 its Statement of Decision.

10 Through the Phase 4 trial, the Court determined the overall Production occurring  
11 in the Basin in calendar Years 2011 and 2012.

#### 12 **1.6 Defaults**

13 Numerous Parties have failed to respond timely, or at all, to the Public Water  
14 Suppliers' cross-complaint, as amended, and their defaults have been entered. The Court has  
15 given the defaulted Parties notice of this Judgment and Physical Solution, together with the  
16 opportunity to be heard regarding this Judgment, and hereby enters default judgments against all  
17 such Parties and incorporates those default judgments into this Judgment. Pursuant to such  
18 default judgments a defaulted Party has no right to Produce Groundwater from the Basin. All  
19 Parties against which a default judgment has been entered are identified on Exhibit 1, attached  
20 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

#### 21 **2. GENERAL ADJUDICATION DOES NOT APPLY TO SURFACE WATER.**

22 Pursuant to California law, surface water use since 1914 has been governed by the Water  
23 Code. This Judgment does not apply to surface water as defined in the Water Code and is not  
24 intended to interfere with any State permitted or licensed surface water rights or pre-1914 surface  
25 water right. The impact of any surface water diversion should be considered as part of the State  
26 Water Resources Control Board permitting and licensing process and not as part of this Judgment.

1 **II. DECREE**

2 **3. JURISDICTION, PARTIES, DEFINITIONS.**

3 **3.1 Jurisdiction.** This Action is an *inter se* adjudication of all claims to the  
4 rights to Produce Groundwater from the Basin alleged between and among all Parties. This Court  
5 has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Parties herein to enter a Judgment declaring and  
6 adjudicating the rights to reasonable and beneficial use of water by the Parties in the Action  
7 pursuant to Article X, section 2 of the California Constitution.

8 **3.2 Parties.** The Court required that all Persons having or claiming any  
9 right, title or interest to the Groundwater within the Basin be notified of the Action. Notice has  
10 been given pursuant to the Court's order. All Public Water Suppliers, landowners, Non-Pumper  
11 Class and Small Pumper Class members and other Persons having or making claims have been or  
12 will be included as Parties to the Action. All named Parties who have not been dismissed have  
13 appeared or have been given adequate opportunity to appear.

14 **3.3 Factual and Legal Issues.** The complaints and cross-complaints in the  
15 Action frame many legal issues. The Action includes over 4,000 Parties, as well as the members  
16 of the Non-Pumper Class and the members of the Small Pumper Class. The Basin's entire  
17 Groundwater supply and Groundwater rights, extending over approximately 1390 square miles,  
18 have been brought to issue. The numerous Groundwater rights at issue in the case include,  
19 without limitation, overlying, appropriative, prescriptive, and federal reserved water rights to  
20 Groundwater, rights to return flows from Imported Water, rights to recycled water, rights to  
21 stored Imported Water subject to the Watermaster rules and regulations, and rights to utilize the  
22 storage space within the Basin. After several months of trial, the Court made findings regarding  
23 Basin characteristics and determined the Basin's Safe Yield. The Court's rulings and judgments  
24 in this case, including the Safe Yield determination, form the basis for this Judgment.

25 **3.4 Need for a Declaration of Rights and Obligations for a Physical**  
26 **Solution.** A Physical Solution for the Basin, based on a declaration of water rights and a formula  
27 for allocation of rights and obligations, is necessary to implement the mandate of Article X,  
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1 section 2 of the California Constitution and to protect the Basin and the Parties' rights to the  
2 Basin's water resources. The Physical Solution governs Groundwater, Imported Water and Basin  
3 storage space, and is intended to ensure that the Basin can continue to support existing and future  
4 reasonable and beneficial uses. A Physical Solution requires determining individual Groundwater  
5 rights for the Public Water Suppliers, landowners, Non-Pumper Class and Small Pumper Class  
6 members, and other Parties within the Basin. The Physical Solution set forth in this Judgment:  
7 (1) is a fair and reasonable allocation of Groundwater rights in the Basin after giving due  
8 consideration to water rights priorities and the mandate of Article X, section 2 of the California  
9 Constitution; (2) provides for a reasonable sharing of Imported Water costs; (3) furthers the  
10 mandates of the State Constitution and State water policy; and (4) is a remedy that gives due  
11 consideration to applicable common law rights and priorities to use Basin water and storage space  
12 without substantially impairing such rights. Combined with water conservation, water  
13 reclamation, water transfers, water banking, and improved conveyance and distribution methods  
14 within the Basin, present and future Imported Water sources are sufficient both in quantity and  
15 quality to assure implementation of a Physical Solution. This Judgment will facilitate water  
16 resource planning and development by the Public Water Suppliers and individual water users.

17 **3.5 Definitions.** As used in this Judgment, the following terms shall have the  
18 meanings set forth herein:

19 **3.5.1 Action.** The coordinated and consolidated actions included in the  
20 Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4408, Santa  
21 Clara Superior Court Case No. 1-05-CV-049053.

22 **3.5.2 Adjusted Native Safe Yield.** The Native Safe Yield minus (1) the  
23 Production Right allocated to the Small Pumper Class under Paragraph 5.1.3, (2) the Federal  
24 Reserved Water Right under Paragraph 5.1.4, and (3) the State of California Production Right  
25 under Paragraph 5.1.5. The Adjusted Native Safe Yield as of the date of entry of this Judgment is  
26 70,686.6 acre-feet per year.

1                           **3.5.3 Administrative Assessment.** The amount charged by the  
2 Watermaster for the costs incurred by the Watermaster to administer this Judgment.

3                           **3.5.4 Annual Period.** The calendar Year.

4                           **3.5.5 Antelope Valley United Mutuels Group.** The members of the  
5 Antelope Valley United Mutuels Group are Antelope Park Mutual Water Company, Aqua-J  
6 Mutual Water Company, Averydale Mutual Water Company, Baxter Mutual Water Company,  
7 Bleich Flat Mutual Water Company, Colorado Mutual Water Co., El Dorado Mutual Water  
8 Company, Evergreen Mutual Water Company, Land Projects Mutual Water Co., Landale Mutual  
9 Water Co., Shadow Acres Mutual Water Company, Sundale Mutual Water Company, Sunnyside  
10 Farms Mutual Water Company, Inc., Tierra Bonita Mutual Water Company, West Side Park  
11 Mutual Water Co. and White Fence Farms Mutual Water Co., together with the successor(s)-in-  
12 interest to any member thereof. Each of the members of the Antelope Valley United Mutuels  
13 Group was formed when the owner(s) of the lands that were being developed incorporated the  
14 mutual water company and transferred their water rights to the mutual water company in  
15 exchange for shares of common stock. The mutual water company owns, operates and maintains  
16 the infrastructure for the production, storage, distribution and delivery of water solely to its  
17 shareholders. The shareholders of each of these mutual water companies, who are the owners of  
18 the real property that is situated within the mutual water company's service area, have the right to  
19 have water delivered to their properties, a right appurtenant to their land. [*See, Erwin v. Gage*  
20 *Canal Company* (1964) 226 Cal.App.2d 189].

21                           **3.5.6 AVEK.** The Antelope Valley–East Kern Water Agency.

22                           **3.5.7 Balance Assessment.** The amount of money charged by the  
23 Watermaster on all Production Rights, excluding the United States' actual Production, to pay for  
24 the costs, not including infrastructure, to purchase, deliver, produce in lieu, or arrange for  
25 alternative pumping sources in the Basin.

26                           **3.5.8 Basin.** The area adjudicated in this Action as shown on Exhibit 2,  
27 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, which lies within the boundaries of the line  
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1 labeled “Boundaries of the Adjudicated Area” and described therein. The Basin generally  
2 encompasses the Antelope Valley bordered on the West and South by the San Gabriel and  
3 Tehachapi Mountains, with the eastern boundary being the Los Angeles-San Bernardino County  
4 line, as determined by the Court.

5 **3.5.9 Carry Over.** The right to Produce an unproduced portion of an  
6 annual Production Right or a Right to Imported Water Return Flows in a Year subsequent to the  
7 Year in which the Production Right or Right to Imported Water Return Flows was originally  
8 available.

9 **3.5.10 Conjunctive Use.** A method of operation of a groundwater basin  
10 under which Imported Water is used or stored in the Basin in Years when it is available; allowing  
11 the Basin to refill, and more Groundwater is Produced in Years when Imported Water is less  
12 available.

13 **3.5.11 Defaulting Party.** A Party who failed to file a responsive pleading  
14 and against which a default judgment has been entered. A list of Defaulting Parties is attached as  
15 Exhibit 1.

16 **3.5.12 Drought Program.** The water management program in effect only  
17 during the Rampdown period affecting the operations and Replacement Water Assessments of the  
18 participating Public Water Suppliers.

19 **3.5.13 Judgment.** A judgment, consistent with Cal.C.C.P. §§ 577 and  
20 1908(a)(1) and 43 U.S.C. § 666, determining all rights to Groundwater in the Basin, establishing  
21 a Physical Solution, and resolving all claims in the Action.

22 **3.5.14 Groundwater.** Water beneath the surface of the ground and within  
23 the zone of saturation, excluding water flowing through known and definite channels.

24 **3.5.15 Imported Water.** Water brought into the Basin from outside the  
25 watershed of the Basin as shown in Exhibit 9.

26 **3.5.16 Imported Water Return Flows.** Imported Water that net  
27 augments the Basin Groundwater supply after use.

1                   **3.5.17 In Lieu Production.** The amount of Imported Water used by a  
2 Producer in a Year instead of Producing an equal amount of that Producer’s Production Right.

3                   **3.5.18 Material Injury.** Material Injury means impacts to the Basin caused  
4 by pumping or storage of Groundwater that:

5                               **3.5.18.1**           Causes material physical harm to the Basin, any  
6 Subarea, or any Producer, Party or Production Right, including, but not limited to, Overdraft,  
7 degradation of water quality by introduction of contaminants to the aquifer by a Party and/or  
8 transmission of those introduced contaminants through the aquifer, liquefaction, land subsidence and  
9 other material physical injury caused by elevated or lowered Groundwater levels. Material physical  
10 harm does not include "economic injury" that results from other than direct physical causes, including  
11 any adverse effect on water rates, lease rates, or demand for water.

12                               **3.5.18.2**           If fully mitigated, Material Injury shall no longer be  
13 considered to be occurring.

14                   **3.5.19 Native Safe Yield.** Naturally occurring Groundwater recharge to  
15 the Basin, including “return flows” from pumping naturally occurring recharge, on an average  
16 annual basis. Imported Water Return Flows are not included in Native Safe Yield.

17                   **3.5.20 New Production.** Any Production of Groundwater from the Basin  
18 not of right under this Judgment, as of the date of this Judgment.

19                   **3.5.21 Non-Overlying Production Rights.** The rights held by the Parties  
20 identified in Exhibit 3, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

21                   **3.5.22 Non-Pumper Class.** All private (i.e., non-governmental) Persons  
22 and entities that own real property within the Basin, as adjudicated, that are not presently  
23 pumping water on their property and did not do so at any time during the five Years preceding  
24 January 18, 2006. The Non-Pumper Class includes the successors-in-interest by way of purchase,  
25 gift, inheritance, or otherwise of such Non-Pumper Class members’ land within the Basin. The  
26 Non-Pumper Class excludes (1) all Persons to the extent their properties are connected to a  
27 municipal water system, public utility, or mutual water company from which they receive water  
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1 service, (2) all properties that are listed as “improved” by the Los Angeles County or Kern  
2 County Assessor's offices, unless the owners of such properties declare under penalty of perjury  
3 that they do not pump and have never pumped water on those properties, and (3) those who opted  
4 out of the Non-Pumper Class. The Non-Pumper Class does not include landowners who have  
5 been individually named under the Public Water Suppliers' cross-complaint, unless such a  
6 landowner has opted into such class.

7 **3.5.23 Non-Pumper Class Judgment.** The amended final Judgment that  
8 settled the Non-Pumper Class claims against the Public Water Suppliers approved by the Court  
9 on September 22, 2011.

10 **3.5.24 Non-Stipulating Party.** Any Party who had not executed a  
11 Stipulation for Entry of this Judgment prior to the date of approval of this Judgment by the Court.

12 **3.5.25 Overdraft.** Extractions in excess of the Safe Yield of water from  
13 an aquifer, which over time will lead to a depletion of the water supply within a groundwater  
14 basin as well as other detrimental effects, if the imbalance between pumping and extraction  
15 continues.

16 **3.5.26 Overlying Production Rights.** The rights held by the Parties  
17 identified in Exhibit 4, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

18 **3.5.27 Party (Parties).** Any Person(s) that has (have) been named and  
19 served or otherwise properly joined, or has (have) become subject to this Judgment and any prior  
20 judgments of this Court in this Action and all their respective heirs, successors-in-interest and  
21 assigns. For purposes of this Judgment, a “Person” includes any natural person, firm, association,  
22 organization, joint venture, partnership, business, trust, corporation, or public entity.

23 **3.5.28 Pre-Rampdown Production.** The reasonable and beneficial use of  
24 Groundwater, excluding Imported Water Return Flows, at a time prior to this Judgment, or the  
25 Production Right, whichever is greater.

26 **3.5.29 Produce(d).** To pump Groundwater for existing and future  
27 reasonable beneficial uses.

1                   **3.5.30 Producer(s).** A Party who Produces Groundwater.

2                   **3.5.31 Production.** Annual amount of Groundwater Produced, stated in  
3 acre-feet of water.

