

# **EXHIBIT 5**

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
2 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
3 DEPARTMENT NO. 48 HON. JACK KOMAR, JUDGE  
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5 IN THE MATTER OF: )  
6 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER )  
7 CASES )  
8 PLAINTIFFS, )  
9 VS. ) NO. JCCP4408  
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS )  
11 DISTRICT NO. 40, )  
12 DEFENDANTS. )  
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1 Q. BY MR. DUNN: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

2 HOW DID YOU GO ABOUT EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF THE  
3 PHELAN HILLS WELL WITHIN THE ADJUDICATION AREA? WHAT WORK  
4 DID YOU DO?

5 A. WE SIMULATED THE PUMPING USING THE GROUNDWATER  
6 MODEL, THE SAME ONE THAT WE USED FOR PHYSICAL SOLUTION. WE  
7 CALLED THE SCENARIO WITH PHELAN PUMPING SCENARIO 2B. 2A,  
8 YOU REMEMBER, WAS THE RAMP DOWN PLUS IMPORTING SUPPLEMENTAL  
9 SAFE YIELD. AND THEN WE LOOKED AT WATER BALANCES AND THE  
10 RESULTS SHOW THAT THE WELL 14 PUMPING AT 1,200 ACRE FEET A  
11 YEAR AND EXPORTED FROM THE BASIN WITHOUT ANY RETURN FLOW  
12 WOULD HAVE A NET LOSS OF 700 ACRE FEET PER YEAR FROM THE  
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN.

14 Q. ALL RIGHT. SO LET'S GO NOW FROM SLIDE 91,  
15 WHICH IS LABELED, BASIS FOR OPINION 2, TO SLIDE 92. NOW  
16 THIS SLIDE IS MARKED "MODEL CELL USED TO SIMULATE PUMPING  
17 FROM PPHCSD 14." WHAT'S DEPICTED HERE, DR. WILLIAMS?

18 A. WELL, THIS SHOWS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA OF  
19 ADJUDICATION. THE BROWN SHADED AREA ARE THE MODEL ACTIVE  
20 CELLS. I WONDER IF YOU CAN -- WENDY, YOU CAN ZOOM INTO  
21 THIS LOWER RIGHT AREA SO WE CAN LOOK CLOSER AT THAT. A  
22 LITTLE BIT MORE. THAT'S FINE. THIS LIGHT-SHADED AREA ARE  
23 THE MODEL ACTIVE CELLS AND THE GRAY AREA ARE CALLED NO FLOW  
24 CELLS. WHEN THIS MODEL WAS CREATED, THE -- THE PHELAN WELL  
25 14 WAS NOT IN ACTIVE SERVICE, IS MY UNDERSTANDING, AND  
26 THEREFORE, IN 2003 WHEN THE ORIGINAL GRID WAS SET UP, IT  
27 DID NOT INCLUDE THIS WELL WHICH IS SLIGHTLY ON THE OTHER  
28 SIDE OF THE COUNTY LINE ON THE WEST SIDE WITHIN THE

1 ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA OF ADJUDICATION. WHAT WE DID TO  
2 SIMULATE THE IMPACT OF THIS IS THAT WE ACTUALLY MOVED THIS  
3 WELL TO THE NEAREST ACTIVE CELL WITHIN THE MODEL AND THEN  
4 RAN OUR SIMULATIONS ON THAT. AND WE FELT THAT WAS  
5 CERTAINLY A DEFENDABLE WAY TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH STORAGE  
6 WOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE BASIN BY THE 1,200 ACRE FEET PER  
7 YEAR PUMPING. NOW KEEP IN MIND, AND I THINK THE NEXT SLIDE  
8 WOULD BE VERY INSTRUCTIVE.

