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9 The Judgment and Physical Solution approved by the Court (Exhibit A to the December 10 23, 2016 Judgment) mandates that the Watermaster Board and Watermaster Engineer develop 11 comprehensive rules and procedures to implement the Judgment. Instead of allowing the 12 Watermaster Board and Watermaster Engineer to fulfill this role, the Mutuals' [Proposed] Order 13 would require that the comprehensive Watermaster rules and procedures be developed through 14 Court proceedings. The apparent intent of the Mutuals is to eviscerate the powers of the 15 Watermaster, because the Mutuals do not have their own member on the Watermaster Board. 16 The [Proposed] Order submitted by the Mutuals incorporated some, but not all, of the

proposed revisions provided by the Overliers during the meet and confer on the [Proposed] Order.
A revised [Proposed] Order is provided in redline-strikeout format as Exhibit A which addresses
areas of remaining disagreement between the Mutuals and the Overliers following a meet and
confer process, and in clean format as Exhibit B.

The proposed revisions to the Order include:

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- Striking the language in finding and determination 1 that the "composition of the Watermaster Board" is "subject to the Court's final approval," because the Court has already approved the composition pursuant to Section 18.1.1 of Exhibit A to the December 23, 2015 Judgment.
- Revising the language in finding and determination 4 that the Mutuals' objections to elements of the procedures were "sustained," because rather than sustaining objections, the Court requested these issues be further considered in

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- Replacing the broad term "comprehensive Watermaster organizational rules and procedures" with more narrow language that reflects the scope of the comprehensive election rules and procedures requested by the Court. The language already used in finding and determination 1 of the [Proposed] Order, "all rules and procedures used to elect or appoint representatives to the Watermaster Board, including any Alternates and the DoD Liaison," better reflects the scope of the documentation requested by the Court.

For these reasons, the Overliers request that the Court use the revised [Proposed] Order.