4                   **3.5.32 Production Right.** The amount of Native Safe Yield that may be  
5 Produced each Year free of any Replacement Water Assessment and Replacement Obligation.  
6 The total of the Production Rights decreed in this Judgment equals the Native Safe Yield. A  
7 Production Right does not include any right to Imported Water Return Flows pursuant to  
8 Paragraph 5.2.

9                   **3.5.33 Pro-Rata Increase.** The proportionate increase in the amount of a  
10 Production Right, as provided in Paragraph 18.5.10, provided the total of all Production Rights  
11 does not exceed the Native Safe Yield.

12                   **3.5.34 Pro-Rata Reduction.** The proportionate reduction in the amount  
13 of a Production Right, as provided in Paragraph 18.5.10, in order that the total of all Production  
14 Rights does not exceed the Native Safe Yield.

15                   **3.5.35 Public Water Suppliers.** The Public Water Suppliers are Los  
16 Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District,  
17 Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, California Water Service Company, Desert Lake Community  
18 Services District, North Edwards Water District, City of Palmdale, City of Lancaster, Palm Ranch  
19 Irrigation District, Rosamond Community Services District, and West Valley County Water  
20 District.

21                   **3.5.36 Purpose of Use.** The broad categories of type of water use  
22 including but not limited to municipal, irrigation, agricultural and industrial uses.

23                   **3.5.37 Rampdown.** The period of time for Pre-Rampdown Production to  
24 be reduced to the Native Safe Yield in the manner described in this Judgment.

25                   **3.5.38 Recycled Water.** Water that, as a result of treatment of waste, is  
26 suitable for a direct beneficial use or a controlled use that would not otherwise occur and is  
27 therefore considered a valuable resource.

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1                   **3.5.39 Replacement Obligation.** The obligation of a Producer to pay for  
2 Replacement Water for Production of Groundwater from the Basin in any Year in excess of the  
3 sum of such Producer’s Production Right and Imported Water Return Flows.

4                   **3.5.40 Replacement Water.** Water purchased by the Watermaster or  
5 otherwise provided to satisfy a Replacement Obligation.

6                   **3.5.41 Replacement Water Assessment.** The amount charged by the  
7 Watermaster to pay for all costs incurred by the Watermaster related to Replacement Water.

8                   **3.5.42 Responsible Party.** The Person designated by a Party as the  
9 Person responsible for purposes of filing reports and receiving notices pursuant to the provisions  
10 of this Judgment.

11                   **3.5.43 Safe Yield.** The amount of annual extractions of water from the  
12 Basin over time equal to the amount of water needed to recharge the Groundwater aquifer and  
13 maintain it in equilibrium, plus any temporary surplus. [*City of Los Angeles v. City of San*  
14 *Fernando* (1975) 14 Cal. 3d 199, 278.]

15                   **3.5.44 Small Pumper Class.** All private (i.e., non-governmental)  
16 Persons and entities that own real property within the Basin, as adjudicated, and that have been  
17 pumping less than 25 acre-feet per Year on their property during any Year from 1946 to the  
18 present. The Small Pumper Class excludes the defendants in *Wood v. Los Angeles Co.*  
19 *Waterworks Dist. 40, et al.*, any Person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in which any such  
20 defendants has a controlling interest or which is related to or affiliated with any such defendants,  
21 and the representatives, heirs, affiliates, successors-in-interest or assigns of any such excluded  
22 party. The Small Pumper Class also excludes all Persons and entities that are shareholders in a  
23 mutual water company. The Small Pumper Class does not include those who opted out of the  
24 Small Pumper Class.

25                   **3.5.45 Small Pumper Class Members.** Individual members of the Small  
26 Pumper Class who meet the Small Pumper Class definition, and for purposes of this Judgment  
27 and any terms pertaining to water rights, where two or more Small Pumper Class Members reside  
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1 in the same household, they shall be treated as a single Small Pumper Class Member for purposes  
2 of determining water rights.

3 **3.5.46 State of California.** As used herein, State of California shall mean  
4 the State of California acting by and through the following State agencies, departments and  
5 associations: (1) The California Department of Water Resources; (2) The California Department  
6 of Parks and Recreation; (3) The California Department of Transportation; (4) The California  
7 State Lands Commission; (5) The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; (6)  
8 The 50th District Agricultural Association; (7) The California Department of Veteran Affairs; (8)  
9 The California Highway Patrol; and, (9) The California Department of Military.

10 **3.5.47 State Water Project.** Water storage and conveyance facilities  
11 operated by the State of California Department of Water Resources from which it delivers water  
12 diverted from the Feather River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta via the California  
13 Aqueduct to public agencies it has contracted with.

14 **3.5.48 Stipulating Party.** Any Party who has executed a Stipulation for  
15 Entry of this Judgment prior to the date of approval of this Judgment by the Court.

16 **3.5.49 Stored Water.** Water held in storage in the Basin, as a result of  
17 direct spreading or other methods, for subsequent withdrawal and use pursuant to agreement with  
18 the Watermaster and as provided for in this Judgment. Stored Water does not include Imported  
19 Water Return Flows.

20 **3.5.50 Subareas.** Portions of the Basin, as described in this document,  
21 divided for management purposes.

22 **3.5.51 Total Safe Yield.** The amount of Groundwater that may be safely  
23 pumped from the Basin on a long-term basis. Total Safe Yield is the sum of the Native Safe  
24 Yield plus the Imported Water Return Flows.

25 **3.5.52 Watermaster.** The Person(s) appointed by the Court to administer  
26 the provisions of this Judgment.



1                                   **5.1.1 Overlying Production Rights.** The Parties listed in Exhibit 4,  
2 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, have Overlying Production Rights. Exhibit  
3 4 sets forth the following for each Overlying Production Right: (1) the Pre-Rampdown  
4 Production; (2) the Production Right; and (3) the percentage of the Production from the Adjusted  
5 Native Safe Yield.

6                                   **5.1.1.1** The Parties listed on Exhibit 4 have the right to Produce  
7 Groundwater, on an annual basis, up to their Overlying Production Right set forth in Exhibit 4 for  
8 each Party. Each Party’s Overlying Production Right is subject to the following conditions and  
9 limitations:

10                                   **5.1.1.2** Pursuant to the terms of this Judgment, the Parties listed on  
11 Exhibit 4 have the right to Produce their Overlying Production Right for use on land they own or  
12 lease and without the need for Watermaster approval.

13                                   **5.1.1.3** Overlying Production Rights may be transferred pursuant to  
14 the provisions of Paragraph 16 of this Judgment.

15                                   **5.1.1.4** Overlying Production Rights are subject to Pro-Rata  
16 Reduction or Increase only pursuant to Paragraph 18.5.10.

17                                   **5.1.2 Non-Pumper Class Rights.** The Non-Pumper Class members  
18 claim the right to Produce Groundwater from the Native Safe Yield for reasonable and beneficial  
19 uses on their overlying land as provided for in this Judgment. On September 22, 2011, the Court  
20 approved the Non-Pumper Class Stipulation of Settlement through an amended final judgment  
21 that settled the Non-Pumper Class’ claims against the Public Water Suppliers (“Non-Pumper  
22 Class Judgment”). A copy of the Non-Pumper Class Judgment and the Non-Pumper Class  
23 Stipulation of Settlement are attached for reference only as Appendices A and B. This Judgment  
24 is consistent with the Non-Pumper Class Stipulation of Settlement and Judgment. Future  
25 Production by a member of the Non-Pumper Class is addressed in the Physical Solution.

26                                   **5.1.2.1** The Non-Pumper Class members shall have no right to  
27 transfer water pursuant to this Judgment.



1                                   **5.1.3 Small Pumper Class Production Rights.** Subject only to the  
2 closure of the Small Pumper Class membership, the Small Pumper Class’s aggregate Production  
3 Right is 3806.4 acre-feet per Year. Allocation of water to the Small Pumper Class is set at an  
4 average Small Pumper Class Member amount of 1.2 acre-feet per existing household or parcel  
5 based upon the 3172 known Small Pumper Class Member parcels at the time of this Judgment.  
6 Any Small Pumper Class Member may Produce up to and including 3 acre-feet per Year per  
7 existing household for reasonable and beneficial use on their overlying land, and such Production  
8 will not be subject to Replacement Water Assessment. Production by any Small Pumper Class  
9 Member above 3 acre-feet per Year per household or parcel will be subject to Replacement Water  
10 Assessment, as set forth in this Judgment. Administrative Assessments for unmetered Production  
11 by Small Pumper Class Members shall be set based upon the allocation of 1.2 acre-feet per Year  
12 per household or parcel, whichever is the case; metered Production shall be assessed in accord  
13 with the actual Production. A Small Pumper Class Member who is lawfully, by permit, operating  
14 a shared well with an adjoining Small Pumper Class Member, shall have all of the same rights  
15 and obligations under this Judgment without regard to the location of the shared well, and such  
16 shared use is not considered a prohibited transfer of a pumping right under Paragraph 5.1.3.3.

17                                   **5.1.3.1** The Production of Small Pumper Class Members of up to 3  
18 acre-feet per Year of Groundwater per household or per parcel for reasonable and beneficial use  
19 shall only be subject to reduction if: (1) the reduction is based upon a statistically credible study  
20 and analysis of the Small Pumper Class’ actual Native Safe Yield Production, as well as the  
21 nature of the use of such Native Safe Yield, over at least a three Year period; and (2) the  
22 reduction is mandated by Court order after notice to the Small Pumper Class Members affording a  
23 reasonable opportunity for the Court to hear any Small Pumper Class Member objections to such  
24 reduction, including a determination that Water Code section 106 may apply so as to prevent a  
25 reduction.

26                                   **5.1.3.2** The primary means for monitoring the Small Pumper Class  
27 Members’ Groundwater use under the Physical Solution will be based on physical inspection by  
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1 the Watermaster, including the use of aerial photographs and satellite imagery. All Small Pumper  
2 Class Members agree to permit the Watermaster to subpoena the electrical meter records  
3 associated with their Groundwater wells on an annual basis. Should the Watermaster develop a  
4 reasonable belief that a Small Pumper Class Member household is using in excess of 3 acre-feet  
5 per Year, the Watermaster may cause to be installed a meter on such Small Pumper Class  
6 Member's well at the Small Pumper Class Member's expense.

7 **5.1.3.3** The pumping rights of Small Pumper Class Members are  
8 not transferable separately from the parcel of property on which the water is pumped, provided  
9 however a Small Pumper Class Member may move their water right to another parcel owned by  
10 that Small Pumper Class Member with approval of the Court. If a Small Pumper Class Member  
11 parcel is sold, absent a written contract stating otherwise and subject to the provisions of this  
12 Judgment, the water right for that Small Pumper Class Member parcel shall transfer to the new  
13 owners of that Small Pumper Class Member parcel. The pumping rights of Small Pumper Class  
14 Members may not be aggregated for use by a purchaser of more than one Small Pumper Class  
15 Member's property.

16 **5.1.3.4** Defaults or default judgments entered against any Small  
17 Pumper Class Member who did not opt out of the Small Pumper Class are hereby deemed non-  
18 operative and vacated *nunc pro tunc*, but only with respect to their ownership of real property  
19 meeting the Small Pumper Class definition.

20 **5.1.3.5** The Small Pumper Class shall be permanently closed to new  
21 membership upon issuance by the Court of its order granting final approval of the Small Pumper  
22 Class Settlement (the "Class Closure Date"), after the provision of notice to the Class of the Class  
23 Closure Date. Any Person or entity that does not meet the Small Pumper Class definition prior to  
24 the Class Closure Date is not a Member of the Small Pumper Class. Similarly, any additional  
25 household constructed on a Small Pumper Class Member parcel after the Class Closure Date is  
26 not entitled to a Production Right as set forth in Paragraphs 5.1.3 and 5.1.3.1.

1                   **5.1.3.6** Unknown Small Pumper Class Members are defined as: (1)  
2 those Persons or entities that are not identified on the list of known Small Pumper Class Members  
3 maintained by class counsel and supervised and controlled by the Court as of the Class Closure  
4 Date; and (2) any unidentified households existing on a Small Pumper Class Member parcel prior  
5 to the Class Closure Date. Within ten (10) Court days of the Class Closure Date, class counsel  
6 for the Small Pumper Class shall publish to the Court website and file with the Court a list of the  
7 known Small Pumper Class Members.

8                   **5.1.3.7** Given the limited number of additions to the Small Pumper  
9 Class during the more than five Years since the initial notice was provided to the Class, the Court  
10 finds that the number of potentially unknown Small Pumper Class Members and their associated  
11 water use is likely very low, and any Production by unknown Small Pumper Class Members is  
12 hereby deemed to be *de minimis* in the context of this Physical Solution and shall not alter the  
13 Production Rights decreed in this Judgment. However, whenever the identity of any unknown  
14 Small Pumper Class Member becomes known, that Small Pumper Class Member shall be bound  
15 by all provisions of this Judgment, including without limitation, the assessment obligations  
16 applicable to Small Pumper Class Members.

17                   **5.1.3.8** In recognition of his service as class representative, Richard  
18 Wood has a Production Right of up to five 5 acre-feet per Year for reasonable and beneficial use  
19 on his parcel free of Replacement Water Assessment. This Production Right shall not be  
20 transferable and is otherwise subject to the provisions of this Judgment.

