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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, California 90012 BRANCH NAME: Central Branch	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40; et al.  DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: Diamond Farming Company; et al.	
<b>NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT—CIVIL</b>	CASE NUMBER: 4408

TO (insert name of party being served): Anaverde, LLC

**NOTICE**

The summons and other documents identified below are being served pursuant to section 415.30 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. Your failure to complete this form and return it within 20 days from the date of mailing shown below may subject you (or the party on whose behalf you are being served) to liability for the payment of any expenses incurred in serving a summons on you in any other manner permitted by law.

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Date of mailing: May 16, 2007

Stefanie D. Hedlund

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT**

This acknowledges receipt of (*to be completed by sender before mailing*):

1.  A copy of the summons and of the complaint.
2.  Other (*specify*): First-Amended Cross-Complaint of Public Water Suppliers For Declaratory And Injunctive Relief and Adjudication of Water Rights

**(To be completed by recipient):**

Date this form is signed: MAY 21, 2007

ANAVERDE, LLC

By: EMPIRE LAND, LLC, its Managing Member

TYPE OR PRINT YOUR NAME AND NAME OF ENTITY, IF ANY, ON WHOSE BEHALF THIS FORM IS SIGNED)

By: EMPIRE PARTNERS, INC., its Managing Member

By: LARRY R. DAY

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(SIGNATURE OF PERSON ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT, WITH TITLE IF ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS MADE ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY)

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1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 I, Kerry V. Keefe, declare:

3 I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years, and  
4 not a party to the within action; my business address is Best Best & Krieger LLP, 5 Park Plaza,  
Suite 1500, Irvine, California 92614. On June 5, 2007, I served the within document(s):

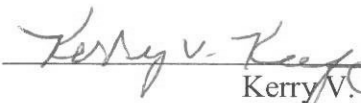
5 **NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT (Anaverde, LLC)**

- 6  7 by posting the document(s) listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court  
website in regard to the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter.
- 8  9 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.
- 10  11 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.
- 12  13 by personally delivering the document(s) listed above to the person(s) at the  
address(es) set forth below.
- 14  15 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.

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17 I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing  
18 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  
19 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.

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

21 Executed on June 5, 2007, at Irvine, California.

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Kerry V. Keefe

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