9 Q. THIS IS SLIDE NO. 90 -- I'M SORRY --

10 A. NO, IT'S THE WATER BALANCE. THAT ONE. YES,  
11 THIS IS THE WATER BALANCE FOR THE PHELAN WELL 14 RUN AND  
12 BASICALLY WE HAD TWO SCENARIOS. 2A, OF COURSE WE  
13 DISCUSSED -- I'M SORRY. 2B IS WITHOUT PUMPING AND 2A WOULD  
14 BE WITH PUMPING. SO HERE YOU CAN SEE WITHOUT PUMPING, IT'S  
15 OUR SAFE YIELD NUMBER, 82,300. AND WITH PHELAN PUMPING, IF  
16 YOU ADD ANOTHER 1,200 ACRE FEET ONTO THAT YOU GET THE  
17 83,500. SO THAT WAS -- THAT'S THE SCENARIO WITH PUMPING.  
18 NOW, THE STORAGE CHANGE WITHOUT THE WELL PUMPING IS A PLUS  
19 24,700, THE BASIN IS REFILLING AT THAT RATE. AND THEN  
20 HOWEVER, WITH THE -- WITH THE PUMPING, IT IS REFILLING AT  
21 700 ACRE FEET LESS. AND THE REASON IT'S -- IT'S NOT JUST  
22 1,200 ACRE FEET IS BECAUSE SOME LOWERING OF THE WATER LEVEL  
23 BY THE PHELAN WELL PUMPING ALSO REDUCES THE OUTFLOW.  
24 WITHOUT THE WELL PUMPING THERE'S 3,400 ACRE FEET GOING TO  
25 EL MIRAGE VALLEY, BUT WITH THE PUMPING THERE IS A REDUCTION  
26 IN OUTFLOW OF 500 ACRE FEET OUTFLOW TO EL MIRAGE. SO IF  
27 YOU TAKE 1,200 MINUS 500, YOU GET 700, WHICH IS SHOWN BY  
28 THE REDUCTION HERE BETWEEN 2A AND 2B.

1 ON?

2 A. THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DONE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL  
3 SURVEY IN THEIR ORIGINAL MODEL CELLS. WHICH ONES ARE  
4 ACTIVE AND INACTIVE, I BELIEVE WERE DETERMINED IN 2003 BY  
5 THE ORIGINAL MODEL AUTHOR.

6 Q. AND DID YOU CONSIDER LOOKING INTO HAVING OTHER  
7 CELLS TURNED ON?

8 A. WE DID NOT.

9 Q. WHY NOT?

10 A. WE WANTED TO USE THE USGS -- WE STARTED WITH  
11 THE MOD 1 MODIFICATION WHICH WAS CALIBRATED. AND THE ONLY  
12 DIFFERENCE THAT WE DID WAS TO UPDATE AND RECALIBRATE  
13 ACCORDING TO WHAT WE FELT WAS A MORE ACCURATE PUMPING  
14 FIGURE, BUT WE DIDN'T TOUCH ANY OF THE BOUNDARIES,  
15 CONDITIONS -- GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARIES, FAULT BOUNDARIES.  
16 WE DIDN'T LOOK AT -- WE USED THE SAME NUMBER OF LAYERS,  
17 SAME CELL SIZE, STRESS PERIODS AND SO ON.

18 Q. EACH ONE OF THE CELLS IS ABOUT A THIRD OF A  
19 SQUARE MILE, RIGHT?

20 A. YEAH, THEY'RE 1,000 METERS ON A SLIDE SO 32  
21 SQUARED, YEAH.

22 Q. AND THE CELLS IN THE MODEL THAT HAVE BEEN  
23 TURNED ON DON'T ACTUALLY COVER THE ENTIRE ADJUDICATION  
24 AREA, DO THEY?

25 A. THEY DO NOT. THEY COVER THE -- THE ALLUVIAL  
26 BASIN PRIMARILY.

27 Q. AND SOME OF THE WELLS THAT YOU TOOK INTO  
28 ACCOUNT IN YOUR OPINION ABOUT HOW THE PHYSICAL SOLUTION

1 WILL RESULT IN THE ADJUDICATION AREA COMING INTO BALANCE,  
2 SOME OF THOSE WELLS ARE NOT LOCATED IN AREAS COVERED BY THE  
3 MODEL, RIGHT?

