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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**ANTELOPE VALLEY  
GROUNDWATER CASES,**

Included Actions:

Los Angeles County Waterworks District  
No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.  
Los Angeles County Superior Court  
Case No. BC 325201

Los Angeles County Waterworks District  
No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.  
Kern County Superior Court  
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.  
Riverside County Superior Court  
Consolidated actions  
Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436,  
RIC 344 668

Judicial Council Coordination No. 4408

For filing purposes only:  
Case No.: 1-05-CV-049053

Assigned to the Honorable Jack Komar

**[PROPOSED] CASE MANAGEMENT  
ORDER**

1 Defendants AV Solar Ranch 1, LLC; eSolar, Inc.; Red Dawn Suntower, LLC; Sierra  
2 Suntower, LLC; Tumbleweed Suntower, LLC; Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation;  
3 SGS Antelope Valley Development, LLC; Southern California Edison Company  
4 (collectively “Defendants”) hereby lodge the following proposed Case Management Order,  
5 as an alternative the proposed Case Management Order lodged by the United States on  
6 August 20, 2014. Defendants’ proposed Case Management Order (“CMO”) proposed a  
7 more streamlined schedule in order to expedite obtaining a final resolution of the case.

8 A more streamlined schedule is beneficial under the present circumstances.  
9 Defendants understand that the language of the Proposed Stipulated Judgment and Physical  
10 Solution has now been finalized for several months. Defendants understand there are only a  
11 small number of Non-Stipulating Parties. Defendants further understand two of those Non-  
12 Stipulating Parties, Blum Trust and Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District; both  
13 have separate procedures in place to resolve their claims. This litigation has been ongoing  
14 for years and should now be resolved in the most expedient manner possible. To accomplish  
15 this purpose, Defendants request that the Court adopt the following schedule as its operative  
16 Case Management Order:

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18 1. The deadline for the Wood Class to file their Motion for Preliminary Approval  
19 of the Wood Class Settlement will be **November 21, 2014**.

20 2. The hearing on the Wood Class Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Wood  
21 Class Settlement will occur on **December 19, 2014**. Any Opposition Briefs must be filed by  
22 **December 5, 2014**. Reply briefs must be filed by **December 12, 2014**. The hearing will do  
23 the following:

- 24 a. Determine the Wood Class membership closing date, with notice of  
25 same to be sent out in the Wood Class Notice of Settlement;
- 26 b. Set a deadline for the mailing of Class notice for the Wood Class of  
27 **January 6, 2015**;

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- 1           c.     Set a deadline for objections of the Wood Class Settlement of **February**
- 2                     **14, 2015;**
- 3           d.     Set a date of **March 23, 2015** for the Fairness/ Final Approval hearing
- 4                     to take place at the same date and time as the Court hearing on the
- 5                     approval of the Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution.
- 6           3.     The deadline for the filing of the Stipulation for Entry of Judgment of the
- 7                     Stipulating Parties will be **December 4, 2014.**
- 8                     a.     Preliminary presentation of the Proposed Stipulated Judgment and
- 9                     Physical Solution to the Court will occur on **December 19, 2014;**
- 10                    b.     No objections to the Proposed Stipulated Judgment and Physical
- 11                     Solution will be heard on **December 19, 2014**, and instead will be heard
- 12                     on **March 23, 2015.**
- 13           4.     Written statements of Objections to the Proposed Stipulated Judgment and
- 14                     Physical Solution, and any assertion of claims or rights to produce groundwater from the
- 15                     Basin by a Non-Stipulating Party, shall be due no later than **January 13, 2015.**
- 16           5.     Disclosure of witnesses and exhibits regarding any objections to the Proposed
- 17                     Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution, assertion of claims or rights to produce
- 18                     groundwater from the Basin by Non-Stipulating Parties, the Public Water Suppliers' claim of
- 19                     prescription, and the prove-up by the Stipulating Parties for the Stipulated Judgment and
- 20                     Physical Solution shall be due no later than **January 20, 2015.**
- 21           6.     Discovery regarding objections to the proposed Stipulated Judgment and
- 22                     Physical Solution, claims of prescription, and any assertion of claims or rights by Non-
- 23                     Stipulating Parties shall be completed by **February 23, 2015.**
- 24           7.     Trials or hearing on the final approval of the Wood Class settlement and on
- 25                     prove-up of the Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution shall commence on **March 23,**
- 26                     **2015.** Subject to further orders and scheduling of the Court, such trial or hearings shall
- 27                     include the taking of evidence regarding the following subjects:
- 28                     a.     Prescription by the Public Water Suppliers;

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- b. Prove-up by Stipulating Parties;
- c. Proof of claim to produce groundwater by Non-Stipulating Parties;
- d. Prove-up of defaults;
- e. Prove-up of Physical Solution;
- f. Fairness and final approval of the Wood Class Settlement.

8. Within thirty (30) days of the final approval by the Court of the Wood Class Settlement, the Wood Class shall file with the Court either:

- a. A stipulating providing for payment of attorneys' fees and expert fees and costs;
- b. A petition for payment of attorneys' fees and expert fees and costs.

DATED: November \_\_\_\_, 2014

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Honorable Jack Komar  
Judge of the Superior Court

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Yolanda S. Ramos, declare:

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is Alston & Bird LLP, 333 South Hope Street, Sixteenth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

On October 30, 2014, I served the document(s) described as **[PROPOSED] CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER** on the interested parties in this action by enclosing the document(s) in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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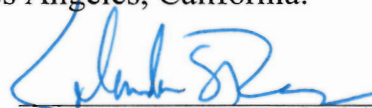
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BY FACSIMILE: I telecopied a copy of said document(s) to the following addressee(s) at the following number(s) in accordance with the written confirmation of counsel in this action.

[State] I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

[Federal] I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 30, 2014, at Los Angeles, California.

  
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YOLANDA S. RAMOS