

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Coordination Proceeding  
Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

**ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES**

Included Actions:

*Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.*, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 325 201

*Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.*, Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348

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

*Willis v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40*, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 364 553

*Wood v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40*, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 391869

*Wood v. A.V. Materials, Inc., et al.*, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 509546

*Wood v. County of Los Angeles*, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS 143790 [ADD-ON PETITION IS PENDING]

Judicial Council Coordination  
Proceeding No. 4408

For Court's Use Only:  
Santa Clara County Case No.  
1-05-CV-049053  
(for E-Posting/E-Service  
Purposes Only)

Date/Time: Thursday, January 22, 2015 11:00 a.m.

Location: Department 12 Superior Court of California  
County of Santa Clara

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*Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases (JCCP 4408)  
Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC 325 201  
January 22, 2015 (11:00am) / Hon. Jack Komar, Ret.*

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MINUTE ORDER:

**1. MOTION BY BLUM TRUST FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT/SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES ("Blum MSJ/MSADJ")**

Tentative ruling issued 1/21/15.

The matter is argued by Mr. Blum on behalf of the Blum Trust and Mr. Bunn on behalf of Palmdale Water District ("PWD"). Mr. Bunn's request that his client, PWD, be added to the list of those parties who filed oppositions to the Blum MSJ/MSADJ is granted by the Court. With the addition of the PWD as an opposing party to the Blum MSJ/MSADJ, the Court adopts its tentative ruling and the Blum MSJ/MSADJ is denied.

**2. HEARING ON PROPOSED STATEMENT OF DECISION ON PHELAN PIÑON HILLS ("PPH") TRIAL ON CAUSES OF ACTION 2 AND 6**

This matter was taken under submission on 11/5/14. A tentative ruling was issued on 1/21/15. The statement of decision is due 2/3/15.

The matter is argued by Mr. Miliband on behalf of PPH and Mr. Bunn on behalf of the Public Water Suppliers ("PWS"). PPH's objections are overruled. The Court permits Mr. Bunn to submit, by 1/27/15, modified language to the Statement of Decision, with responses thereto due by 1/30/15 from Mr. Miliband.

**3. EX PARTE APPLICATION BY PLAINTIFF RICHARD WOOD AND THE CLASS FOR APPROVAL OF COURT-APPOINTED EXPERT BILLS**

The above matter was unopposed and granted.

**4. REQUEST BY THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS TO DISMISS HIDDEN VALLEY MUTUAL WATER COMPANY [ROE 2315] WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

The above matter was unopposed and granted; order is now signed.

**5. EX PARTE APPLICATION BY PLAINTIFF RICHARD WOOD AND THE CLASS FOR ORDER MODIFYING CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER + COUNTER PROPOSED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER SUBMITTED BY WILLIS CLASS**

The matter was argued by Mr. Kalfayan on behalf of the Willis Class. Mr. Kalfayan's proposal is deemed premature at this time. The Amended CMO as submitted by Mr. McLachlan was signed by the Court, with paragraph subsection 2(g) stricken. [Note: post-hearing, a correction was made to the 1<sup>st</sup> Amended Case Management Order to reflect the correct start time of 10:00 a.m. for the hearings on 3/19/15 and 8/3/15.]

**6. MOTION TO ADD SUBSTITUTE PLAINTIFF (THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES) TO WILLIS CLASS**

The Court denied the above matter, without prejudice, at this time and reserved it for hearing on **3/19/15 at 10am in Los Angeles, location to be announced.**

**7. REQUEST BY THE WILLIS CLASS TO DISMISS ANSWER OF THE LESLIE PROPERTY FILED DECEMBER 26, 2006, PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED AS DOE DEFENDANT NO. 107 IN THE AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT OF PLAINTIFF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40 AND ALL CROSS-COMPLAINTS ON FILE**

The above matter was unopposed and granted.

**8. INFORMAL DISCOVERY CONFERENCE – REQUESTED BY ATTY MCLACHLAN**

The above matter was taken off calendar.

**9. CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

A Further Case Management Conference is set for **3/19/15 at 10am in Los Angeles, location to be announced.**

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**ATTORNEYS PRESENT IN COURT:**

Sheldon Blum – Blum Trust  
Lynne M. Brennan – Willis Class  
Thomas S. Bunn III – Palmdale Water District  
Jeffrey V. Dunn – Public Water Suppliers; LACWD No. 40  
Noah Golden-Krasner – State of California, et al.  
Janet Goldsmith – City of Los Angeles  
Ralph B. Kalfayan – Willis Class  
Michael D. McLachlan – Wood Class  
Wesley A. Miliband – Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District  
Christopher M. Sanders – County Sanitation Districts No. 14 and 20 of Los Angeles County  
William M. Sloan – U.S. Borax, Inc.

**ATTORNEYS PRESENT VIA COURTCALL:**

Andrew Brady	Jeff Green	Walter Rusinek
Robert Brumfield	Kyle Holmes	John Tootle
Heather James	Joseph Hughes	John Ukkestad
William Brunick	Scott Kuney	Wendy Wang
Theodore Chester	Robert Kuhs	Bradley Weeks
Robert Coldren	Bob Joyce	Warren Wellen
Michael Davis	R. Lee Leininger	Walter Wilson
Douglas Evertz	W. Keith Lemieux	Richard Wood
Michael Fife	Andrew Ramos	James Worth
Arnold Graham	Edward Renwick	Richard Zimmer

**REPORTER:**

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**EVENT CALENDAR:**

February 26, 2015		Deadline to File Stipulations for Entry of Judgment by the Stipulating Parties (objections thereto due by April 1, 2015)
March 19, 2015	10:00am (LASC)	(1) Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Small Pumper/Wood Class Settlement; (2) Further Case Management Conference; (3) Motion to Add Substitute Plaintiff (The Archdiocese of Los Angeles) to the Willis Class
August 3, 2015	10:00am (LASC)	Final Fairness Hearing (Small Pumper/Wood Class Settlement)

**MATTERS OFF CALENDAR AND CONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT:**

<del>April 4, 2014</del>	9am	Ex Parte Application by the United States to continue briefing schedule on the Federal Reserve Right Claim (currently: closing brief due April 2, 2014; opposition brief due April 22, 2014; reply brief due 5/1/14; stands submitted as of 5/1/14.  Ex Parte Application by the Public Water Suppliers to Extend Date to Respond to Phase 6 Discovery Order
<del>April 7, 2014</del>	9am	AGWA's Motions, including, but not limited to: (1) Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings; (2) Motion in Limine for an Order Establishing the Evidentiary Standard for Notice for Proof of Prescription by the Public Water Purveyors; (3) Motion in Limine for an Order Establishing the Necessity of the Public Water Purveyors Proving the Elements of Prescription as to Each Landowner; and (4) Motion for Order Setting Matter for Jury Trial  Joinders to the above motion by the Bolthouse Entities  (Continued) Trial, Phase 5 (return flows, federal reserve rights); Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc.'s Motion for Non-Suit on the Federal Reserve Right Claim

~~August 4, 2014~~

9am

Trial, Phase 6 (prescription + remaining issues)