4 A. I DON'T KNOW. YOU'D HAVE TO SHOW THEM  
5 SPECIFICALLY.

6 Q. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SLIDE 48. AND I DON'T  
7 HAVE A POINTER LASER OR OTHERWISE, BUT ON THE EASTERN  
8 SIDE -- ON THE EASTERN SIDE -- YES, YOU'VE HONED RIGHT IN  
9 ON THE WELLS THAT I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT. THOSE WELLS  
10 ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE WELL -- I GUESS, I SHOULD SAY  
11 THERE'S A CLUSTER OF WELLS TO THE WEST OF THE BOUNDARY  
12 BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES. THOSE  
13 WELLS ARE NOT IN THE AREA COVERED BY THE MODEL, ARE THEY?

14 A. YES, THEY ARE.

15 Q. THEY ARE? WOULD YOU TAKE A LOOK BACK AT SLIDE  
16 6, PLEASE? NOW, THOSE WELLS ARE RIGHT ABOUT -- THANK  
17 YOU -- ARE RIGHT ABOUT THIS JOG IN THE COUNTY LINE, AREN'T  
18 THEY?

19 A. WELL, THEY'RE RIGHT IN THIS KIND OF BEDROCK  
20 AREA RIGHT AT THE BOUNDARY OF THE MODEL, SO THEY WERE PART  
21 OF THE PUMPING THAT WAS PUT IN SO THEY WERE MOVED INTO  
22 THESE AREAS.

23 Q. SO --

24 A. THEY'RE ACTUAL WELLS -- EXCUSE ME -- THEY'RE  
25 WELLS THAT HAVE PRODUCTION OF VALUES IN THEM.

26 Q. AND SO YOU TOOK THOSE WELLS AND KIND OF MOVED  
27 THAT PRODUCTION INTO SOME OTHER PART OF THE MODEL OR SOME  
28 PART OF THE MODEL THAT WAS FUNCTIONING?



1 A. YES.

2 Q. AND YOU DID THE SAME THING WITH THE RETURN FLOW  
3 FROM THOSE WELLS, RIGHT?

4 A. THAT'S CORRECT.

5 Q. AND LET'S ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT SLIDE 51. THESE  
6 ARE THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS WELLS, AND THESE WELLS OVER  
7 HERE THAT BELONG TO WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT THAT  
8 ARE SHOWN IN RED ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE ADJUDICATION  
9 AREA, IF YOU LOOK AT SLIDE 6, THOSE AREN'T ACTUALLY LOCATED  
10 IN ACTIVE CELLS IN THE MODEL EITHER, ARE THEY?

11 A. WELL, LET ME LOOK AT SLIDE 6 AGAIN. HERE AGAIN  
12 THOSE ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE BOUNDARY. AND WE -- AND  
13 BECAUSE THEY HAD PRODUCTION THAT WE NEEDED TO ACCOUNT FOR,  
14 WE MOVED THEM INTO THE -- THE ACTIVE CELL AREAS.

15 Q. NOW YOU ALSO MOVED THE RETURN FLOW FROM THOSE  
16 WELLS, CORRECT?

17 A. YES.

18 Q. NOW, FOR PURPOSES OF THE MODEL, IT DOESN'T  
19 MATTER WHO'S DOING THE PUMPING, DOES IT?

20 A. THE MODEL DOESN'T, NO.

21 Q. BUT FOR PURPOSES OF THE MODEL, IT DOES MATTER  
22 WHERE THE PUMPING IS OCCURRING, CORRECT?

23 A. IT DOES, YES.

24 Q. AND THAT'S BECAUSE EACH OF THOSE CELLS REFLECTS  
25 THE SPECIFIC GEOLOGY IN THAT THIRD OF A SQUARE MILE AREA,  
26 CORRECT?

27 A. THE GEOLOGY IS VARIABLE, YES.

28 Q. NOW LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SLIDE 23. AND IN YOUR

1 Q. BY MS. AILIN: YOUR OPINION REGARDING THE  
2 EFFECT OF THE PHYSICAL SOLUTION.

3 A. WELL, LET ME QUALIFY THAT. THE DIFFERENCE IN  
4 WATER LEVELS, YES, IT DID IMPACT MY OPINION BECAUSE WE WERE  
5 LOOKING AT CHANGES IN WATER LEVELS HYDROGRAPHS AND CHANGES  
6 IN STORAGE OVER THE ENTIRE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA OF  
7 ADJUDICATION WITHIN THE ALLUVIAL, YOU KNOW, THE BOUNDARY OF  
8 THE PUMPING. AND SO THE -- THE CHANGE IN STORAGE IN THE --  
9 SPECIFICALLY THE FLATTENING OF THE HYDROGRAPHS, THE  
10 STOPPING OF THE OVERDRAFT AND EVEN THE INCREASE IN WATER  
11 LEVELS DID AFFECT MY OPINION.

