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12 Water Co., **collectively known as A.V. United Mutual Group**

13 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

15 **ANTELOPE VALLEY**
16 **GROUNDWATER CASES**

17 Included Actions:
18 Los Angeles County Waterworks District
19 No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior
20 Court of California, County of Los Angeles,
21 Case No.: BC 325201;

22 Los Angeles County Waterworks District
23 No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior
24 Court of California, County of Kern, Case
25 No.: S-1500-CV-254-348;

26 Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of
27 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. City of
28 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v.
Palmdale Water Dist., Superior Court of
California, County of Riverside, Case Nos.:
RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668

Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding
No. 4408

Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053
Assigned to The Honorable Jack Komar

**A.V. UNITED MUTUAL GROUP'S NOTICE
OF JOINDER IN DIAMOND FARMING'S
OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF BILL B. DENDY AS
MANDATORY SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE REFEREE**

DATE: August 20, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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29 AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS.

30 TO ALL PARTIES HEREIN AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

31 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Cross-Defendants and Cross-Complainants, A.V. United
32 Mutual Group, hereby join in the filing of Diamond Farming's Opposition to Cross-

1 Complainants' Motion for Appointment of Bill B. Dendy as Mandatory Settlement Conference
2 Referee. Hearing on said motion is currently set for August 20, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon
3 thereafter as may be heard in Department 1, Room 534, of the above-entitled court, located at
4 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

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Dated: August 6, 2007

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By: 

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WILLIAM A. HAUCK

Attorneys for Cross-Defendants/Cross-Complainants A.V. United Mutual Group

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2 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

4 I am employed in the County of San Bernardino, State of California. I am over the
5 age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is Covington & Crowe,
LLP, 1131 West Sixth Street, Suite 300, Ontario, California 91762.

6 On **August 6, 2007**, I served the foregoing document described as
7 **A.V. UNITED MUTUAL GROUP'S NOTICE OF JOINDER IN DIAMOND FARMING'S**
8 **OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF BILL B. DENDY AS**
9 **MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE REFEREE**
10 on the interested parties in this action:

11 by posting the document listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court e-
12 filing website under the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter pursuant to the
13 Court's Order dated October 27, 2005.

14 by placing the original a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope
15 addressed as follows:

16 **BY MAIL**

17 * I deposited such envelope in the mail at Ontario, California. The envelope
18 was mailed with postage thereon fully prepaid.

19 As follows: I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and
20 processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with
21 U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Ontario,
22 California, in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party
23 served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is
24 more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

25 **BY PERSONAL SERVICE** I delivered such envelope by hand to the offices of
26 the addressee.

27 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
28 foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on **August 6, 2007**, at Ontario, California.

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26 **CAROL SANCHEZ**