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14 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT**

17 **ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER**
18 **CASES**

19 **Included Actions:**

20 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.
40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior Court of
California, County of Los Angeles, Case No.
BC 325201;

21 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.
22 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior Court of
California, County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-
23 CV-254-348;

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

RELATED CASE TO JUDICIAL
COUNCIL COORDINATION
PROCEEDING NO. 4408

**EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF
SUMMONS AND DECLARATION OF
DANIEL S. ROBERTS IN SUPPORT OF
SAME; EXHIBITS**

1 **EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS**

2 The Public Water Suppliers hereby make this ex parte application for an order directing
3 service of the Summons and First Amended Cross-complaint by the Public Water Suppliers on
4 the remaining unserved Cross-Defendants as listed in Exhibit "A" hereto by publication. The
5 bulk of the Cross-Defendants the Court ordered to be served personally have been so served
6 (approximately 547), but the Public Water Suppliers have not been able to serve the remaining
7 approximately 120 Cross-Defendants. Service on the remaining unserved Defendants is
8 requested to be by publication pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 415.50 in both the Los
9 Angeles Times and the Bakersfield Californian, which are newspapers of general circulation in
10 California. These newspapers are most likely to give notice to the Cross-defendants because they
11 are the major newspapers covering the area wherein the property at issue in this case lies, and
12 therefore where the Cross-defendants to be served are believed to be found.

13 The First Amended Cross-complaint, which is for declaratory and injunctive relief and
14 adjudication of groundwater rights, was filed herein on March 13, 2007. A copy of the Summons
15 and First Amended Cross-complaint could not be served on those Cross-Defendants listed in
16 Exhibit "A" by any of the following methods:

- 17 1. Handing a copy to the person to be served. (Personal service
18 – Code Civ. Proc., § 415.10).
- 19 2. Leaving a copy, during usual office hours and in the office
20 of the person to be served, with the person who apparently was in
21 charge and by thereafter mailing copies (by first class mail, postage
22 prepaid) to the person to be served at the place where the copies
23 were left. (Service on a corporation, partnership, association, or
24 public entity - Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20(a)).
- 25 3. Leaving a copy at the dwelling house, usual place of abode,
26 or usual place of business of the person to be served in the presence
27 of a competent member of the household or person apparently in
28 charge of his office or place of business, at least 18 years of age,

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who shall be informed of the general nature of the papers and by thereafter mailing copies (by first class mail, postage prepaid) to the person to be served at the place where the copies were left. (Service on natural person, minor, incompetent, or candidate - Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20(b)).

4. Sending (by first class mail or airmail) a copy to the person to be served, together with two copies of required form of notice and acknowledgement and a return envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the sender. (Service by mail - Code Civ. Proc., § 415.30).

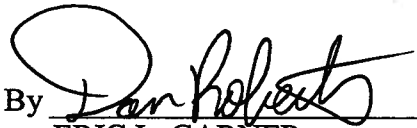
5. Sending (by registered or certified airmail with return receipt requested) copies to the person to be served. (Service by mail outside the State of California - Code Civ. Proc., § 415.40).

6. Any other method (Code Civ. Proc., §§ 413.10, 413.30).

The reasonable attempts to serve the Cross-Defendants listed in Exhibit "A" hereto are set forth in the Declarations of the process servers employed to effect service on these Cross-defendants. Copies of those Declarations are attached hereto collectively as Exhibit "B."

Dated: November 21, 2008

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DECLARATION OF MERITS

I, Daniel S. Roberts, declare as follows:

I am an associate of Best Best & Krieger LLP, counsel for Rosamond Community Services District and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 in the above referenced case. In that capacity, Best Best & Krieger LLP has taken the lead in serving the Public Water Suppliers' First Amended Cross-Complaint on those Cross-defendants the Court has order to be served individually. The Public Water Suppliers' First Amended Cross-complaint is for declaratory and injunctive relief and adjudication of groundwater rights within the Antelope Valley groundwater basin. The Cross-defendants named therein, including those sought by this application to be served by publication, are those whom public records show to be the owners of and/or beneficial interest holders in, real property within the basin to be adjudicated, and whom therefore do or may claim an interest in the rights to be adjudicated in this case. In addition, the Court ordered these individuals to be served with process in this case.

Therefore, the Public Water Suppliers respectfully request the Court order that those remaining unserved Cross-defendants listed in Exhibit "A" hereto be served by publication in the Los Angeles Times and Bakersfield Californian pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 415.50.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 21st day of November, 2008, at Irvine, California.


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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Kerry V. Keefe, declare:

I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is Best Best & Krieger LLP, 5 Park Plaza, Suite 1500, Irvine, California 92614. On November 21, 2008, I served the within document(s):

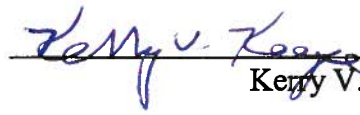
EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS AND DECLARATION OF DANIEL S. ROBERTS IN SUPPORT OF SAME; EXHIBITS

- by posting the document(s) listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court website in regard to the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter.
- by placing the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Irvine, California addressed as set forth below.
- by causing personal delivery by ASAP Corporate Services of the document(s) listed above to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth below.
- by personally delivering the document(s) listed above to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth below.
- I caused such envelope to be delivered via overnight delivery addressed as indicated on the attached service list. Such envelope was deposited for delivery by Federal Express following the firm's ordinary business practices.

I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

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

Executed on November 21, 2008, at Irvine, California.


Kerry V. Keefe