12 Q. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SLIDE 31. AND ON SLIDE  
13 31 -- HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO GET TO THAT?

14 A. YES, I GOT IT.

15 Q. IN SLIDE 31, IN THIS FIRST ROW OF NUMBERS AT  
16 THE TOP THERE'S A NUMBER ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE THAT'S  
17 IDENTIFIED AS "ET." DOES "ET" STAND FOR  
18 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION?

19 A. YES.

20 Q. AND THAT'S WATER THAT'S BASICALLY JUST LOST TO  
21 THE AIR?

22 A. WELL, YES. IT'S USUALLY SHALLOW WATER LEVELS  
23 AND IT'S EVAPORATING OR TRANSPIRING TO PLANTS.

24 Q. HOW DID YOU DECIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF YOUR  
25 WATER BALANCE BASED ON THE ANNUAL AVERAGE PUMPING FROM 1915  
26 TO 2005 THAT EVAPOTRANSPIRATION WAS 9,300 ACRE FEET PER  
27 YEAR?

28 A. WELL, THAT'S AN AVERAGE AND THOSE ARE VALUES

1 THAT THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY USED.

2 Q. NOW, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SLIDE 78. AND IN  
3 SLIDE 78, YOUR NUMBER FOR EVAPOTRANSPIRATION IN ALL FOUR  
4 SCENARIOS IS ZERO, CORRECT?

5 A. YES, IT IS.

6 Q. SO IS THE PHYSICAL SOLUTION GOING TO PREVENT  
7 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION FROM HAPPENING?

8 A. IT IS. IT'S -- ACCORDING TO THIS, THE WATER  
9 LEVELS ARE LOWERED, THEY'RE ALREADY LOWERED CONSIDERABLY.  
10 KEEP IN MIND THAT OTHER FIGURE YOU WERE LOOKING AT WAS THE  
11 HISTORICAL PERIOD. SO THERE WAS, IN 1915, A LOT HIGHER  
12 WATER LEVELS AND ON AVERAGE THERE WAS MORE  
13 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION DURING THAT HISTORICAL RUN. WATER  
14 LEVELS ARE CONSIDERABLY LOWER STARTING OUT SO WITH  
15 SCENARIOS 1 AND 1A, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY BETTER.  
16 AND THEY'RE STILL LOW IN SCENARIO 2 AND 2A. HOWEVER, 2A IS  
17 REFILLING THE BASIN AT 24,000 ACRE FEET A YEAR.

18 Q. SO AT SOME POINT IF THE MODEL WORKS THE WAY OR  
19 IF THE PHYSICAL SOLUTION WORKS THE WAY YOU THINK IT'S GOING  
20 TO, YOU'RE GOING TO GET TO A POINT WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO  
21 ONCE AGAIN HAVE EVAPOTRANSPIRATION, AREN'T YOU?

22 A. I COULDN'T ANSWER THAT UNLESS I -- I RAN THE  
23 MODEL FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

24 Q. BUT THERE ARE PLANTS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
25 THERE'S A LOT OF AGRICULTURE THAT GOES ON, CORRECT?

26 A. THAT'S CORRECT.

27 Q. SO THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOME  
28 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION OR I SHOULD A TRANSPIRATION FROM THOSE

1 PLANTS, CORRECT?

2 A. WELL, THAT'S PART OF THE -- IN THE IRRIGATION  
3 EFFICIENCIES AND SO YES, THERE IS.

4 Q. AND THAT'S NOT REFLECTED IN SLIDE 78 OR IN YOUR  
5 OPINION, IS IT?

6 A. NO.

7 Q. AND THE SAME IS TRUE WITH SLIDE 93, WHAT YOU'VE  
8 CALLED SCENARIO 2B. YOU HAVEN'T ACCOUNTED FOR ANY  
9 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION IN THAT SCENARIO EITHER, HAVE YOU?

