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18 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES

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20 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 21 40 v. Diamond Farming Co. Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 22 325 201 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co. 23 Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348 Wm. Bolthouse 24 Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster Diamond 25 Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water Dist. Superior 26 Court of California, County of Riverside. consolidated actions, Case No. RIC 353 840, 27 RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668

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CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Date: February 14, 2012 Time: 9:00 am Room: 1515

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The Antelope Valley Groundwater Agreement Association ("AGWA") provides this case management statement as to its position on the need for and the possible issues to be addressed in a Phase 4 trial.

4 The vast majority of the parties are participating in the settlement negotiations. Settlement 5 discussions most recently took place on January 25 and 26 with Justice Robie in Sacramento, and 6 Justice Robie has scheduled further negotiations for February 29. These negotiations are very close 7 to a resolution of the most critical settlement issue – the allocation of safe yield. For this reason, 8 AGWA does not believe the setting of a further phase of trial at this time would be productive, as it 9 would divert attention and resources from finalizing a settlement of the case. AGWA believes that 10 another case management conference should be scheduled sometime after the February 29 11 mediation.

12 If the Court believes it necessary to set a further phase of trial at this time, AGWA requests 13 that the Court designate such phase to address the discrete technical issue of the quantification of 14 return flows from imported water, and the amount that is therefore available to be pumped from the 15 Basin based on these return flows. During the Phase 3 trial, some parties asserted that return flows 16 from imported water constitute as much as a quarter of the total safe yield, while other parties 17 asserted that the amount is much less than this. This issue also involves addressing certain water 18 quality issues as some parties assert that a right to pump potable water should exist based on return 19 flows even though those return flows have the effect of harming water quality and thus removing 20 Basin water from potable use.

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These are discrete technical issues that are an outgrowth of Phase 3, the resolution of which could have a substantial impact on the settlement discussions regarding the allocation of safe yield. AGWA believes that the resolution of these issues alone could eliminate any remaining barriers to settlement.

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