21                   **5.1.4 Federal Reserved Water Right.** The United States has a right to  
22 Produce 7,600 acre-feet per Year from the Native Safe Yield as a Federal Reserved Water Right  
23 for use for military purposes at Edwards Air Force Base and Air Force Plant 42. *See Cappaert v.*  
24 *United States*, 426 U.S. 128, 138 (1976); *United States v. New Mexico*, 438 U.S. 696, 700 (1978).  
25 Maps of the boundaries of Edwards Air Force Base and Plant 42 are attached hereto as Exhibits 6  
26 and 7. The United States may Produce any or all of this water at any time for uses consistent with  
27 the purposes of its Federal Reserved Water Right. Water uses at Edwards Air Force Base and  
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1 Plant 42 as of the date of this Judgment are consistent with the military purposes of the facilities.  
2 The Federal Reserved Water Right to Produce 7,600 acre-feet per Year is not subject to  
3 Rampdown or any reduction including Pro-Rata Reduction due to Overdraft.

4 **5.1.4.1** In the event the United States does not Produce its  
5 entire 7,600 acre-feet in any given Year, the unused amount in any Year will be allocated to the  
6 Non-Overlying Production Rights holders, except for Boron Community Services District and  
7 West Valley County Water District, in the following Year, in proportion to Production Rights set  
8 forth in Exhibit 3. This Production of unused Federal Reserved Water Right Production does not  
9 increase any Non-Overlying Production Right holder's decreed Non-Overlying Production Right  
10 amount or percentage, and does not affect the United States' ability to fully Produce its Federal  
11 Reserved Water Right as provided in Paragraph 5.1.4 in any subsequent Year. Upon entry of a  
12 judgment confirming its Federal Reserved Water Rights consistent with this Judgment, the United  
13 States waives any rights under State law to a correlative share of the Groundwater in the Basin  
14 underlying Edwards Air Force Base and Air Force Plant 42.

15 **5.1.4.2** The United States is not precluded from acquiring State law  
16 based Production Rights in excess of its Federal Reserved Water Right through the acquisition of  
17 Production Rights in the Basin.

18 **5.1.5 State of California Production Rights.** The State of California  
19 shall have a Production Right of 207 acre-feet per Year from the Native Safe Yield and shall have  
20 the additional right to Produce Native Safe Yield as set forth in Paragraphs 5.1.5.3 and 5.1.5.4  
21 below. This Production of Native Safe Yield shall not be subject to Pro-Rata Reduction. Any  
22 Production by the State of California above 207 acre-feet per Year that is not Produced pursuant  
23 to Paragraphs 5.1.5.3 and 5.1.5.4 below shall be subject to Replacement Assessments. All  
24 Production by the State of California shall also be subject to the Administrative Assessment and  
25 the Balance Assessment except in emergency situations as provided in Paragraph 5.1.5.4.3 below.  
26 Any Production of Native Safe Yield pursuant to Paragraphs 5.1.5.3 and 5.1.5.4 below shall not  
27 reduce any other Party's Production Rights pursuant to this Judgment.

1                                   **5.1.5.1**           The State of California’s Production Right in the amount of  
2 207 acre-feet per Year is allocated separately to each of the State agencies, departments, and  
3 associations as listed below in Paragraph 5.1.5.2. Notwithstanding the separate allocations, any  
4 Production Right, or portion thereof, of one of the State agencies, departments, and associations  
5 may be transferred or used by the other State agencies, departments, and associations on parcels  
6 within the Basin. This transfer shall be done by agreement between the State agencies,  
7 departments, or associations without a Replacement Water Assessment and without the need for  
8 Watermaster approval. Prior to the transfer of another State agency, department, or association’s  
9 Production Right, the State agency, department, or association receiving the ability to use the  
10 Production Right shall obtain written consent from the transferor. Further, the State agency,  
11 department, or association receiving the Production Right shall notify the Watermaster of the  
12 transfer.

13                                   **5.1.5.2**           The Production Rights are allocated as follows and may be  
14 exercised by the following nine (9) State agencies:

15                                   **5.1.5.2.1**           The California Department of Water Resources-104  
16 acre- feet per Year.

17                                   **5.1.5.2.2**           The California Department of Parks and Recreation-  
18 9 acre-feet per Year.

19                                   **5.1.5.2.3**           The California Department of Transportation -47  
20 acre-feet per Year.

21                                   **5.1.5.2.4**           The California State Lands Commission-3 acre-feet  
22 per Year

23                                   **5.1.5.2.5**           The California Department of Corrections and  
24 Rehabilitation-3 acre-feet per Year.

25                                   **5.1.5.2.6**           The 50th District Agricultural Association-32 acre-  
26 feet per Year.

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1                                   **5.1.5.2.7**           The California Department of Veteran Affairs-3  
2 acre-feet per Year.

3                                   **5.1.5.2.8**           The California Highway Patrol -3 acre- feet per  
4 Year.

5                                   **5.1.5.2.9**           The California Department of Military-3 acre-feet  
6 per Year.

7                                   **5.1.5.3**            If at any time, the amount of water supplied to the State of  
8 California by District No. 40, AVEK, or Rosamond Community Service District is no longer  
9 available or no longer available at reasonable rates to the State of California, the State of  
10 California shall have the additional right to Produce Native Safe Yield to meet its reasonable and  
11 beneficial needs up to 787 acre-feet per Year, the amount provided by District No. 40, AVEK and  
12 Rosamond Community Services District to the State of California in the Year 2013.

13                                   **5.1.5.4**            The following provisions will also apply to each specific  
14 agency listed below:

15                                   **5.1.5.4.1**           California Department of Corrections &  
16 Rehabilitation (CDCR). In addition to its Production Right pursuant to Paragraphs 5.1.5.2.5 and  
17 5.1.5.3, CDCR may also pump Groundwater: (1) to the extent necessary to conduct periodic  
18 maintenance of its well pumping equipment; and (2) as a supplementary source of drinking water  
19 or as an emergency back-up supply as set forth in Water Code section 55338.

20                                   **5.1.5.4.2**           California Department of Water Resources (DWR).  
21 In addition to its Production pursuant to Paragraphs 5.1.5.2.1 and 5.1.5.3 above, DWR may also  
22 pump Native Safe Yield from the area adjacent to and beneath the California Aqueduct and  
23 related facilities at a time and in an amount it determines is reasonably necessary to protect the  
24 physical integrity of the California Aqueduct and related facilities from high Groundwater.  
25 Further, notwithstanding provisions of this Judgment prohibiting the export of Native Safe Yield  
26 from the Basin, DWR may place the Native Safe Yield that it pumps for the protection of the  
27 California Aqueduct into the California Aqueduct, whether or not such Native Safe Yield is  
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1 ultimately returned to the Basin. However, DWR and AVEK shall use their best efforts to enter  
2 into an agreement allowing AVEK to recapture the Native Safe Yield DWR puts into the  
3 California Aqueduct and return it to the Basin.

4 **5.1.5.4.3** Department of Military. The Department of Military  
5 may Produce additional Groundwater in an amount necessary to protect and promote public  
6 health and safety during an event deemed to be an emergency by the Department of Military  
7 pursuant to California Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, and California Military and  
8 Veterans Code sections 143 and 146. Such Production shall be free from any assessment,  
9 including any Administrative, Balance, or Replacement Water Assessment.

10 **5.1.5.4.4** The California Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
11 California Department of Veteran Affairs has begun the expansion and increased occupancy  
12 project of the Veterans Home of California – Lancaster facility owned by the State of California  
13 by and on behalf of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. The California Department of  
14 Veterans Affairs fully expects that it will be able to purchase up to an additional 40 acre-feet per  
15 Year for use at this facility from District No. 40.

16 **5.1.6 Non-Overlying Production Rights.** The Parties listed in Exhibit 3  
17 have Production Rights in the amounts listed in Exhibit 3. Exhibit 3 is attached hereto, and  
18 incorporated herein by reference. Non-Overlying Production Rights are subject to Pro-Rata  
19 Reduction or Increase only pursuant to Paragraph 18.5.10.

20 **5.1.7 City of Lancaster.** The City of Lancaster ("Lancaster") can  
21 Produce up to 500 acre-feet of Groundwater for reasonable and beneficial uses at its National  
22 Soccer Complex. Such production shall only be subject to Administrative Assessment and no  
23 other assessments. Lancaster will stop Producing Groundwater and will use Recycled Water  
24 supplied from District No. 40, when it becomes available, to meet the reasonable and beneficial  
25 water uses of the National Soccer Complex. Lancaster may continue to Produce up to 500 acre-  
26 feet of Groundwater until Recycled Water becomes available to serve the reasonable and  
27 beneficial water uses of the National Soccer Complex. Nothing in this paragraph shall be  
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1 construed as requiring Lancaster to have any responsibility for constructing, or in any way  
2 contributing to the cost of, any infrastructure necessary to deliver Recycled Water to the National  
3 Soccer Complex.

4 **5.1.8 Antelope Valley Joint Union High School District.** Antelope  
5 Valley Joint Union High School District is a public school entity duly organized and existing  
6 under the laws of the State of California. In addition to the amounts allocated to Antelope Valley  
7 Joint Union High School District (“AVJUHS”) and pursuant to Exhibit 4, AVJUHS can  
8 additionally produce up to 29 acre-feet of Groundwater for reasonable and beneficial uses on its  
9 athletic fields and other public spaces. When recycled water becomes available to Quartz Hill  
10 High School (located at 6040 West Avenue L, Quartz Hill, CA 93535) which is a site that is part  
11 of AVJUHS, at a price equal to or less than the lowest cost of any of the following:

12 Replacement Obligation, Replacement Water, or other water that is delivered to AVJUHS at  
13 Quartz Hill High School, AVJUHS will stop producing the 29 acre-feet of Groundwater  
14 allocated to it and use recycled water as a replacement to its 29 acre-feet production. AVJUHS  
15 retains its production rights and allocation pursuant to Exhibit 4 of this Judgment.

16 **5.1.9 Construction of Solar Power Facilities.** Any Party may Produce  
17 Groundwater in excess of its Production Right allocated to it in Exhibit 4 for the purpose of  
18 constructing a facility located on land overlying the Basin that will generate, distribute or store  
19 solar power through and including December 31, 2016 and shall not be charged a Replacement  
20 Water Assessment or incur a Replacement Obligation for such Production in excess of its  
21 Production Rights. Any amount of such production in excess of the Production Right through  
22 and including December 31, 2016 shall be reasonable to accomplish such construction but shall  
23 not exceed 500 acre-feet per Year for all Parties using such water.

24 **5.1.10 Production Rights Claimed by Non-Stipulating Parties.** Any  
25 claim to a right to Produce Groundwater from the Basin by a Non-Stipulating Party shall be  
26 subject to procedural or legal objection by any Stipulating Party. Should the Court, after taking  
27 evidence, rule that a Non-Stipulating Party has a Production Right, the Non-Stipulating Party  
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1 shall be subject to all provisions of this Judgment, including reduction in Production necessary to  
2 implement the Physical Solution and the requirements to pay assessments, but shall not be  
3 entitled to benefits provided by Stipulation, including but not limited to Carry Over pursuant to  
4 Paragraph 15 and Transfers pursuant to Paragraph 16. If the total Production by Non-Stipulating  
5 Parties is less than seven percent (7%) of the Native Safe Yield, such Production will be  
6 addressed when Native Safe Yield is reviewed pursuant to Paragraph 18.5.9. If the total  
7 Production by Non-Stipulating Parties is greater than seven percent (7%) of the Native Safe  
8 Yield, the Watermaster shall determine whether Production by Non-Stipulating Parties would  
9 cause Material Injury, in which case the Watermaster shall take action to mitigate the Material  
10 Injury, including, but not limited to, imposing a Balance Assessment, provided however, that the  
11 Watermaster shall not recommend any changes to the allocations under Exhibits 3 and 4 prior to  
12 the redetermination of Native Safe Yield pursuant to Paragraph 18.5.9. In all cases, however,  
13 whenever the Watermaster re-determines the Native Safe Yield pursuant to Paragraph 18.5.9, the  
14 Watermaster shall take action to prevent Native Safe Yield Production from exceeding the Native  
15 Safe Yield on a long-term basis.

16 **5.2 Rights to Imported Water Return Flows.**

17 **5.2.1 Rights to Imported Water Return Flows.** Return Flows from  
18 Imported Water used within the Basin which net augment the Basin Groundwater supply are not a  
19 part of the Native Safe Yield. Subject to review pursuant to Paragraph 18.5.11, Imported Water  
20 Return Flows from Agricultural Imported Water use are 34% and Imported Water Return Flows  
21 from Municipal and Industrial Imported Water use are 39% of the amount of Imported Water  
22 used.

23 **5.2.2 Water Imported Through AVEK.** The right to Produce Imported  
24 Water Return Flows from water imported through AVEK belongs exclusively to the Parties  
25 identified on Exhibit 8, attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference. Each Party shown  
26 on Exhibit 8 shall have a right to Produce an amount of Imported Water Return Flows in any  
27 Year equal to the applicable percentage multiplied by the average amount of Imported Water used  
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1 by that Party within the Basin in the preceding five Year period (not including Imported Stored  
2 Water in the Basin). Any Party that uses Imported Water on lands outside the Basin but within the  
3 watershed of the Basin shall be entitled to Produce Imported Water Return Flows to the extent  
4 such Party establishes to the satisfaction of the Watermaster the amount that its Imported Water  
5 Return Flows augment the Basin Groundwater supply. This right shall be in addition to that  
6 Party's Overlying or Non-Overlying Production Right. Production of Imported Water Return  
7 Flows is not subject to the Replacement Water Assessment. All Imported Water Return Flows  
8 from water imported through AVEK and not allocated to Parties identified in Exhibit 8 belong  
9 exclusively to AVEK, unless otherwise agreed by AVEK. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Boron  
10 Community Services District shall have the right to Produce Imported Water Return Flows, up to  
11 78 acre-feet annually, based on the applicable percentage multiplied by the average amount of  
12 Imported Water used by Boron Community Services District outside the Basin, but within its  
13 service area in the preceding five Year period (not including Imported Stored Water in the Basin)  
14 without having to establish that the Imported Water Return Flows augment the Basin  
15 Groundwater supply.