10 A. GIVE ME A MINUTE. I'LL GO TO THAT. NO, THE  
11 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION -- THIS IS JUST A COMPARISON OF THE  
12 RUN -- THE PHYSICAL SOLUTION RUN WHICH HAD NATIVE SAFE  
13 YIELD PLUS SUSTAINABLE SAFE YIELD IMPORTS. THIS IS JUST A  
14 COMPARISON BETWEEN THAT RUN AND PHELAN WELL 14 PUMPING.  
15 YES, THERE'S NO EVAPOTRANSPIRATION, EITHER SCENARIO.

16 Q. NOW, GOING BACK TO SLIDE 78, DID YOU EVER  
17 CONSIDER RUNNING A SCENARIO A VERSION OF SLIDE 78 THAT  
18 PROVIDED FOR SOME EVAPOTRANSPIRATION?

19 A. WELL, THE EVAPOTRANSPIRATION HERE AGAIN, I'LL  
20 REPEAT IT. WE USED THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, THEIR MOD 2  
21 WHICH WAS DONE IN 2012. AND WE TOOK THEIR VALLEYS OF THE  
22 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION. THE ONLY THING WE CHANGED IN THAT FOR  
23 OUR HISTORICAL PERIOD WAS THE PUMPING NUMBERS, WHICH WE  
24 FELT ARE OUR PUMPING NUMBERS WERE MORE ACCURATE. WE  
25 DIDN'T -- WE DIDN'T CHANGE THE EVAPOTRANSPIRATION.

26 Q. SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE USGS WAS TAKING THE  
27 POSITION THAT GOING FORWARD THERE WOULD BE NO  
28 EVAPOTRANSPIRATION?

1           A.    THEY DIDN'T RUN THE MODEL FORWARD, THEY JUST  
2 CALIBRATED.

3           Q.    SO BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T RUN THE MODEL FORWARD,  
4 YOU CAN'T REALLY TIE THAT ZERO FOR EVAPOTRANSPIRATION TO  
5 THE USGS NUMBERS, CAN YOU?

6           A.    WELL, THEY ARE THE USGS NUMBERS AND THEY'RE  
7 HISTORICAL CALIBRATION.  AND THEN WE JUST DID THE SAME  
8 HISTORICAL CALIBRATION BUT WITH A REVISED PUMPING FIGURE.  
9 SO WHATEVER THE EVAPOTRANSPIRATION CAME OUT WITH THEIR  
10 MODEL -- OUR MODEL WAS THE SAME WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE  
11 PUMPING.

12           Q.    NOW, LET'S TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT SLIDE 31.  AND  
13 SLIDE 31 SHOWS OVER ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE A SUB SURFACE  
14 OUTFLOW TO THE FREMONT VALLEY OF 1,200 ACRE FEET A YEAR,  
15 CORRECT?

16           A.    YES.

17           Q.    AND IN SLIDE 78 YOU HAVE ZERO OUTFLOW TO  
18 FREMONT VALLEY, BUT YOU HAVE SUB SURFACE INFLOW FROM  
19 FREMONT VALLEY.  WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THAT CHANGE?

20           A.    WELL, THESE ARE FUTURE -- FUTURE SCENARIOS,  
21 FUTURE MODEL RUNS PREDICTING WITH THE FOUR SCENARIOS THAT  
22 WE SUGGESTED 1, 1A, 2 AND 2A.  SO WATER LEVEL CONDITIONS  
23 CHANGE, OUTFLOW CONDITIONS MAY CHANGE TO INFLOW CONDITIONS  
24 AND SO ON.

25           Q.    AND YOU'RE PREDICTING THAT OVER TIME, THE  
26 AMOUNT OF INFLOW FROM THE FREMONT VALLEY IS GOING TO DROP  
27 FROM 600 ACRE FEET A YEAR TO 100 ACRE FEET A YEAR, CORRECT?

28           A.    YES, THAT'S WHAT THE SIMULATION SHOWS.

1 Q. BUT OVER HERE ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, YOU SHOW  
2 SUB SURFACE OUTFLOW TO EL MIRAGE VALLEY AND THAT NEVER  
3 CHANGES, CORRECT?