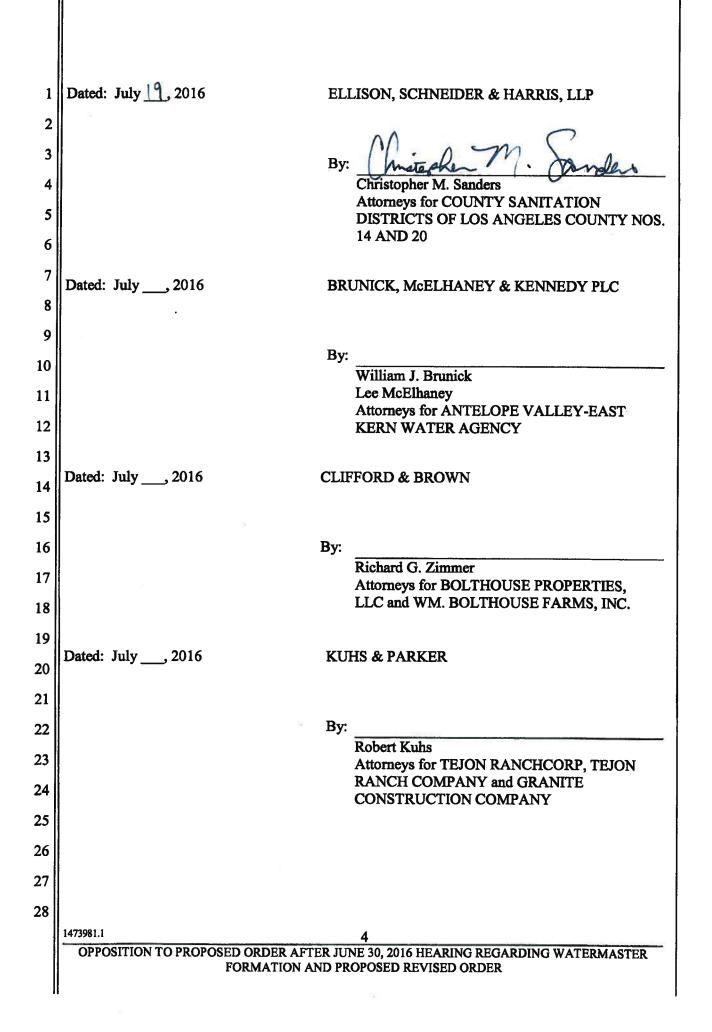
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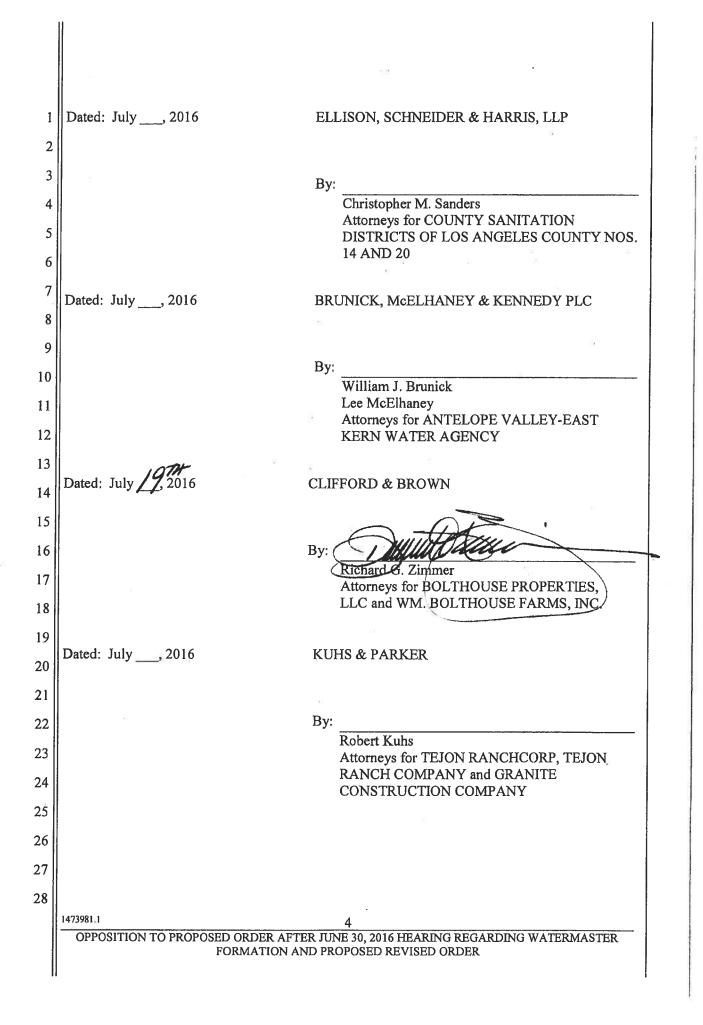
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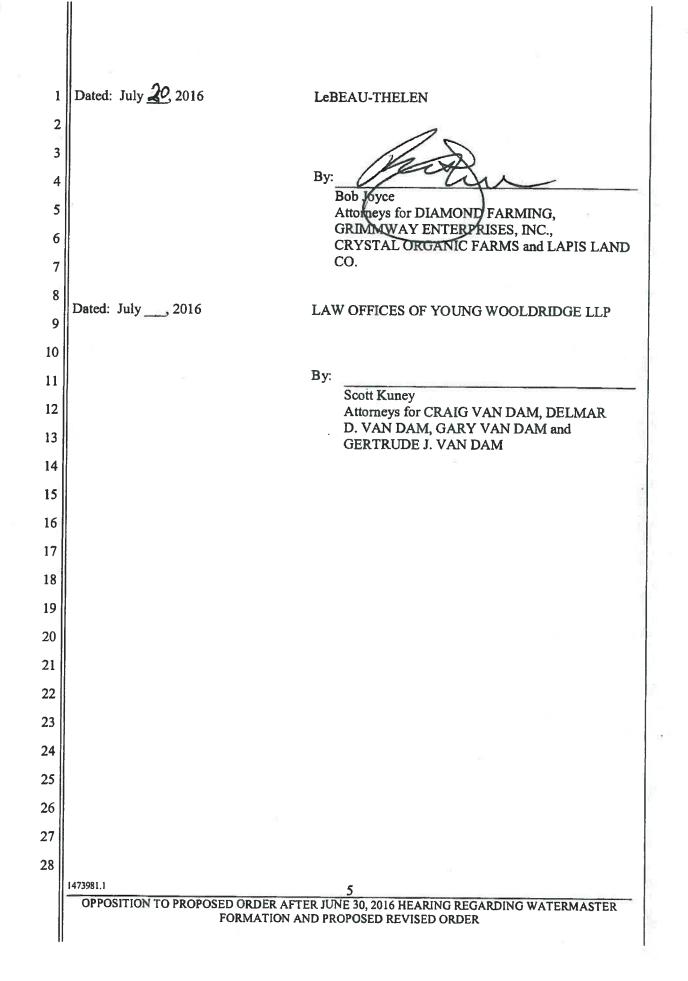
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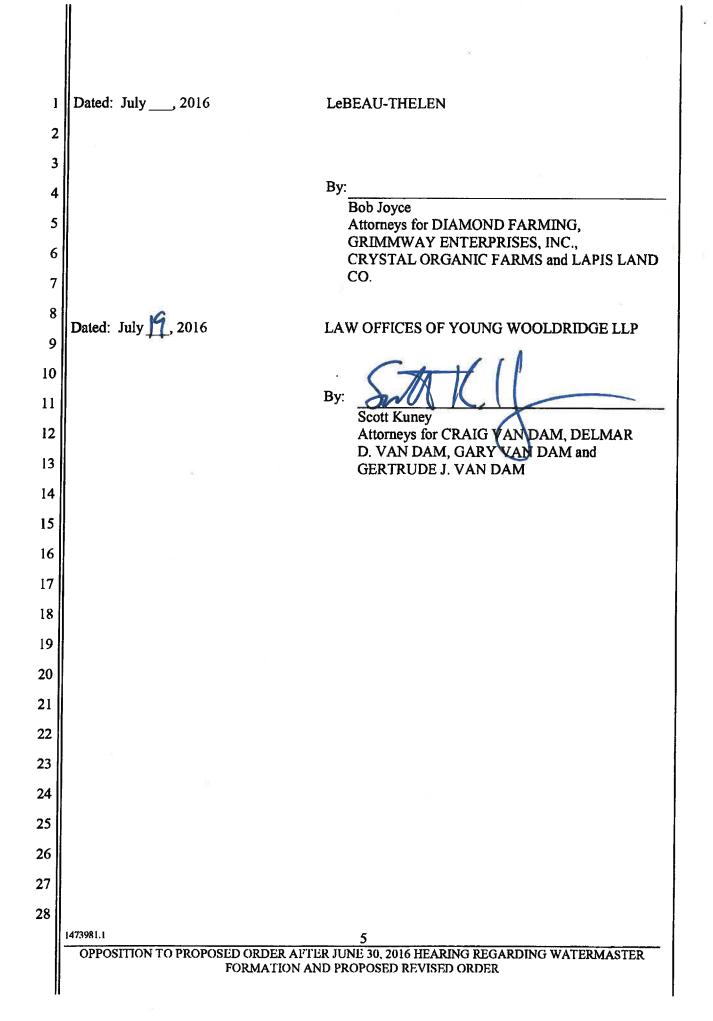