16 **5.2.3 Water Not Imported Through AVEK.** After entry of this  
17 Judgment, a Party other than AVEK that brings Imported Water into the Basin from a source  
18 other than AVEK shall notify the Watermaster each Year quantifying the amount and uses of the  
19 Imported Water in the prior Year. The Party bringing such Imported Water into the Basin shall  
20 have a right to Produce an amount of Imported Water Return Flows in any Year equal to the  
21 applicable percentage set forth above multiplied by the average annual amount of Imported Water  
22 used by that Party within the Basin in the preceding five Year period (not including Imported  
23 Stored Water in the Basin).

24 **5.3 Rights to Recycled Water.** The owner of a waste water treatment plant  
25 operated for the purpose of treating wastes from a sanitary sewer system shall hold the exclusive  
26 right to the Recycled Water as against anyone who has supplied the water discharged into the  
27 waste water collection and treatment system. At the time of this Judgment those Parties that  
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1 produce Recycled Water are Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts No. 14 and No. 20,  
2 Rosamond Community Services District, and Edwards Air Force Base. Nothing in this Judgment  
3 affects or impairs this ownership or any existing or future agreements for the use of Recycled  
4 Water within the Basin.

5 **6. INJUNCTION**

6 **6.1 Injunction Against Unauthorized Production.** Each and every Party, its  
7 officers, directors, agents, employees, successors, and assigns, except for the United States, is  
8 ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from Producing Groundwater from the Basin except pursuant  
9 to this Judgment. Without waiving or foreclosing any arguments or defenses it might have, the  
10 United States agrees that nothing herein prevents or precludes the Watermaster or any Party from  
11 seeking to enjoin the United States from Producing water in excess of its 7,600 acre-foot per Year  
12 Reserved Water Right if and to the extent the United States has not paid the Replacement  
13 Assessments for such excess Production or entered into written consent to the imposition of  
14 Replacement Assessments as described in Paragraph 9.2.

15 **6.2 Injunction Re Change in Purpose of Use Without Notice to The**  
16 **Watermaster.** Each and every Party, its officers, directors, agents, employees, successors, and  
17 assigns, is ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from changing its Purpose of Use of Groundwater at  
18 any time without notifying the Watermaster.

19 **6.3 Injunction Against Unauthorized Capture of Stored Water.** Each and  
20 every Party, its officers, directors, agents, employees, successors and assigns, is ENJOINED  
21 AND RESTRAINED from claiming any right to Produce the Stored Water that has been  
22 recharged in the Basin, except pursuant to a Storage Agreement with the Watermaster, and as  
23 allowed by this Judgment, or pursuant to water banking operations in existence and operating at  
24 the time of this Judgment as identified in Paragraph 14. This Paragraph does not prohibit Parties  
25 from importing water into the Basin for direct use, or from Producing or using Imported Water  
26 Return Flows owned by such Parties pursuant to Paragraph 5.2.

1                   **6.4           Injunction Against Transportation From Basin.** Except upon further  
2 order of the Court, each and every Party, its officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns,  
3 is ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from transporting Groundwater hereafter Produced from the  
4 Basin to areas outside the Basin except as provided for by the following. The United States may  
5 transport water Produced pursuant to its Federal Reserved Water Right to any portion of Edwards  
6 Air Force Base, whether or not the location of use is within the Basin. This injunction does not  
7 prevent Saint Andrew’s Abbey, Inc., U.S. Borax and Tejon Ranchcorp/Tejon Ranch Company  
8 from conducting business operations on lands both inside and outside the Basin boundary, and  
9 transporting Groundwater Produced consistent with this Judgment for those operations and for  
10 use on those lands outside the Basin and within the watershed of the Basin as shown in Exhibit 9.  
11 This injunction also does not apply to any California Aqueduct protection dewatering Produced  
12 by the California Department of Water Resources. This injunction does not apply to the recovery  
13 and use of stored Imported Water by any Party that stores Imported Water in the Basin pursuant  
14 to Paragraph 14 of this Judgment.

15                   **6.4.1           Export by Boron and Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services**  
16 **Districts.**

17                               **6.4.1.1**           The injunction does not prevent Boron Community Services  
18 District from transporting Groundwater Produced consistent with this Judgment for use outside  
19 the Basin, provided such water is delivered within its service area.

20                               **6.4.1.2**           The injunction does not apply to any Groundwater Produced  
21 within the Basin by Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District and delivered to its service  
22 areas, so long as the total Production does not exceed 1,200 acre-feet per Year, such water is  
23 available for Production without causing Material Injury, and the District pays a Replacement  
24 Water Assessment pursuant to Paragraph 9.2, together with any other costs deemed necessary to  
25 protect Production Rights decreed herein, on all water Produced and exported in this manner.

26                   **6.5           Continuing Jurisdiction.** The Court retains and reserves full jurisdiction,  
27 power and authority for the purpose of enabling the Court, upon a motion of a Party or Parties  
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1 noticed in accordance with the notice procedures of Paragraph 20.6 hereof, to make such further  
2 or supplemental order or directions as may be necessary or appropriate to interpret, enforce,  
3 administer or carry out this Judgment and to provide for such other matters as are not  
4 contemplated by this Judgment and which might occur in the future, and which if not provided for  
5 would defeat the purpose of this Judgment.

6 **III. PHYSICAL SOLUTION**

7 **7. GENERAL**

8 **7.1 Purpose and Objective.** The Court finds that the Physical Solution  
9 incorporated as part of this Judgment: (1) is a fair and equitable basis for satisfaction of all water  
10 rights in the Basin; (2) is in furtherance of the State Constitution mandate and the State water  
11 policy; and (3) takes into account water rights priorities, applicable public trust interests and the  
12 Federal Reserved Water Right. The Court finds that the Physical Solution establishes a legal and  
13 practical means for making the maximum reasonable and beneficial use of the waters of the Basin  
14 by providing for the long-term Conjunctive Use of all available water in order to meet the  
15 reasonable and beneficial use requirements of water users in the Basin. Therefore, the Court  
16 adopts, and orders the Parties to comply with this Physical Solution.

17 **7.2 Need For Flexibility.** This Physical Solution must provide flexibility and  
18 adaptability to allow the Court to use existing and future technological, social, institutional, and  
19 economic options in order to maximize reasonable and beneficial water use in the Basin.

20 **7.3 General Pattern of Operations.** A fundamental premise of the Physical  
21 Solution is that all Parties may Produce sufficient water to meet their reasonable and beneficial  
22 use requirements in accordance with the terms of this Judgment. To the extent that Production by  
23 a Producer exceeds such Producer's right to Produce a portion of the Total Safe Yield as provided  
24 in this Judgment, the Producer will pay a Replacement Water Assessment to the Watermaster and  
25 the Watermaster will provide Replacement Water to replace such excess production according to  
26 the methods set forth in this Judgment.

1           **7.4        Water Rights.** A Physical Solution for the Basin based upon a declaration  
2 of water rights and a formula for allocation of rights and obligations is necessary to implement  
3 the mandate of Article X, section 2 of the California Constitution. The Physical Solution requires  
4 quantifying the Producers’ rights within the Basin in a manner which will reasonably allocate the  
5 Native Safe Yield and Imported Water Return Flows and which will provide for sharing Imported  
6 Water costs. Imported Water sources are or will be available in amounts which, when combined  
7 with water conservation, water reclamation, water transfers, and improved conveyance and  
8 distribution methods within the Basin, will be sufficient in quantity and quality to assure  
9 implementation of the Physical Solution. Sufficient information and data exists to allocate  
10 existing water supplies, taking into account water rights priorities, within the Basin and as among  
11 the water users. The Physical Solution provides for delivery and equitable distribution of  
12 Imported Water to the Basin.

13           **8.        RAMPDOWN**

14           **8.1        Installation of Meters.** Within two (2) Years from the entry of this  
15 Judgment all Parties other than the Small Pumper Class shall install meters on their wells for  
16 monitoring Production. Each Party shall bear the cost of installing its meter(s). Monitoring or  
17 metering of Production by the Small Pumper Class shall be at the discretion of the Watermaster,  
18 subject to the provisions of Paragraph 5.1.3.2.

19           **8.2        Rampdown Period.** The “Rampdown Period” is seven Years beginning  
20 on the January 1 following entry of this Judgment and continuing for the following seven (7)  
21 Years.

22           **8.3        Reduction of Production During Rampdown.** During the first two Years  
23 of the Rampdown Period no Producer will be subject to a Replacement Water Assessment.  
24 During Years three through seven of the Rampdown Period, the amount that each Party may  
25 Produce from the Native Safe Yield will be progressively reduced, as necessary, in equal annual  
26 increments, from its Pre-Rampdown Production to its Production Right. Except as is determined  
27 to be exempt during the Rampdown period pursuant to the Drought Program provided for in  
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1 Paragraph 8.4, any amount Produced over the required reduction shall be subject to Replacement  
2 Water Assessment. The Federal Reserved Water Right is not subject to Rampdown.

3 **8.4 Drought Program During Rampdown for Participating Public Water**

4 **Suppliers.** During the Rampdown period a drought water management program (“Drought  
5 Program”) will be implemented by District No. 40, Quartz Hill Water District, Littlerock Creek  
6 Irrigation District, California Water Service Company, Desert Lake Community Services District,  
7 North Edwards Water District, City of Palmdale, and Palm Ranch Irrigation District,  
8 (collectively, "Drought Program Participants”), as follows:

9 **8.4.1** During the Rampdown period, District No. 40 agrees to purchase  
10 from AVEK each Year at an amount equal to 70 percent of District No. 40's total annual demand  
11 if that amount is available from AVEK at no more than the then current AVEK treated water rate.  
12 If that amount is not available from AVEK, District No. 40 will purchase as much water as  
13 AVEK makes available to District No. 40 at no more than the then current AVEK treated water  
14 rate. Under no circumstances will District No. 40 be obligated to purchase more than 50,000  
15 acre-feet of water annually from AVEK. Nothing in this Paragraph affects AVEK’s water  
16 allocation procedures as established by its Board of Directors and AVEK’s Act.

17 **8.4.2** During the Rampdown period, the Drought Program Participants  
18 each agree that, in order to minimize the amount of excess Groundwater Production in the Basin,  
19 they will use all water made available by AVEK at no more than the then current AVEK treated  
20 water rate in any Year in which they Produce Groundwater in excess of their respective rights to  
21 Produce Groundwater under this Judgment. During the Rampdown period, no Production by a  
22 Drought Program Participant shall be considered excess Groundwater Production exempt from a  
23 Replacement Water Assessment under this Drought Program unless a Drought Program  
24 Participant has utilized all water supplies available to it including its Production Right to Native  
25 Safe Yield, Return Flow rights, unused Production allocation of the Federal Reserved Water  
26 Rights, Imported Water, and Production rights previously transferred from another party.  
27 Likewise, no Production by a Drought Program Participant will be considered excess  
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1 Groundwater Production exempt from a Replacement Water Assessment under this Drought  
2 Program in any Year in which the Drought Program Participant has placed water from such  
3 sources described in this Paragraph 8.4.2 into storage or has transferred such water to another  
4 Person or entity.

5 **8.4.3** During the Rampdown period, the Drought Program Participants  
6 will be exempt from the requirement to pay a Replacement Water Assessment for Groundwater  
7 Production in excess of their respective rights to Produce Groundwater under this Judgment up to  
8 a total of 40,000 acre-feet over the Rampdown Period with a maximum of 20,000 acre-feet in any  
9 single Year for District No. 40 and a total of 5,000 acre-feet over the Rampdown Period for all  
10 other Drought Program Participants combined. During any Year that excess Groundwater is  
11 produced under this Drought Program, all Groundwater Production by the Drought Program  
12 Participants will be for the purpose of a direct delivery to customers served within their respective  
13 service areas and will not be transferred to other users within the Basin.

14 **8.4.4** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Drought Program Participants  
15 remain subject to the Material Injury limitation as provided in this Judgment.

16 **8.4.5** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Drought Program Participants  
17 remain subject to a Balance Assessment as provided in Paragraph 9.3 of this Judgment.

18 **9. ASSESSMENTS.**

19 **9.1 Administrative Assessment.** Administrative Assessments to fund the  
20 Administrative Budget adopted by the Watermaster shall be levied uniformly on an annual basis  
21 against (1) each acre foot of a Party's Production Right as described in Paragraph 5.1, (2) each  
22 acre foot of a Party's right to Produce Imported Water Return Flows as determined pursuant to  
23 Paragraph 5.2, (3) each acre foot of a Party's Production for which a Replacement Water  
24 Assessment has been imposed pursuant to Paragraph 9.2, and (4) during the Rampdown, each  
25 acre foot of a Party's Production in excess of (1)-(3), above, excluding Production from Stored  
26 Water and/or Carry Over water, except that the United States shall be subject to the  
27 Administrative Assessment only on the actual Production of the United States. During the  
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1 Rampdown the Administrative Assessment shall be no more than five (5) dollars per acre foot, or  
2 as ordered by the Court upon petition of the Watermaster. Non-Overlying Production Rights  
3 holders using the unused Production allocation of the Federal Reserved Water Right shall be  
4 subject to Administrative Assessments on water the Non-Overlying Production Rights holders  
5 Produce pursuant to Paragraph 5.1.4.1.