4 A. THAT'S CORRECT.

5 Q. WHY DOES THAT NEVER CHANGE WHEN YOU DO HAVE A  
6 CHANGE IN THE INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FROM THE FREMONT VALLEY?

7 A. WELL, THIS IS BASED ON A GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY  
8 THAT WE USED FOR THE OUTFLOW. THEY'RE NOT -- THIS IS  
9 REFLECTING A LOT OF DIFFERENT GRADIENTS GOING ON, CHANGES  
10 IN THE WATER LEVELS THAT YOU DON'T SEE ON THE SOUTH EASTERN  
11 SIDE AS MUCH.

12 Q. WELL, YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING  
13 TO SEE ON THE SOUTH EASTERN SIDE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO  
14 MONITORING WELLS OVER THERE AND THERE ARE NO CELLS OF THE  
15 MODEL OVER THERE, CORRECT?

16 A. WE DIDN'T LOOK INTO THE PHELAN WELLS EAST OF  
17 THE COUNTY LINE.

18 Q. WELL, ACTUALLY YOU DID LOOK INTO THE PHELAN  
19 WELLS EAST OF THE COUNTY LINE, DIDN'T YOU, BECAUSE YOUR  
20 CALCULATION OR THE INFORMATION THAT'S SHOWN IN EXHIBIT  
21 95 -- I'M SORRY -- SLIDE 95, THAT ACTUALLY TAKES INTO  
22 ACCOUNT THE PUMPING OF ALL OF PHELAN'S WELLS, DOESN'T IT?

23 A. THIS -- THIS WAS A SEPARATE ANALYSIS APART FROM  
24 THE -- THE PHYSICAL SOLUTION RUNS. WELL, WE DID ACTUALLY  
25 LOOK AT THE LOWERING OF -- WE LOOKED AT THE ELEVATIONS  
26 BASED ON SOME WELLS EAST OF THE COUNTY LINE, 6A PRIMARILY.  
27 AND THAT WAS THE BASIS FOR OUR OUTFLOW CALCULATION IF THE  
28 WATER LEVEL EAST OF THE COUNTY LINE WAS LOWERED

1 APPROXIMATELY HALF A FOOT A YEAR.

2 Q. WELL, WHEN YOUR DEPOSITION WAS TAKEN ON JANUARY  
3 16, 2014, YOU TESTIFIED ABOUT WHAT'S SHOWN IN SLIDE 95,  
4 DIDN'T YOU?

5 A. YES.

6 Q. AND YOU WERE ASKED WHICH OF THE PHELAN WELLS  
7 WERE LOOKED AT FOR PURPOSES OF THE MODEL AND YOU -- YOU  
8 RESPONDED, "I THINK 10 LEVEL 11, 12, 14, 6A AND 6B." NOW,  
9 THAT'S ALL OF PHELAN'S WELLS, ISN'T IT?

10 A. THAT'S CORRECT.

11 Q. SO WITH ALL OF PHELAN'S WELLS PUMPING, YOU HAVE  
12 200 ACRE FEET A YEAR GOING OUT TO THE EL MIRAGE VALLEY, BUT  
13 IF YOU ONLY LOOK AT WELL 14, YOU HAVE 500 ACRE FEET STAYING  
14 IN THE ADJUDICATION AREA THAT WOULDN'T OTHERWISE BE THERE,  
15 CORRECT?

16 MR. ZIMMER: ARGUMENTATIVE AND COMPOUND.

17 THE COURT: OVERRULED.

18 THE WITNESS: I'M SORRY. WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT  
19 AGAIN, PLEASE?

20 MS. AILIN: COULD I HAVE THE QUESTION READ BACK?

21 THE WITNESS: IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION WAS --

22 THE COURT: LET HER READ THE QUESTION BACK.

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24 (THE PREVIOUS QUESTION WAS READ BACK.)