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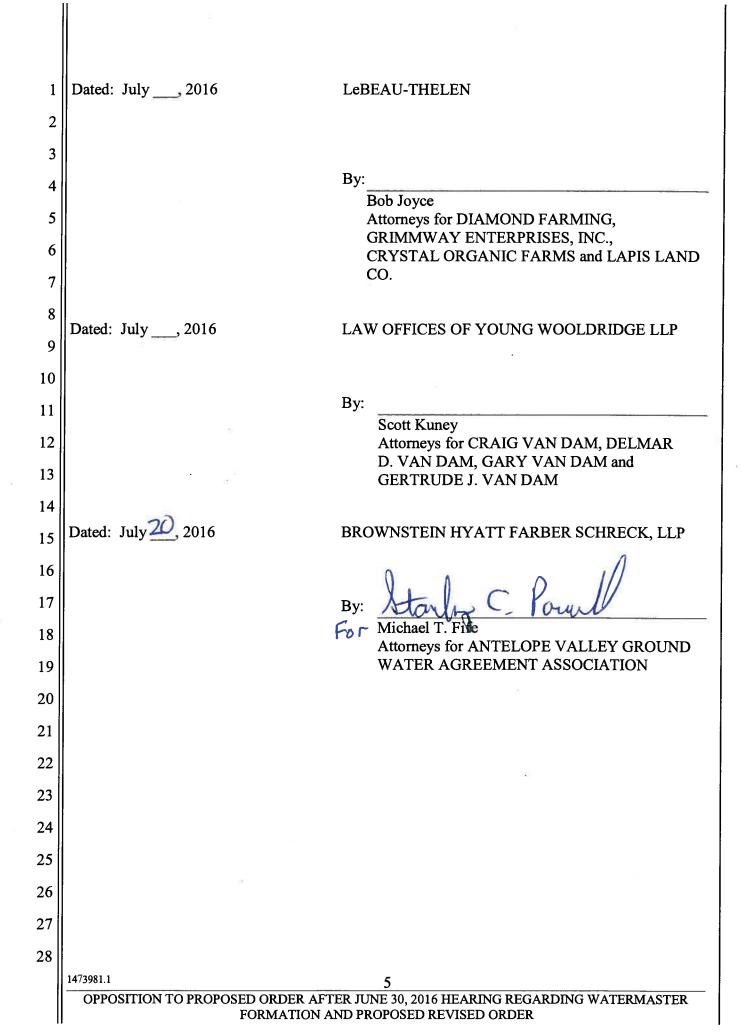