6 **9.2 Replacement Water Assessment.** In order to ensure that each Party may  
7 fully exercise its Production Right, there will be a Replacement Water Assessment. Except as is  
8 determined to be exempt during the Rampdown period pursuant to the Drought Program provided  
9 for in Paragraph 8.4, the Watermaster shall impose the Replacement Water Assessment on any  
10 Producer whose Production of Groundwater from the Basin in any Year is in excess of the sum of  
11 such Producer's Production Right and Imported Water Return Flow available in that Year,  
12 provided that no Replacement Water Assessment shall be imposed on the United States except  
13 upon the United States' written consent to such imposition based on the appropriation by  
14 Congress, and the apportionment by the Office of Management and Budget, of funds that are  
15 available for the purpose of, and sufficient for, paying the United States' Replacement Water  
16 Assessment. The Replacement Water Assessment shall not be imposed on the Production of  
17 Stored Water, In-Lieu Production or Production of Imported Water Return Flows. The amount of  
18 the Replacement Water Assessment shall be the amount of such excess Production multiplied by  
19 the cost to the Watermaster of Replacement Water, including any Watermaster spreading costs.  
20 All Replacement Water Assessments collected by the Watermaster shall be used to acquire  
21 Imported Water from AVEK, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Palmdale Water District, or  
22 other entities. AVEK shall use its best efforts to acquire as much Imported Water as possible in a  
23 timely manner. If the Watermaster encounters delays in acquiring Imported Water which, due to  
24 cost increases, results in collected assessment proceeds being insufficient to purchase all Imported  
25 Water for which the Assessments were made, the Watermaster shall purchase as much water as  
26 the proceeds will allow when the water becomes available. If available Imported Water is  
27 insufficient to fully meet the Replacement Water obligations under contracts, the Watermaster  
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1 shall allocate the Imported Water for delivery to areas on an equitable and practicable basis  
2 pursuant to the Watermaster rules and regulations.

3           **9.2.1**           The Non-Pumper Class Stipulation of Settlement, executed by its  
4 signatories and approved by the Court in the Non-Pumper Class Judgment, specifically provides  
5 for imposition of a Replacement Water Assessment on Non-Pumper Class members. This  
6 Judgment is consistent with the Non-Pumper Class Stipulation of Settlement and Judgment. The  
7 Non-Pumper Class members specifically agreed to pay a replacement assessment if that member  
8 produced “more than its annual share” of the Native Safe Yield less the amount of the Federal  
9 Reserved Right. (See Appendix B at paragraph V., section D. Replacement Water.) In approving  
10 the Non-Pumper Class Stipulation of Settlement this Court specifically held in its Order after  
11 Hearing dated November 18, 2010, that “the court determination of physical solution cannot be  
12 limited by the Class Settlement.” The Court also held that the Non-Pumper Class Stipulation of  
13 Settlement “may not affect parties who are not parties to the settlement.”

14           **9.2.2**           Evidence presented to the Court demonstrates that Production by  
15 one or more Public Water Suppliers satisfies the elements of prescription and that Production by  
16 overlying landowners during portion(s) of the prescriptive period exceeded the Native Safe Yield.  
17 At the time of this Judgment the entire Native Safe Yield is being applied to reasonable and  
18 beneficial uses in the Basin. Members of the Non-Pumper Class do not and have never Produced  
19 Groundwater for reasonable beneficial use as of the date of this Judgment. Pursuant to *Pasadena*  
20 *v. Alhambra* (1949) 33 Cal 2d 908, 931-32 and other applicable law, the failure of the Non-  
21 Pumper Class members to Produce any Groundwater under the facts here modifies their rights to  
22 Produce Groundwater except as provided in this Judgment. Because this is a comprehensive  
23 adjudication pursuant to the McCarran Amendment, consistent with the California Supreme Court  
24 decisions, including *In Re Waters of Long Valley Creek Stream System* (1979) 25 Cal. 3d 339,  
25 this Court makes the following findings: (1) certainty fosters reasonable and beneficial use of  
26 water and is called for by the mandate of Article X, section 2; (2) because of this mandate for  
27 certainty and in furtherance of the Physical Solution, any New Production, including that by a  
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1 member of the Non-Pumper Class must comply with the New Production Application Procedure  
2 specified in Paragraph 18.5.13; (3) as of this Judgment no member of the Non-Pumper Class has  
3 established a Production Right to the reasonable and beneficial use of Groundwater based on their  
4 unexercised claim of right to Produce Groundwater; (4) if in the future a member of the Non-  
5 Pumper Class proposes to Produce Groundwater for reasonable and beneficial use, the  
6 Watermaster as part of the New Production Application Procedure, has the authority to determine  
7 whether such a member has established that the proposed New Production is a reasonable and  
8 beneficial use in the context of other existing uses of Groundwater and then-current Basin  
9 conditions; and (5) the Watermaster's determinations as to the approval, scope, nature and priority  
10 of any New Production is reasonably necessary to the promotion of the State's interest in fostering  
11 the most reasonable and beneficial use of its scarce water resources. All provisions of this  
12 Judgment regarding the administration, use and enforcement of the Replacement Water  
13 Assessment shall apply to each Non-Pumper Class member that Produces Groundwater. Prior to  
14 the commencement of Production, each Producing Non-Pumper Class member shall install a  
15 meter and report Production to the Watermaster. The Court finds that this Judgment is consistent  
16 with the Non-Pumper Stipulation of Settlement and Judgment.

17 **9.3 Balance Assessment.** In order to ensure that after Rampdown each Party  
18 may fully exercise its Production Right, there may be a Balance Assessment imposed by the  
19 Watermaster. The Balance Assessment shall be assessed on all Production Rights, excluding the  
20 United States' actual Production, but including that portion of the Federal Reserved Right  
21 Produced by other Parties, in an amount determined by the Watermaster. A Balance Assessment  
22 may not be imposed until after the end of the Rampdown. In determining whether to adopt a  
23 Balance Assessment, and in what amount, the Watermaster Engineer shall consider current Basin  
24 conditions as well as then-current pumping existing after Rampdown exclusive of any  
25 consideration of an effect on then-current Basin conditions relating to Production of Groundwater  
26 pursuant to the Drought Program which occurred during the Rampdown, and shall only assess a

1 Balance Assessment or curtail a Party's Production under section 9.3.4 below, to avoid or  
2 mitigate Material Injury that is caused by Production after the completion of the Rampdown.

3 **9.3.1** Any proceeds of the Balance Assessment will be used to purchase,  
4 deliver, produce in lieu, or arrange for alternative pumping sources of water in the Basin, but shall  
5 not include infrastructure costs.

6 **9.3.2** The Watermaster Engineer shall determine and collect from any  
7 Party receiving direct benefit of the Balance Assessment proceeds an amount equal to that Party's  
8 avoided Production costs.

9 **9.3.3** The Balance Assessment shall not be used to benefit the United  
10 States unless the United States participates in paying the Balance Assessment.

11 **9.3.4** The Watermaster Engineer may curtail the exercise of a Party's  
12 Production Right under this Judgment, except the United States' Production, if it is determined  
13 necessary to avoid or mitigate a Material Injury to the Basin and provided that the Watermaster  
14 provides an equivalent quantity of water to such Party as a substitute water supply, with such  
15 water paid for from the Balance Assessment proceeds.

16 **10. SUBAREAS.** Subject to modification by the Watermaster the following Subareas  
17 are recognized:

18 **10.1 Central Antelope Valley Subarea.** The Central Antelope Valley Subarea  
19 is the largest of the five Subareas and underlies Rosamond, Quartz Hill, Lancaster, Edwards AFB  
20 and much of Palmdale. This Subarea also contains the largest amount of remaining agricultural  
21 land use in the Basin. The distinctive geological features of the Central Antelope Valley Subarea  
22 are the presence of surficial playa and pluvial lake deposits; the widespread occurrence of thick,  
23 older pluvial lake bed deposits; and alluvial deposits from which Groundwater is produced above  
24 and below the lake bed deposits. The Central Antelope Valley Subarea is defined to be east of the  
25 largely buried ridge of older granitic and tertiary rocks exposed at Antelope Buttes and extending  
26 beyond Little Buttes and Tropic Hill. The Central Subarea is defined to be southwest and  
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1 northeast of the extension of the Buttes Fault, and northwest of an unnamed fault historically  
2 identified from Groundwater level differences, as shown on Exhibit 10.

3 **10.2 West Antelope Valley Subarea.** The West Antelope Valley Subarea is  
4 the second largest subarea. The area is characterized by a lack of surficial lake bed deposits, and  
5 little evidence of widespread subsurface lake beds, and thick alluvial deposits. The Western  
6 Antelope Valley Subarea is defined to be south of the Willow Springs-Cottonwood Fault and  
7 west of a largely buried ridge of older granitic and tertiary rocks that are exposed at Antelope  
8 Buttes and Little Buttes, and continue to Tropico Hill, as shown on Exhibit 10.

9 **10.3 South East Subarea.** The South East Subarea is characterized by granitic  
10 buttes to the north, shallow granitic rocks in the southwest, and a lack of lake bed deposits. The  
11 South East Subarea is defined to encompass the remainder of the Basin from the unnamed fault  
12 between the Central and South East subareas, to the county-line boundary of the Basin. Notably,  
13 this area contains Littlerock and Big Rock creeks that emanate from the mountains to the south  
14 and discharge onto the valley floor.

15 **10.4 Willow Springs Subarea.** The Willow Springs Subarea is separated from  
16 the West Antelope Subarea primarily because the Willow Springs fault shows some signs of  
17 recent movement and there is substantial Groundwater hydraulic separation between the two  
18 adjacent areas, suggesting that the fault significantly impedes Groundwater flow from the Willow  
19 Springs to the lower West Antelope Subarea. Otherwise, the Willow Springs Subarea is  
20 comparable in land use to the West Antelope Subarea, with some limited agricultural land use and  
21 no municipal development, as shown on Exhibit 10.

22 **10.5 Rogers Lake Subarea.** The Rogers Lake Subarea is characterized by  
23 surficial pluvial Lake Thompson and playa deposits, and a narrow, fault-bound, central trough  
24 filled with alluvial deposits. The area is divided into north and south subareas on opposite sides  
25 of a buried ridge of granite rock in the north lake, as shown on Exhibit 10.

26 **11. INCREASE IN PRODUCTION BY THE UNITED STATES.**

1                   **11.1           Notice of Increase of Production Under Federal Reserved Water**

2 **Right.** After the date of entry of this Judgment, the United States shall provide the Watermaster  
3 with at least ninety (90) days advanced notice if Production by the United States is reasonably  
4 anticipated to increase more than 200 acre-feet per Year in a following 12 month period.

5                   **11.2           Water Substitution to Reduce Production by United States.** The United  
6 States agrees that maximizing Imported Water is essential to improving the Basin’s health and  
7 agrees that its increased demand can be met by either increasing its Production or by accepting  
8 deliveries of Imported Water of sufficient quality to meet the purpose of its Federal Reserved  
9 Water Right under the conditions provided for herein. Any Party may propose a water  
10 substitution or replacement to the United States to secure a reduction in Groundwater Production  
11 by the United States. Such an arrangement would be at the United States’ sole discretion and  
12 subject to applicable federal law, regulations and other requirements. If such a substitution or  
13 replacement arrangement is agreed upon, the United States shall reduce Production by the amount  
14 of Replacement Water provided to it, and the Party providing such substitution or replacement of  
15 water to the United States may Produce a corresponding amount of Native Safe Yield free from  
16 Replacement Water Assessment in addition to their Production Right.

17                   **12.           MOVEMENT OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS PRODUCTION**  
18 **FACILITIES.**

19                   **12.1           No Requirement to Move Public Water Suppliers’ Production Wells.**

20 One or more of the Public Water Suppliers intend to seek Federal or State legislation to pay for  
21 all costs related to moving the Public Water Suppliers Production wells to areas that will reduce  
22 the impact of Public Water Supplier Production on the United States’ current Production wells.  
23 The Public Water Suppliers shall have no responsibility to move any Production wells until  
24 Federal or State legislation fully funding the costs of moving the wells is effective or until  
25 required to do so by order of this Court which order shall not be considered or made by this Court  
26 until the seventeenth (17th) Year after entry of this Judgment. The Court may only make such an  
27 order if it finds that the Public Water Supplier Production from those wells is causing Material  
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1 Injury. The Court shall not impose the cost of moving the Public Water Supplier Production  
2 Facilities on any non-Public Water Supplier Party to this Judgment.