25

26 THE WITNESS: THE OPINION I GAVE IN OCTOBER OF LAST  
27 YEAR WAS MORE THAN JUST THE ISSUE OF THE HALF A FOOT

28 LOWERING THE 200 ACRE FEET THAT WE ESTIMATED. IT WAS ALSO

1 OTHER ISSUES REGARDING RETURN FLOWS BEING COMPLETELY  
2 UTILIZED WITHIN PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES  
3 DISTRICT. THE CURRENT ANALYSIS USING THE PHYSICAL  
4 SOLUTION, THE SLIDE 93, WHICH SHOWS A LOWERING OR A  
5 LESSENING OF OUTFLOW IS STRICTLY A CALCULATION THAT THE  
6 MODEL DOES IN FACT THE LOWERING. WE'RE STILL USING THE  
7 SAME GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY, BUT IT -- THE WATER LEVEL IS  
8 BEING LOWERED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SIDE SUCH THAT THERE'S  
9 LESS OUTFLOW GOING. THERE'S 2,900 ACRE FEET RATHER THAN  
10 THE 3,400 WITHOUT PUMPING. SO THERE'S A BENEFIT TO THE  
11 BASIN OF 500. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S 1,200 GOING  
12 OUT AND BEING EXPORTED FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY AND SO THAT'S  
13 THE 700. THIS IS A TOTALLY SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE DECLINE  
14 IN HEAD, WHICH WOULD BE A CHANGE IN HYDRAULIC HEAD UNDER  
15 ANY SCENARIO ASSUMING THE OUTFLOW AREA IS THE SAME.

16 Q. BY MS. AILIN: AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT  
17 GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY, THAT GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY IS IN AN  
18 AREA WHERE THERE ARE NO CALIBRATION WELLS, CORRECT?

19 A. THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S WHAT THE U.S.  
20 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PUT IN AS THE VALUE.

21 Q. AND THE GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY IS IN AN AREA  
22 WHERE THERE ARE NO WORKING CELLS IN THE MODEL, CORRECT?

23 A. THE GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY IS A -- THEY ARE  
24 INACTIVE CELLS.

25 Q. THEY ARE INACTIVE CELLS?

26 A. YES, THE GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY ARE INACTIVE  
27 CELLS.

28 Q. BUT IT'S NOT WHERE WELL 14 IS LOCATED?



1           A.     NO. WELL 14 IS NOT LOCATED IN THE GENERAL HEAD  
2 BOUNDARY CELLS.

3           Q.     NOW, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT OUTFLOW TO EL MIRAGE  
4 VALLEY, EXACTLY WHERE ARE YOU PUTTING THAT BOUNDARY OF EL  
5 MIRAGE VALLEY? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE EASTERN BOUNDARY  
6 OF THE ADJUDICATION AREA, IN OTHER WORDS, THE COUNTY LINE?  
7 OR ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT SOMEPLACE FURTHER EAST?

8           MR. KUHS: OBJECTION; COMPOUND.

9           THE COURT: OVERRULED.

10          THE WITNESS: IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, IT SHOWS  
11 EXACTLY WHERE THE OUTFLOW IS GOING. IT'S GOING OUT THROUGH  
12 THE GENERAL HEAD BOUNDARY CELLS.

13          Q.     BY MS. AILIN: SO THAT'S NOT RIGHT WHERE THE EL  
14 MIRAGE VALLEY BEGINS, IS IT?

15          A.     WELL, THERE -- I'M SAYING IT IS. TECHNICALLY,  
16 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN GOES IN THAT AREA A  
17 LITTLE BIT, BUT THE AREA OF ADJUDICATION STOPS AT THE L.A.  
18 COUNTY LINE.

19          Q.     SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT OUTFLOW TO THE EL MIRAGE  
20 VALLEY, WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SAYING IS OUTFLOW FROM THE  
21 ADJUDICATION AREA?

22          A.     THAT'S CORRECT. YOU'RE CORRECT.

23          Q.     BUT THAT OUTFLOW IS ACTUALLY TO ANOTHER PART OF  
24 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN AS DEFINED BY  
25 BULLETIN 118?

26          A.     TECHNICALLY YOU'RE CORRECT, BUT IT'S OUTSIDE OF  
27 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA OF ADJUDICATION.

