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21 CASES

**STIPULATION FOR EXTENSION TO  
SERVE RESPONSIVE PLEADING AND  
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

22 Included Actions:

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

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

27 Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of  
28 Lancaster

1 Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster  
2 Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water  
3 Dist.  
4 Superior Court of California, County of  
5 Riverside, consolidated actions, Case Nos.  
6 RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668,

7 ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
8 DISTRICT;  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10 WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40;  
11 PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT;  
12 CITY OF LANCASTER;  
13 CITY OF PALMDALE,  
14 LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION  
15 DISTRICT,  
16 PALM RANCH IRRIGATION  
17 DISTRICT;  
18 QUARTZ HILL DISTRICT;  
19 CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE  
20 COMPANY,

21 Cross-Complainants,

22 v.

23 DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY;  
24 et al.,

25 Cross-Defendants.

26 Plaintiff Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 and the United States hereby  
27 stipulate to a 10 day extension of time from February 6, 2006 to February 16, 2006 to file the  
28 federal government's answer or to otherwise respond to plaintiff's complaint in this proceeding.  
29 Plaintiff Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 and the United States further stipulate  
30 that on or before February 6, 2006 the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 will  
31 serve, pursuant to state and federal law, a copy of its Cross-Complaint of Municipal Purveyors for  
32 Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Adjudication of Water Rights ("Cross-Complaint"), dated  
33 January 18, 2006, on the United States. Plaintiff Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40  
34 and the United States further stipulate that the Cross-Complaint supercedes the Amendment to  
35 Complaint previously served on the United States and that the United States need only answer or

1 otherwise respond to the Cross-Complaint on or before February 16, 2006.

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3 Parties to this stipulation agree that this extension of time to serve a responsive pleading is  
4 for good cause and is not sought for purposes of delay. The purpose of the stipulation is to allow  
5 the United States to answer or otherwise respond to the Cross-Complaint, and not the Amendment  
6 to Complaint, before the scheduled February 17, 2006 case management conference. The Court  
7 previously granted, at the beginning of the Case Management Conference held on December 2,  
8 2005, a request to extend the deadline for the United States to answer the Amendment to  
9 Complaint. Later in the conference, the Court ordered Los Angeles County Waterworks District  
10 No. 40 to draft a cross-complaint which would supercede previously served Los Angeles County  
11 Waterworks District No. 40's complaints. The [Proposed] Order Re Case Management Dates and  
12 Motions, filed February 1, 2006, reflects this ruling and allows parties to defer the filing of any  
13 responsive pleadings until after the consolidated pleading is filed. Id. at p 7.

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15 Parties to this stipulation agree that it is more appropriate for the United States to respond  
16 only to the Cross-Complaint. Allowing the additional time for Los Angeles County Waterworks  
17 District No. 40 to serve the Cross-Complaint and for the United States to respond to that  
18 document will better achieve the Court's goal of integrating the various competing lawsuits and it  
19 will simplify this matter by avoiding the generation of a pleading responding to an earlier  
20 complaint which is no longer in effect.

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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

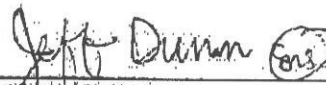
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED. The date for the United States to answer or otherwise respond to the Cross-Complaint will be February 16, 2006.

DATED: February 3, 2006

  
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Judge of the Superior Court

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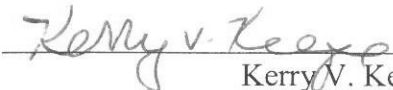
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