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	Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Lead Case No. BC 325 20 [PROPOSED] ORDER AFTER JUNE 30, 2016 HEARING REGARDING	

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The purpose of the hearing was to report on the procedures that were used and the results of the election for the two landowner Watermaster Seats and the Public Water Suppliers' Watermaster Seat; to receive and hear objections and challenges to the conduct, procedures and/or results of the election for the two landowner Watermaster Seats and the "elected" Public Water Suppliers' Watermaster Seat; and to report on the status of the selection of representatives for the two Watermaster Seats that are permanently held by Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 and Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency ("AVEK"), all under Section 18.1.1. of the Judgment. Appearances are as reflected in the Court's Minute Order for this hearing. No court reporter was present.

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(collectively "Responding Parties"), filed a joint opposition ("Opposition") to the Objections. The Challenging Parties filed a response ("Response") to the Opposition. No other moving or opposing papers were filed in advance of the hearing.

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At the hearing, reports were given that the following individuals had been selected to fill the respective Watermaster Seats:

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4. Attorney Thomas Bunn, counsel for Palmdale Water District, reported that Cathy Mac Laren had been selected as an alternate to the "elected" Public Water Supplier Seat, to which no objections were raised either prior to or at the hearing.

5. U.S. Attorney James DuBois, counsel for the United States Department of Justice, reported that Gerald Boetsch had been selected as the United States Department of Defense Liaison representative to the Watermaster Board ("DoD Liaison"), to which no objections were raised either prior to or at the hearing.

Having considered the Objections, Opposition, Response and other relevant papers filed, and the arguments and reports of counsel,

The Court makes the following findings and determinations:

- The composition of the Watermaster Board, the party representatives who will serve on the Watermaster Board, and all rules and procedures used to elect or appoint representatives to the Watermaster Board, including any Alternates and the DoD Liaison, are subject to the Court's final approval.
- The Inspector of Elections conducted the election of the landowner Watermaster Seats fairly, openly and in accordance with the Landowner Procedures, and afforded sufficient notice and due process to all parties who wished to participate.
- 3. The Challenging Parties' objections to those Landowner Procedures: (1) that authorized the voting parties to cast the entirety of their votes for each of the two