3 **13. FEDERAL APPROVAL.** This Judgment is contingent on final approval by the  
4 Department of Justice. Such approval will be sought upon final agreement of the terms of this  
5 Judgment by the settling Parties. Nothing in this Judgment shall be interpreted or construed as a  
6 commitment or requirement that the United States obligate or pay funds in contravention of the  
7 Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341, or any other applicable provision of law. Nothing in this  
8 Judgment, specifically including Paragraphs 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3, shall be construed to deprive any  
9 federal official of the authority to revise, amend, or promulgate regulations. Nothing in this  
10 Judgment shall be deemed to limit the authority of the executive branch to make  
11 recommendations to Congress on any particular piece of legislation. Nothing in this Judgment  
12 shall be construed to commit a federal official to expend federal funds not appropriated by  
13 Congress. To the extent that the expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any  
14 obligation of the United States under this Judgment is to be funded by appropriation of funds by  
15 Congress, the expenditure, advance, or performance shall be contingent upon the appropriation of  
16 funds by Congress that are available for this purpose and the apportionment of such funds by the  
17 Office of Management and Budget and certification by the appropriate Air Force official that  
18 funding is available for this purpose, and an affirmative obligation of the funds for payment made  
19 by the appropriate Air Force official. No breach of this Judgment shall result and no liability  
20 shall accrue to the United States in the event such funds are not appropriated or apportioned.

21 **14. STORAGE.** All Parties shall have the right to store water in the Basin pursuant to  
22 a Storage Agreement with the Watermaster. If Littlerock Creek Irrigation District or Palmdale  
23 Water District stores Imported Water in the Basin it shall not export from its service area that  
24 Stored Water. AVEK, Littlerock Creek Irrigation District or Palmdale Water District may enter  
25 into exchanges of their State Water Project “Table A” Amounts. Nothing in this Judgment limits  
26 or modifies operation of preexisting banking projects (including AVEK, District No. 40, Antelope  
27 Valley Water Storage LLC, Tejon Ranchcorp and Tejon Ranch Company, Sheep Creek Water  
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1 Co., Rosamond Community Services District and Palmdale Water District) or performance of  
2 preexisting exchange agreements of the Parties. The Watermaster shall promptly enter into  
3 Storage Agreements with the Parties at their request. The Watermaster shall not enter into  
4 Storage Agreements with non-Parties unless such non-Parties become expressly subject to the  
5 provisions of this Judgment and the jurisdiction of the Court. Storage Agreements shall expressly  
6 preclude operations which will cause a Material Injury on any Producer. If, pursuant to a Storage  
7 Agreement, a Party has provided for pre-delivery or post-delivery of Replacement Water for the  
8 Party's use, the Watermaster shall credit such water to the Party's Replacement Water Obligation  
9 at the Party's request. Any Stored Water that originated as State Water Project water imported by  
10 AVEK, Palmdale Water District or Littlerock Creek Irrigation District may be exported from the  
11 Basin for use in a portion of the service area of any city or public agency, including State Water  
12 Project Contractors, that are Parties to this action at the time of this Judgment and whose service  
13 area includes land outside the Basin. AVEK may export any of its Stored State Project Water to  
14 any area outside its jurisdictional boundaries and the Basin provided that all water demands  
15 within AVEK's jurisdictional boundaries are met. Any Stored Water that originated as other  
16 Imported Water may be exported from the Basin, subject to a requirement that the Watermaster  
17 make a technical determination of the percentage of the Stored Water that is unrecoverable and  
18 that such unrecoverable Stored Water is dedicated to the Basin.

19 **15. CARRY OVER**

20 **15.1 In Lieu Production Right Carry Over.** Any Producer identified in  
21 Paragraph 5.1.1, 5.1.5 and 5.1.6 can utilize In Lieu Production by purchasing Imported Water and  
22 foregoing Production of a corresponding amount of the annual Production of Native Safe Yield  
23 provided for in Paragraph 5 herein. In Lieu Production must result in a net reduction of annual  
24 Production from the Native Safe Yield in order to be entitled to the corresponding Carry Over  
25 benefits under this paragraph. In Lieu Production does not make additional water from the Native  
26 Safe Yield available to any other Producer. If a Producer foregoes pumping and uses Imported  
27 Water In Lieu of Production, the Producer may Carry Over its right to the unproduced portion of  
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1 its Production Right for up to ten (10) Years. A Producer must Produce its full current Year's  
2 Production Right before any Carry Over water is Produced. Carry Over water will be Produced  
3 on a first-in, first-out basis. At the end of the Carry Over period, the Producer may enter into a  
4 Storage Agreement with the Watermaster to store unproduced portions, subject to terms and  
5 conditions in the Watermaster's discretion. Any such Storage Agreements shall expressly  
6 preclude operations, including the rate and amount of extraction, which will cause a Material  
7 Injury to another Producer or Party, any subarea or the Basin. If not converted to a Storage  
8 Agreement, Carry Over water not Produced by the end of the tenth Year reverts to the benefit of  
9 the Basin and the Producer no longer has a right to the Carry Over water. The Producer may  
10 transfer any Carry Over water or Carry Over water stored pursuant to a Storage Agreement.

11 **15.2 Imported Water Return Flow Carry Over.** If a Producer identified in  
12 Paragraph 5.1.1, 5.1.5 and 5.1.6 fails to Produce its full amount of Imported Water Return Flows  
13 in the Year following the Year in which the Imported Water was brought into the Basin, the  
14 Producer may Carry Over its right to the unproduced portion of its Imported Water Return Flows  
15 for up to ten (10) Years. A Producer must Produce its full Production Right before any Carry  
16 Over water, or any other water, is Produced. Carry Over water will be Produced on a first-in,  
17 first-out basis. At the end of the Carry Over period, the Producer may enter into a Storage  
18 Agreement with the Watermaster to store unproduced portions, subject to terms and conditions in  
19 the Watermaster's discretion. Any such Storage Agreements shall expressly preclude operations,  
20 including the rate and amount of extraction, which will cause a Material Injury to another  
21 Producer or Party, any subarea or the Basin. If not converted to a Storage Agreement, Carry Over  
22 water not Produced by the end of the tenth Year reverts to the benefit of the Basin and the  
23 Producer no longer has a right to the Carry Over water. The Producer may transfer any Carry  
24 Over water or Carry Over water stored pursuant to a Storage Agreement.

25 **15.3 Production Right Carry Over.** If a Producer identified in Paragraph  
26 5.1.1, 5.1.5 and 5.1.6 fails to Produce its full Production Right in any Year, the Producer may  
27 Carry Over its right to the unproduced portion of its Production Right for up to ten (10) Years. A  
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1 Producer must Produce its full Production Right before any Carry Over water, or any other water,  
2 is Produced. Carry Over water will be Produced on a first-in, first-out basis. At the end of the  
3 Carry Over period, the Producer may enter into a Storage Agreement with the Watermaster to  
4 store unproduced portions, subject to terms and conditions in the Watermaster's discretion. Any  
5 such Storage Agreements shall expressly preclude operations, including the rate and amount of  
6 extraction, which will cause a Material Injury to another Producer or Party, any subarea or the  
7 Basin. If not converted to a Storage Agreement, Carry Over water not Produced by the end of the  
8 tenth Year reverts to the benefit of the Basin and the Producer no longer has a right to the Carry  
9 Over water. The Producer may transfer any Carry Over water or Carry Over water stored  
10 pursuant to a Storage Agreement.

11 **16. TRANSFERS.**

12 **16.1 When Transfers are Permitted.** Pursuant to terms and conditions to be  
13 set forth in the Watermaster rules and regulations, and except as otherwise provided in this  
14 Judgment, Parties may transfer all or any portion of their Production Right to another Party so  
15 long as such transfer does not cause Material Injury. All transfers are subject to hydrologic  
16 review by the Watermaster Engineer.

17 **16.2 Transfers to Non-Overlying Production Right Holders.** Overlying  
18 Production Rights that are transferred to Non-Overlying Production Right holders shall remain on  
19 Exhibit 4 and be subject to adjustment as provided in Paragraph 18.5.10, but may be used  
20 anywhere in the transferee's service area.

21 **16.3 Limitation on Transfers of Water by Antelope Valley United Mutuals**  
22 **Group.** After the date of this Judgment, any Overlying Production Rights pursuant to Paragraph  
23 5.1.1, rights to Imported Water Return Flows pursuant to Paragraph 5.2, rights to Recycled Water  
24 pursuant to Paragraph 5.3 and Carry Over water pursuant to Paragraph 15 (including any water  
25 banked pursuant to a Storage Agreement with the Watermaster) that are at any time held by any  
26 member of the Antelope Valley United Mutuals Group may only be transferred to or amongst  
27 other members of the Antelope Valley United Mutuals Group, except as provided in Paragraph  
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1 16.3.1. Transfers amongst members of the Antelope Valley United Mutuals Group shall be  
2 separately reported in the Annual Report of the Watermaster pursuant to Paragraphs 18.4.8 and  
3 18.5.17. Transfers amongst members of the Antelope Valley United Mutuals Group shall not be  
4 deemed to constitute an abandonment of any member's non-transferred rights.

5 **16.3.1** Nothing in Paragraph 16.3 shall prevent Antelope Valley United  
6 Mutuals Group members from transferring Overlying Production Rights to Public Water  
7 Suppliers who assume service of an Antelope Valley United Mutuals Group member's  
8 shareholders.

9 **16.4** Notwithstanding section 16.1, the Production Right of Boron Community  
10 Services District shall not be transferable. If and when Boron Community Services District  
11 permanently ceases all Production of Groundwater from the Basin, its Production Right shall be  
12 allocated to the other holders of Non-Overlying Production Rights, except for West Valley  
13 County Water District, in proportion to those rights.

14 **17. CHANGES IN POINT OF EXTRACTION AND NEW WELLS.** Parties may  
15 change the point of extraction for any Production Right to another point of extraction so long as  
16 such change of the point of extraction does not cause Material Injury. A replacement well for an  
17 existing point of extraction which is located within 300 feet of a Party's existing well shall not be  
18 considered a change in point of extraction.

19 **17.1 Notice of New Well.** Any Party seeking to construct a new well in order to  
20 change the point of extraction for any Production Right to another point of extraction shall notify  
21 the Watermaster at least 90 days in advance of drilling any well of the location of the new point  
22 of extraction and the intended place of use of the water Produced.

23 **17.2 Change in Point of Extraction by the United States.** The point(s) of  
24 extraction for the Federal Reserved Water Right may be changed, at the sole discretion of the  
25 United States, and not subject to the preceding limitation on Material Injury, to any point or  
26 points within the boundaries of Edwards Air Force Base or Plant 42. The point(s) of extraction  
27 for the Federal Reserved Water Right may be changed to points outside the boundaries of  
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1 Edwards Air Force Base or Plant 42, provided such change in the point of extraction does not  
2 cause Material Injury. In exercising its discretion under this Paragraph 17.2, the United States  
3 shall consider information in its possession regarding the effect of Production from the intended  
4 new point of extraction on the Basin, and on other Producers. Any such change in point(s) of  
5 extraction shall be at the expense of the United States. Nothing in this Paragraph is intended to  
6 waive any monetary claim(s) another Party may have against the United States in federal court  
7 based upon any change in point of extraction by the United States.

8 **18. WATERMASTER**

9 **18.1 Appointment of Initial Watermaster.**

10 **18.1.1** Appointment and Composition: The Court hereby appoints a  
11 Watermaster. The Watermaster shall be a five (5) member board composed of one representative  
12 each from AVEK and District No. 40, a second Public Water Supplier representative selected by  
13 District No. 40, Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District, Littlerock Creek Irrigation  
14 District, California Water Service Company, Desert Lake Community Services District, North  
15 Edwards Water District, City of Palmdale, City of Lancaster, Palm Ranch Irrigation District, and  
16 Rosamond Community Services District, and two (2) landowner Parties, exclusive of public  
17 agencies and members of the Non-Pumper and Small Pumper Classes, selected by majority vote  
18 of the landowners identified on Exhibit 4 (or their successors in interest) based on their  
19 proportionate share of the total Production Rights identified in Exhibit 4. The United States may  
20 also appoint a non-voting Department of Defense (DoD) Liaison to the Watermaster committee to  
21 represent DoD interests. Participation by the DoD Liaison shall be governed by Joint Ethics  
22 Regulation 3-201. The opinions or actions of the DoD liaison in participating in or contributing  
23 to Watermaster proceedings cannot bind DoD or any of its components.

24 **18.1.2** Voting Protocol for Watermaster Actions:

25 **18.1.2.1** The Watermaster shall make decisions by unanimous vote  
26 for the purpose of selecting or dismissing the Watermaster Engineer.



1           **18.4           Powers and Duties of the Watermaster.** Subject to the continuing  
2 supervision and control of the Court, the Watermaster shall have and may exercise the following  
3 express powers and duties, together with any specific powers and duties set forth elsewhere in  
4 this Judgment or ordered by the Court:

5                   **18.4.1           Selection of the Watermaster Engineer.** The Watermaster shall  
6 select the Watermaster Engineer with the advice of the Advisory Committee described in  
7 Paragraph 19.

8                   **18.4.2           Adoption of Rules and Regulations.** The Court may adopt  
9 appropriate rules and regulations prepared by the Watermaster Engineer and proposed by the  
10 Watermaster for conduct pursuant to this Judgment. Before proposing rules and regulations, the  
11 Watermaster shall hold a public hearing. Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing, the  
12 Watermaster shall send to all Parties notice of the hearing and a copy of the proposed rules and  
13 regulations or amendments thereto. All Watermaster rules and regulations, and any amendments  
14 to the Watermaster rules and regulations, shall be consistent with this Judgment and are subject to  
15 approval by the Court, for cause shown, after consideration of the objections of any Party.

16                   **18.4.3           Employment of Experts and Agents.** The Watermaster may  
17 employ such administrative personnel, engineering, legal, accounting, or other specialty services,  
18 and consulting assistants as appropriate in carrying out the terms of this Judgment.

