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Coordination Proceeding Special Title (Rule 1550(b)) John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Cler Dept

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#### MINUTE ORDER RE:

On October 13, 2009, following a hearing on a noticed motion to consolidate the various coordinated cases herein, the Court indicated its intent to grant the motion to consolidate and directed the parties to meet and confer on the form of the order. Immediately following the Court's statement of intent to order consolidation, a motion was made to disqualify the undersigned judge who is the assigned coordination trial judge. The motion was made pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6. The asserted ground for reopening the right to exercise such a challenge was the Court's order granting consolidation. No formal order of consolidation had yet been signed by the Court and the Court deemed the peremptory challenge to be premature and ordered it stricken.

A subsequent hearing was held on the form of the Order of Consolidation on February 5, 2010 and an Order granting the consolidation motion was filed on February 19, 2010. On the same date, a new Motion pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 was filed by several of the parties.

The Court sets hearing on the peremptory challenge for March 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 1 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, immediately preceding the time set for hearing on continued motions and the scheduled Case Management Conference. Any parties in opposition to the peremptory challenge motion should file opposition no later than February 26, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. and replies must be posted no later than March 4, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. Any briefs by any party are requested to address the applicability of California Rule of Court 1516.

This matter was not reported.

### PARTIES/ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: NO APPEARANCES

| City of Lancaster           | Douglas Evertz    |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| County of Los Angeles       | Jeffrey Dunn      |
| Waterworks District #40     |                   |
| Richard Wood                | Daniel O'Leary    |
|                             | Michael McLachlan |
| Quartil Water District      | Bradley Weeks     |
| City of Palmdale            | Whitney McDonald  |
| Phelan Pinon Hills CSD      | Susan Trager      |
| U.S. Borax                  | William Sloan     |
| Tejon Ranch Corp.           | Robert Kuhs       |
| Antelope Valley Groundwater | Michael Fife      |
| Agreement Association       |                   |
| Los Angeles Waterworks 40   | Michael Moore     |
| Van Dam                     | Scott Kuney       |

| Antelope Valley Water Storage |                  |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Rebecca Willis                | Ralph Kalfayan   |  |
| Blum Trust                    | Sheldon Blum     |  |
| Palmdale Water District       | Thomas Bunn      |  |
| United States                 | James Dubois     |  |
|                               | R. Lee Leininger |  |
| Diamond Farming, et al        | Bob Joyce        |  |
| Bolthouse Farms               | Richard Zimmer   |  |