28          Q.     AND THERE'S HYDRAULIC CONTINUITY ACROSS THE

1 COUNTY LINE, CORRECT?

2 A. IN THIS AREA, YES.

3 Q. DOES PHELAN'S PUMPING MEAN THAT THE ANTELOPE  
4 VALLEY ADJUDICATION AREA IS NOT GOING TO STABILIZE IN TERMS  
5 OF GROUNDWATER LEVELS?

6 MR. KUHS: OBJECTION -- WITHDRAWN.

7 THE WITNESS: IT WILL STABILIZE. IT -- IT JUST  
8 SHOWS THERE WILL BE A LOSS OF STORAGE OF ABOUT 700 ACRE  
9 FEET A YEAR.

10 Q. BY MS. AILIN: THERE'S ACTUALLY A LOSS OF  
11 STORAGE THAT HAPPENS FROM EVERYBODY'S PUMPING, CORRECT?  
12 EVERYBODY'S PUMPING TAKES WATER OUT OF THE ADJUDICATION  
13 AREA, CORRECT?

14 MR. ZIMMER: VAGUE AS TO EVERYBODY.

15 Q. BY MS. AILIN: EVERYONE WHO'S PUMPING.

16 A. YES, THE WHOLE -- THE WHOLE MODELING, YEAH, HAS  
17 EXTRACTION. SOME OF THAT GOES BACK FROM RETURN FLOWS, SO  
18 WHEN YOU PUMP A WELL, OBVIOUSLY YOU LOWER STORAGE IN THE  
19 VICINITY OF THAT WELL. YES, IT'S THE WAY GROUNDWATER  
20 WORKS.

21 Q. AND IN YOUR OPINION, PHELAN'S PUMPING IS NOT  
22 GOING TO PREVENT THE ADJUDICATION AREA FROM RECOVERING,  
23 CORRECT?

24 A. IT IS -- IT'S STILL SCENARIO 2 AND 2A WILL  
25 STILL BE RECOVERING WITH OR WITHOUT PHELAN'S WELL PUMPING.

26 Q. DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION REGARDING WHETHER PHELAN  
27 SHOULD PAY A REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT FOR PUMPING WATER  
28 THAT WOULD NOT EVEN BE IN THE ADJUDICATION AREA IF PHELAN

1 MR. DUNN: ALL RIGHT. I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.  
2 THANK YOU.

3 THE COURT: ANY FURTHER CROSS?  
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5 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. AILIN:

7 Q. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

8 DR. WILLIAMS, DID YOU CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF WATER  
9 THAT IS PUMPED AND DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF THE MODEL CELLS  
10 THAT ARE TURNED ON?

11 A. NO, I DID NOT.

12 Q. SO YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE A BASIS FOR SAYING  
13 THAT THE WATER OUTSIDE THE MODEL HAS NO AFFECT, CORRECT?

14 MR. ZIMMER: OBJECTION; VAGUE; COMPOUND.

15 THE COURT: I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION. MAYBE  
16 YOU CAN REPHRASE IT.

17 Q. BY MS. AILIN: SINCE YOU DIDN'T CALCULATE THE  
18 WATER THAT'S -- THAT'S PUMPED AND DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE  
19 MODEL CELLS, YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE HOW THAT COULD  
20 AFFECT THE ACCURACY OF THE MODEL, ARE YOU?

21 MR. DUNN: OBJECTION; MISCHARACTERIZES THE WITNESS'S  
22 TESTIMONY. HE DID NOT STATE THAT THE MODEL DOES NOT  
23 ACCOUNT FOR WATER THAT IS USED OUTSIDE THE ACTIVE CELLS.

24 MS. AILIN: WELL HIS OPINION SOMEHOW ACCOUNTED FOR  
25 THAT WATER BUT THE MODEL DOES NOT.

26 THE COURT: MAYBE YOU SHOULD ASK THAT SPECIFIC  
27 QUESTION. DOES IT?

28 Q. BY MS. AILIN: WELL, HE'S ALREADY TESTIFIED

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT RM. 48 HON. JACK KOMAR, JUDGE

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CASES )  
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PLAINTIFFS, )  
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS )  
DISTRICT NO. 40, ) REPORTER'S  
) CERTIFICATE  
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