19                   **18.4.4           Notice List.** The Watermaster shall maintain a current list of  
20 Parties to receive notice. The Parties have an affirmative obligation to provide the Watermaster  
21 with their current contact information. For Small Pumper Class Members, the Watermaster shall  
22 initially use the contact information contained in the list of Small Pumper Class members filed  
23 with the Court by class counsel.

24                   **18.4.5           Annual Administrative Budget.** The Watermaster shall prepare a  
25 proposed administrative budget for each Year. The Watermaster shall hold a public hearing  
26 regarding the proposed administrative budget and adopt an administrative budget. The  
27 administrative budget shall set forth budgeted items and Administrative Assessments in sufficient  
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1 detail to show the allocation of the expense among the Producers. Following the adoption of the  
2 budget, the Watermaster may make expenditures within budgeted items in the exercise of powers  
3 herein granted, as a matter of course.

4 **18.4.6 Investment of Funds.** The Watermaster may hold and invest any  
5 funds in investments authorized from time to time for public agencies in the State of California.  
6 All funds shall be held in separate accounts and not comingled with the Watermaster's personal  
7 funds.

8 **18.4.7 Borrowing.** The Watermaster may borrow in anticipation of  
9 receipt of proceeds from any assessments authorized in Paragraph 9 in an amount not to exceed  
10 the annual amount of assessments.

11 **18.4.8 Transfers.** On an annual basis, the Watermaster shall prepare and  
12 maintain a report or record of any transfer of Production Rights among Parties. Upon reasonable  
13 request, the Watermaster shall make such report or record available for inspection by any Party.  
14 A report or records of transfer of Production Rights under this Paragraph shall be considered a  
15 ministerial act.

16 **18.4.9 New Production Applications.** The Watermaster shall consider  
17 and determine whether to approve applications for New Production after consideration of the  
18 recommendation of the Watermaster Engineer.

19 **18.4.10 Unauthorized Actions.** The Watermaster shall bring such action  
20 or motion as is necessary to enjoin any conduct prohibited by this Judgment.

21 **18.4.11 Meetings and Records.** Watermaster shall provide notice of and  
22 conduct all meetings and hearings in a manner consistent with the standards and timetables set  
23 forth in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950, et seq. Watermaster shall  
24 make its files and records available to any Person consistent with the standards and timetables set  
25 forth in the Public Records Act, Government Code sections 6200, et seq.

26 **18.4.12 Assessment Procedure.** Each Party hereto is ordered to pay the  
27 assessments authorized in Paragraph 9 of this Judgment, which shall be levied and collected in  
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1 accordance with the procedures and schedules determined by the Watermaster. Any assessment  
2 which becomes delinquent, as defined by rules and regulations promulgated by the Watermaster  
3 shall bear interest at the then current real property tax delinquency rate for the county in which  
4 the property of the delinquent Party is located. The United States shall not be subject to payment  
5 of interest absent congressional waiver of immunity for the imposition of such interest. This  
6 interest rate shall apply to any said delinquent assessment from the due date thereof until paid.  
7 The delinquent assessment, together with interest thereon, costs of suit, attorneys fees and  
8 reasonable costs of collection, may be collected pursuant to (1) motion by the Watermaster giving  
9 notice to the delinquent Party only; (2) Order to Show Cause proceeding, or (3) such other lawful  
10 proceeding as may be instituted by the Watermaster or the Court. The United States shall not be  
11 subject to costs and fees absent congressional waiver of immunity for such costs and fees. The  
12 delinquent assessment shall constitute a lien on the property of the Party as of the same time and  
13 in the same manner as does the tax lien securing county property taxes. The property of the  
14 United States shall not be subject to any lien. The Watermaster shall annually certify a list of all  
15 such unpaid delinquent assessments. The Watermaster shall include the names of those Parties  
16 and the amounts of the liens in its list to the County Assessor's Office in the same manner and at  
17 the same time as it does its Administrative Assessments. Watermaster shall account for receipt of  
18 all collections of assessments collected pursuant to this Judgment, and shall pay such amounts  
19 collected pursuant to this Judgment to the Watermaster. The Watermaster shall also have the  
20 ability to seek to enjoin Production of those Parties, other than the United States, who do not pay  
21 assessments pursuant to this Judgment.

22 **18.5** **Watermaster Engineer.** The Watermaster Engineer shall have the  
23 following duties:

24 **18.5.1** **Monitoring of Safe Yield.** The Watermaster Engineer shall  
25 monitor all the Safe Yield components and include them in the annual report for Court approval.  
26 The annual report shall include all relevant data for the Basin.



1                   **18.5.2       Reduction in Groundwater Production.** The Watermaster  
2 Engineer shall ensure that reductions of Groundwater Production to the Native Safe Yield  
3 (Rampdown) take place pursuant to the terms of this Judgment and any orders by the Court.

4                   **18.5.3       Determination of Replacement Obligations.** The Watermaster  
5 Engineer shall determine Replacement Obligations for each Producer, pursuant to the terms of  
6 this Judgment.

7                   **18.5.4       Balance Obligations.** The Watermaster Engineer shall determine  
8 Balance Assessment obligations for each Producer pursuant to the terms of this Judgment. In  
9 addition, the Watermaster Engineer shall determine the amount of water derived from the Balance  
10 Assessment that shall be allocated to any Producer to enable that Producer to fully exercise its  
11 Production Right.

12                   **18.5.5       Measuring Devices, Etc.** The Watermaster Engineer shall  
13 propose, and the Watermaster shall adopt and maintain, rules and regulations regarding  
14 determination of Production amounts and installation of individual water meters. The rules and  
15 regulations shall set forth approved devices or methods to measure or estimate Production.  
16 Producers who meter Production on the date of entry of this Judgment shall continue to meter  
17 Production. The Watermaster rules and regulations shall require Producers who do not meter  
18 Production on the effective date of entry of this Judgment, except the Small Pumper Class, to  
19 install water meters within two Years.

20                   **18.5.6       Hydrologic Data Collection.** The Watermaster Engineer shall (1)  
21 operate, and maintain such wells, measuring devices, and/or meters necessary to monitor stream  
22 flow, precipitation, Groundwater levels, and Basin Subareas, and (2) to obtain such other data as  
23 may be necessary to carry out this Judgment.

24                   **18.5.7       Purchases of and Recharge with Replacement Water.** To the  
25 extent Imported Water is available, the Watermaster Engineer shall use Replacement Water  
26 Assessment proceeds to purchase Replacement Water, and deliver such water to the area deemed  
27 most appropriate as soon as practicable. The Watermaster Engineer may pre-purchase  
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1 Replacement Water and apply subsequent assessments towards the costs of such pre-purchases.  
2 The Watermaster Engineer shall reasonably and equitably actively manage the Basin to protect  
3 and enhance the health of the Basin.

4 **18.5.8 Water Quality.** The Watermaster Engineer shall take all  
5 reasonable steps to assist and encourage appropriate regulatory agencies to enforce reasonable  
6 water quality regulations affecting the Basin, including regulation of solid and liquid waste  
7 disposal, and establishing Memorandums of Understanding with Kern and Los Angeles Counties  
8 regarding well drilling ordinances and reporting.

9 **18.5.9 Native Safe Yield.** Ten (10) Years following the end of the seven  
10 Year Rampdown period, in the seventeenth (17th) Year, or any time thereafter, the Watermaster  
11 Engineer may recommend to the Court an increase or reduction of the Native Safe Yield. The  
12 Watermaster Engineer shall initiate no recommendation to change Native Safe Yield prior to the  
13 end of the seventeenth (17th) Year. In the event the Watermaster Engineer recommends in its  
14 report to the Court that the Native Safe Yield be revised based on the best available science, the  
15 Court shall conduct a hearing regarding the recommendations and may order a change in Native  
16 Safe Yield. Watermaster shall give notice of the hearing pursuant to Paragraph 20.3.2. The most  
17 recent Native Safe Yield shall remain in effect until revised by Court order according to this  
18 paragraph. If the Court approves a reduction in the Native Safe Yield, it shall impose a Pro-Rata  
19 Reduction as set forth herein, such reduction to be implemented over a seven (7) Year period. If  
20 the Court approves an increase in the Native Safe Yield, it shall impose a Pro-Rata Increase as set  
21 forth herein, such increase to be implemented immediately. Only the Court can change the  
22 Native Safe Yield.

23 **18.5.10 Change in Production Rights in Response to Change in Native**  
24 **Safe Yield.** In the event the Court changes the Native Safe Yield pursuant to Paragraph 18.5.9,  
25 the increase or decrease will be allocated among the Producers in the agreed percentages listed in  
26 Exhibits 3 and 4, except that the Federal Reserved Water Right of the United States is not subject  
27 to any increase or decrease.

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**18.5.11 Review of Calculation of Imported Water Return Flow**

**Percentages.** Ten (10) Years following the end of the Rampdown, in the seventeenth (17th) Year, or any time thereafter, the Watermaster Engineer may recommend to the Court an increase or decrease of Imported Water Return Flow percentages. The Watermaster Engineer shall initiate no recommendation to change Imported Water Return Flow percentages prior to end of the seventeenth (17th) Year. In the event the Watermaster Engineer recommends in its report to the Court that Imported Water Return Flow percentages for the Basin may need to be revised based on the best available science, the Court shall conduct a hearing regarding the recommendations and may order a change in Imported Water Return Flow percentages. Watermaster shall give notice of the hearing pursuant to Paragraph 20.6. The Imported Water Return Flow percentages set forth in Paragraph 5.2 shall remain in effect unless revised by Court order according to this Paragraph. If the Court approves a reduction in the Imported Water Return Flow percentages, such reduction shall be implemented over a seven (7) Year period. Only the Court can change the Imported Water Return Flow percentages.

**18.5.12 Production Reports.**

The Watermaster Engineer shall require each Producer, other than unmetered Small Pumper Class Members, to file an annual Production report with the Watermaster. Producers shall prepare the Production reports in a form prescribed by the rules and regulations. The Production reports shall state the total Production for the reporting Party, including Production per well, rounded off to the nearest tenth of an acre foot for each reporting period. The Production reports shall include such additional information and supporting documentation as the rules and regulations may reasonably require.

**18.5.13 New Production Application Procedure.**

The Watermaster Engineer shall determine whether a Party or Person seeking to commence New Production has established the reasonableness of the New Production in the context of all other uses of Groundwater in the Basin at the time of the application, including whether all of the Native Safe Yield is then currently being used reasonably and beneficially. Considering common law water rights and priorities, the mandate of certainty in Article X, section 2, and all other relevant

1 factors, the Watermaster Engineer has authority to recommend that the application for New  
2 Production be denied, or approved on condition of payment of a Replacement Water Assessment.  
3 The Watermaster Engineer shall consider, investigate and recommend to the Watermaster  
4 whether an application to commence New Production of Groundwater may be approved as  
5 follows:

6 **18.5.13.1** All Parties or Person(s) seeking approval from the  
7 Watermaster to commence New Production of Groundwater shall submit a written application to  
8 the Watermaster Engineer which shall include the following:

9 **18.5.13.1.1** Payment of an application fee sufficient to recover  
10 all costs of application review, field investigation, reporting, and hearing, and other associated  
11 costs, incurred by the Watermaster and Watermaster Engineer in processing the application for  
12 New Production;

13 **18.5.13.1.2** Written summary describing the proposed quantity,  
14 sources of supply, season of use, Purpose of Use, place of use, manner of delivery, and other  
15 pertinent information regarding the New Production;

16 **18.5.13.1.3** Maps identifying the location of the proposed New  
17 Production, including Basin Subarea;

18 **18.5.13.1.4** Copy of any water well permits, specifications and  
19 well-log reports, pump specifications and testing results, and water meter specifications  
20 associated with the New Production;

21 **18.5.13.1.5** Written confirmation that the applicant has obtained  
22 all applicable Federal, State, County, and local land use entitlements and other permits necessary  
23 to commence the New Production;

24 **18.5.13.1.6** Written confirmation that the applicant has complied  
25 with all applicable Federal, State, County, and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not  
26 limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et. seq.);  
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1                                   **18.5.13.1.7**           Preparation of a water conservation plan, approved  
2 and stamped by a California licensed and registered professional civil engineer, demonstrating  
3 that the New Production will be designed, constructed and implemented consistent with  
4 California best water management practices.

5                                   **18.5.13.1.8**           Preparation of an analysis of the economic impact of  
6 the New Production on the Basin and other Producers in the Subarea of the Basin;

7                                   **18.5.13.1.9**           Preparation of an analysis of the physical impact of  
8 the New Production on the Basin and other Producers in the Subarea of the Basin;

9                                   **18.5.13.1.10**          A written statement, signed by a California licensed  
10 and registered professional civil engineer, determining that the New Production will not cause  
11 Material Injury;

12                                   **18.5.13.1.11**          Written confirmation that the applicant agrees to pay  
13 the applicable Replacement Water Assessment for any New Production.

14                                   **18.5.13.1.12**          Other pertinent information which the Watermaster  
15 Engineer may require.

16                                   **18.5.13.2**           **Finding of No Material Injury.** The Watermaster Engineer  
17 shall not make recommendation for approval of an application to commence New Production of  
18 Groundwater unless the Watermaster Engineer finds, after considering all the facts and  
19 circumstances including any requirement that the applicant pay a Replacement Water Assessment  
20 required by this Judgment or determined by the Watermaster Engineer to be required under the  
21 circumstances, that such New Production will not cause Material Injury. If the New Production is  
22 limited to domestic use for one single-family household, the Watermaster Engineer has the  
23 authority to determine the New Production to be *de minimis* and waive payment of a Replacement  
24 Water Assessment; *provided*, the right to Produce such *de minimis* Groundwater is not  
25 transferable, and shall not alter the Production Rights decreed in this Judgment.