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	Exhibit 4 to cast votes in the election of the landowner Watermaster Seats are		
	overruled.		
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	further meet and confer between the parties sustained.	Formatted: Font: N	iot Bold
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	b. "Elected" Public Water Supplier Seat – Leo Thibault		
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	("Watermaster Organizational Rules") to be prepared by the parties and submitted		
0.7	to the Court for final approval in accordance with this Order.		
<u>8.7.</u>	The <i>interim</i> Watermaster is hereby authorized to develop and publish a "Request		
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	 regarding the selection of the Watermaster Engineer will require the prior approval of the Court. 9-8. The Court expresses its sincere appreciation to U.S. Attorney James DuBois for his services as the Inspector of Elections and hereby relieves Mr. DuBois from that service. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all parties seeking or appointing representatives on the Watermaster Board, including Los Angeles Waterworks District No. 40, the Public Water Suppliers, AVEK and the Overliers listed on Exhibit 4 to the Judgment, shall meet and confer
10	and develop proposed Watermaster <u>Election Rules and Procedures</u> Organizational Rules
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	consistent with this Order. The parties shall submit the proposed Watermaster <u>Election Rules</u> and <u>ProceduresOrganizational Rules</u> to the Court prior to September 6, 2016. On September 6, 2016, at 10:00 am in Los Angeles, at a department to be determined, a hearing shall be held to review and consider the proposed Watermaster <u>Election Rules and ProceduresOrganizational</u> <u>Rules</u> , to hear any objections to the proposed Watermaster <u>Election Rules and</u> <u>ProceduresOrganizational Rules</u> , and to consider final approval of the proposed Watermaster <u>Election Rules and ProceduresOrganizational Rules</u> and the Watermaster Board. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a detailed statement of the proposed Watermaster Board member's background, education, job history and other qualifying attributes shall be posted on the Court's website prior to the September 6, 2016 hearing, for each <i>interim</i> Watermaster Board member, for the provisionally approved "Elected" Public Water Supplier Watermaster Seat Alternate representative, for the DoD Liaison representative, and for any
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13		composed as follows:
14		a. District 40 Seat – Adam Ariki
15		b. "Elected" Public Water Supplier Seat – Leo Thibault
16		c. AVEK Seat – Robert Parris
17		d. Landowner Seat – Dennis Atkinson
18		e. Landowner Seat – John Calandri
19	6.	The Watermaster is further subject to the Court's approval of all rules and
20		procedures used to elect or appoint representatives to the Watermaster Board,
21		including any Alternates and the DoD Liaison ("Watermaster Election Rules and
22		Procedures") to be prepared by the parties and submitted to the Court for final
23		approval in accordance with this Order.
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25	/.	The <i>interim</i> Watermaster is hereby authorized to develop and publish a "Request
26		for Proposals" ("RFP") for the position of Watermaster Engineer
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 The Court expresses its sincere appreciation to U.S. Attorney James DuBois for his services as the Inspector of Elections and hereby relieves Mr. DuBois from that service.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all parties seeking or appointing representatives on the Watermaster Board, including Los Angeles Waterworks District No. 40, the Public Water Suppliers, AVEK and the Overliers listed on Exhibit 4 to the Judgment, shall meet and confer and develop proposed Watermaster Election Rules and Procedures consistent with this Order. The parties shall submit the proposed Watermaster Election Rules and Procedures to the Court prior to September 6, 2016. On September 6, 2016, at 10:00 am in Los Angeles, at a department to be determined, a hearing shall be held to review and consider the proposed Watermaster Election Rules and Procedures to the Intermediate September 6, 2016, at 10:00 am in Los Angeles, at a department to be determined, a hearing shall be held to review and consider the proposed Watermaster Election Rules and Procedures, to hear any objections to the proposed Watermaster Election Rules and Procedures, and to consider final approval of the proposed Watermaster Election Rules and Procedures and the Watermaster Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a detailed statement of the proposed Watermaster Board member's background, education, job history and other qualifying attributes shall be posted on the Court's website prior to the September 6, 2016 hearing, for each *interim* Watermaster Board member, for the provisionally approved "Elected" Public Water Supplier Watermaster Seat Alternate representative, for the DoD Liaison representative, and for any proposed Landowner Alternate representative, for the Court's approval.

DATED:

HON. JACK KOMAR JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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2	I, Olga Rittershaus, declare:	
3	I am a citizen of the United States and employed in Santa Barbara County, California. I	
4	am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is:	
6	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, 1020 State Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101. On	
7	July 20, 2016, I served a copy of the within document(s):	
8	OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ORDER AFTER JUNE 30, 2016 HEARING REGARDING WATERMASTER FORMATION AND PROPOSED REVISED ORDER	
9	on the interested parties in this action.	
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11	Based on a court order and/or an agreement by the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the document(s) listed above to be sent to the	
12	persons at the electronic notification listed on the OneLegal Online Court Services website.	
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14	I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence	
15	for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same	
16	day with postage thereon fully prepaid in the ordinary course of business	
17	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above	
18	is true and correct. Executed on July 20, 2016, at Santa Barbara, California.	
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