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**18.5.13.3 New Production.** No Party or Person shall commence New Production of Groundwater from the Basin absent recommendation by the Watermaster Engineer and approval by the Watermaster.

**18.5.13.4 Court Review.** Court review of a Watermaster decision on a New Production application shall be pursuant to Paragraph 20.3.

**18.5.14 Storage Agreements.** The Watermaster shall adopt uniformly applicable rules for Storage Agreements. The Watermaster Engineer shall calculate additions, extractions and losses of water stored under Storage Agreements and maintain an Annual account of all such water. Accounting done by the Watermaster Engineer under this Paragraph shall be considered ministerial.

**18.5.15 Diversion of Storm Flow.** No Party may undertake or cause the construction of any project within the Watershed of the Basin that will reduce the amount of storm flows that would otherwise enter the Basin and contribute to the Native Safe Yield, without prior notification to the Watermaster Engineer. The Watermaster Engineer may seek an injunction or to otherwise impose restrictions or limitations on such project in order to prevent reduction to Native Safe Yield. The Party sought to be enjoined or otherwise restricted or limited is entitled to notice and an opportunity for the Party to respond prior to the imposition of any restriction or limitation. Any Person may take emergency action as may be necessary to protect the physical safety of its residents and personnel and its structures from flooding. Any such action shall be done in a manner that will minimize any reduction in the quantity of Storm Flows.

**18.5.16 Data, Estimates and Procedures.** The Watermaster Engineer shall rely on and use the best available science, records and data to support the implementation of this Judgment. Where actual records of data are not available, the Watermaster Engineer shall rely on and use sound scientific and engineering estimates. The Watermaster Engineer may use preliminary records of measurements, and, if revisions are subsequently made, may reflect such revisions in subsequent accounting.



- 1                   **18.5.18.14**           Amount of Stored Imported Water owned by each Party;  
2                   **18.5.18.15**           Amount of unused Imported Water Return Flows owned by  
3 each Party;  
4                   **18.5.18.16**           Amount of Carry Over Water owned by each Party;  
5                   **18.5.18.17**           All changes in use.

6           **18.6**           **Recommendations of the Watermaster Engineer.** Unless otherwise  
7 determined pursuant to Paragraph 18.1.2.2, all recommendations of the Watermaster Engineer  
8 must be approved by unanimous vote of all members of the Watermaster. If there is not  
9 unanimous vote among Watermaster members, Watermaster Engineer recommendations must be  
10 presented to the Court for action and implementation.

11           **18.7**           **Interim Approvals by the Court.** Until the Court approves rules and  
12 regulations proposed by the Watermaster, the Court, upon noticed motion, may take or approve  
13 any actions that the Watermaster or the Watermaster Engineer otherwise would be authorized to  
14 take or approve under this Judgment.

15           **19.**           **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

16           **19.1**           **Authorization.** The Producers are authorized and directed to cause a  
17 committee of Producer representatives to be organized and to act as an Advisory Committee.

18           **19.2**           **Compensation.** The Advisory Committee members shall serve without  
19 compensation.

20           **19.3**           **Powers and Functions.** The Advisory Committee shall act in an advisory  
21 capacity only and shall have the duty to study, review, and make recommendations on all  
22 discretionary determinations by Watermaster. Parties shall only provide input to the Watermaster  
23 through the Advisory Committee.

24           **19.4**           **Advisory Committee Meetings.** The Advisory Committee shall 1) meet  
25 on a regular basis; 2) review Watermaster’s activities pursuant to this Judgment on at least a  
26 semi-annual basis; and 3) receive and make advisory recommendations to Watermaster.  
27 Advisory Committee Meetings shall be open to all members of the public. Edwards Air Force  
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1 Base and the State of California shall be ex officio members of the committee. The United States  
2 may also appoint a DoD Liaison to the Watermaster pursuant to Joint Ethics Regulation 3-201.

3 **19.5 Subarea Advisory Management Committees.** Subarea Advisory  
4 Management Committees will meet on a regular basis and at least semi-annually with the  
5 Watermaster Engineer to review Watermaster activities pursuant to this Judgment and to submit  
6 advisory recommendations.

7 **19.5.1 Authorization.** The Producers in each of the five Management  
8 Subareas are hereby authorized and directed to cause committees of Producer representatives to  
9 be organized and to act as Subarea Management Advisory Committees.

10 **19.5.2 Composition and Election.** Each Management Subarea  
11 Management Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) Persons who shall be called  
12 Management Advisors. In the election of Management Advisors, every Party shall be entitled to  
13 one vote for every acre-foot of Production Right for that Party in that particular subarea. Parties  
14 may cumulate their votes and give one candidate a number of votes equal to the number of  
15 advisors to be elected, multiplied by the number of votes to which the Party is normally entitled,  
16 or distribute the Party's votes on the same principle among as many candidates as the Party thinks  
17 fit. In any election of advisors, the candidates receiving the highest number of affirmative votes  
18 of the Parties are elected. Elections shall be held upon entry of this Judgment and thereafter  
19 every third Year. In the event a vacancy arises, a temporary advisor shall be appointed by  
20 unanimous decision of the other four advisors to continue in office until the next scheduled  
21 election. Rules and regulations regarding organization, meetings and other activities shall be at  
22 the discretion of the individual Subarea Advisory Committees, except that all meetings of the  
23 committees shall be open to the public.

24 **19.5.3 Compensation.** The Subarea Management Advisory  
25 Committee shall serve without compensation.

26 **19.5.4 Powers and Functions.** The Subarea Management Advisory  
27 Committee for each subarea shall act in an advisory capacity only and shall have the duty to  
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1 study, review and make recommendations on all discretionary determinations made or to be made  
2 hereunder by Watermaster Engineer which may affect that subarea.

3 **20. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

4 **20.1 Water Quality.** Nothing in this Judgment shall be interpreted as relieving  
5 any Party of its responsibilities to comply with State or Federal laws for the protection of water  
6 quality or the provisions of any permits, standards, requirements, or orders promulgated  
7 thereunder.

8 **20.2 Actions Not Subject to CEQA Regulation.** Nothing in this Judgment or  
9 the Physical Solution, or in the implementation thereof, or the decisions of the Watermaster  
10 acting under the authority of this Judgment shall be deemed a "project" subject to the California  
11 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). See e.g., *California American Water v. City of Seaside*  
12 (2010) 183 Cal.App.4th 471, and *Hillside Memorial Park & Mortuary v. Golden State Water Co.*  
13 (2011) 205 Cal.App.4th 534. Neither the Watermaster, the Watermaster Engineer, the Advisory  
14 Committee, any Subarea Management Committee, nor any other Board or committee formed  
15 pursuant to the Physical Solution and under the authority of this Judgment shall be deemed a  
16 "public agency" subject to CEQA. (See Public Resources Code section 21063.)

17 **20.3 Court Review of Watermaster Actions.** Any action, decision, rule,  
18 regulation, or procedure of Watermaster or the Watermaster Engineer pursuant to this Judgment  
19 shall be subject to review by the Court on its own motion or on timely motion by any Party as  
20 follows:

21 **20.3.1 Effective Date of Watermaster Action.** Any order, decision or  
22 action of Watermaster or Watermaster Engineer pursuant to this Judgment on noticed specific  
23 agenda items shall be deemed to have occurred on the date of the order, decision or action.

24 **20.3.2 Notice of Motion.** Any Party may move the Court for review of an  
25 action or decision pursuant to this Judgment by way of a noticed motion. The motion shall be  
26 served pursuant to Paragraph 20.7 of this Judgment. The moving Party shall ensure that the  
27 Watermaster is served with the motion under that Paragraph 20.7 or, if electronic service of the  
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1 Watermaster is not possible, by overnight mail with prepaid next-day delivery. Unless ordered by  
2 the Court, any such petition shall not operate to stay the effect of any action or decision which is  
3 challenged.

4 **20.3.3 Time for Motion.** A Party shall file a motion to review any action  
5 or decision within ninety (90) days after such action or decision, except that motions to review  
6 assessments hereunder shall be filed within thirty (30) days of Watermaster mailing notice of the  
7 assessment.

8 **20.3.4 De Novo Nature of Proceeding.** Upon filing of a motion to review  
9 a decision or action, the Watermaster shall notify the Parties of a date for a hearing at which time  
10 the Court shall take evidence and hear argument. The Court's review shall be *de novo* and the  
11 Watermaster's decision or action shall have no evidentiary weight in such proceeding.

12 **20.3.5 Decision.** The decision of the Court in such proceeding shall be an  
13 appealable supplemental order in this case. When the Court's decision is final, it shall be binding  
14 upon Watermaster and the Parties.

15 **20.4 Multiple Production Rights.** A Party simultaneously may be a member  
16 of the Small Pumper Class and hold an Overlying Production Right by virtue of owning land  
17 other than the parcel(s) meeting the Small Pumper Class definition. The Small Pumper Class  
18 definition shall be construed in accordance with Paragraph 3.5.44 and 3.5.45.

19 **20.5 Payment of Assessments.** Payment of assessments levied by Watermaster  
20 hereunder shall be made pursuant to the time schedule developed by the Watermaster,  
21 notwithstanding any motion for review of Watermaster actions, decisions, rules or procedures,  
22 including review of assessments implemented by the Watermaster.

23 **20.6 Designation of Address for Notice and Service.** Each Party shall  
24 designate a name and address to be used for purposes of all subsequent notices and service herein,  
25 either by its endorsement on this Judgment or by a separate designation to be filed within thirty  
26 (30) days after judgment has been entered. A Party may change its designation by filing a written  
27 notice of such change with Watermaster. A Party that desires to be relieved of receiving notices  
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1 of Watermaster activity may file a waiver of notice in a form to be provided by Watermaster. At  
2 all times, Watermaster shall maintain a current list of Parties to whom notices are to be sent and  
3 their addresses for purpose of service. Watermaster shall also maintain a full current list of said  
4 names and addresses of all Parties or their successors, as filed herein. Watermaster shall make  
5 copies of such lists available to any requesting Person. If no designation is made, a Party's  
6 designee shall be deemed to be, in order of priority: (1) the Party's attorney of record; (2) if the  
7 Party does not have an attorney of record, the Party itself at the address on the Watermaster list;  
8 (3) for Small Pumper Class Members, after this Judgment is final, the individual Small Pumper  
9 Class Members at the service address maintained by the Watermaster.

10 **20.7** **Service of Documents**. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, delivery to  
11 or service to any Party by the Court or any Party of any document required to be served upon or  
12 delivered to a Party pursuant to this Judgment shall be deemed made if made by e-filing on the  
13 Court's website at [www.scefiling.org](http://www.scefiling.org). All Parties agree to waive service by mail if they receive  
14 notifications via electronic filing at the above identified website.

15 **20.8** **No Abandonment of Rights**. In the interest of the Basin and its water  
16 supply, and the principle of reasonable and beneficial use, no Party shall be encouraged to  
17 Produce and use more water in any Year than is reasonably required. Failure to Produce all of the  
18 Groundwater to which a Party is entitled shall not, in and of itself, be deemed or constitute an  
19 abandonment of such Party's right, in whole or in part, except as specified in Paragraph 15.

20 **20.9** **Intervention After Judgment**. Any Person who is not a Party or  
21 successor to a Party and who proposes to Produce Groundwater from the Basin, to store water in  
22 the Basin, to acquire a Production Right or to otherwise take actions that may affect the Basin's  
23 Groundwater is required to seek to become a Party subject to this Judgment through a noticed  
24 motion to intervene in this Judgment prior to commencing Production. Prior to filing such a  
25 motion, a proposed intervenor shall consult with the Watermaster Engineer and seek the  
26 Watermaster's stipulation to the proposed intervention. A proposed intervenor's failure to consult  
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1 with the Watermaster Engineer may be grounds for denying the intervention motion. Thereafter,  
2 if approved by the Court, such intervenor shall be a Party bound by this Judgment.

3           **20.10           Judgment Binding on Successors, etc.** Subject to specific provisions  
4 hereinbefore contained, this Judgment applies to and is binding upon, and inures to the benefit of  
5 the Parties to this Action and all their respective heirs, successors-in-interest and assigns.

6           **20.11           Costs.** Except subject to any existing court orders, each Party shall bear its  
7 own costs and attorneys fees arising from the Action.

8           **20.12           Headings; Paragraph References.** Captions and headings appearing in  
9 this Judgment are inserted solely as reference aids for ease and convenience; they shall not be  
10 deemed to define or limit the scope or substance of the provisions they introduce, nor shall they  
11 be used in construing the intent or effect of such provisions.

12           **20.13           No Third Party Beneficiaries.** There are no intended third party  
13 beneficiaries of any right or obligation of the Parties.

14           **20.14           Severability.** Except as specifically provided herein, the provisions of this  
15 Judgment are not severable.

16           **20.15           Cooperation; Further Acts.** The Parties shall fully cooperate with one  
17 another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary,  
18 appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Judgment.

19           **20.16           Exhibits and Other Writings.** Any and all exhibits, documents,  
20 instruments, certificates or other writings attached hereto or required or provided for by this  
21 Judgment, if any, shall be part of this Judgment and shall be considered set forth in full at each  
22 reference thereto in this Judgment.

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT