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12 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

13 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

14 Coordination Proceeding Special Title  
15 (Rule 1550 (b))

16 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER  
17 CASES

18 Included actions:

19 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.  
20 40 vs. Diamond Farming Company  
21 Los Angeles Superior Court  
22 Case No. BC 325201

23 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.  
24 40 vs. Diamond Farming Company  
25 Kern County Superior Court  
26 Case No. S-1500-CV 254348 NFT

27 Diamond Farming Company vs. City of  
28 Lancaster  
Riverside County Superior Court  
Lead Case No. RIC 344436 [Consolidated  
w/Case Nos. 344668 & 353840]

Judicial Council Coordination No. 4408

Case No.: 1-05-CV-049053

**EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR A  
COURT ORDER FOR A COURT  
SUPERVISED MEET AND CONFER  
REGARDING PRE-TRIAL WRITTEN  
DISCOVERY AND THE RESPONDING  
PARTIES' OBJECTIONS TO SAME TO  
BE HELD ON JULY 20, 2007,  
CONCURRENTLY WITH THE THEN  
SCHEDULED CASE MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE AS REQUIRED BY  
THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPLEX  
LITIGATION**

DATE: July 10, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DEPT: 17

[TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE]

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1 TO: ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD, AND TO THE  
2 HONORABLE JACK KOMAR, PRESIDING JUDGE:

3 DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, a Cross-Defendant, hereby makes this Ex Parte  
4 Application for a Court Order directing that the attorneys of records for the following Cross-  
5 Complaining parties, CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, CITY OF LANCASTER, CITY  
6 OF PALMDALE, LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 WATER WORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, ROSAMOND  
8 COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, PALM RANCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT, QUARTZ HILL  
9 WATER DISTRICT, to appear in person on July 20, 2007, along with counsel for the Cross-Defendant,  
10 DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, to participate in a court supervised meet and confer session  
11 regarding discovery disputes surrounding and arising out of that written discovery propounded by  
12 DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY upon each of the Cross-Complaining Public Water Suppliers on  
13 May 25, 2007.

14 The requested Order is necessitated in order to ensure compliance with the Guidelines for  
15 Complex Litigation, and a court supervised meet and confer process is a predicate to the right of the  
16 Propounding Party, DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, to formally move, by motion, for a court order  
17 to compel responses to the written discovery in issue. This Ex Parte Application is accompanied by and  
18 supported by the Declaration of Bob H. Joyce, attorney of record for the Propounding Party and Cross-  
19 Defendant, DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY.

20 It is hereby submitted and requested that the Order sought be issued so as to facilitate the court  
21 supervised meet and confer to coincide with the presently scheduled Case Management Conference,  
22 calendared for July 20, 2007.

23 Dated: July 5, 2007

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25 By: 

26 BOB H. JOYCE  
27 Attorneys for DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY,  
28 a California corporation

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

1 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES  
2 JUDICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDING NO. 4408  
3 CASE NO.: 1-05-CV-049053

4 I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age  
5 of eighteen years and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 5001 E. Commercenter  
6 Drive, Suite 300, Bakersfield, California 93309. On July 5, 2007, I served the within **EX PARTE**  
7 **APPLICATION FOR A COURT ORDER FOR A COURT SUPERVISED MEET AND**  
8 **CONFER REGARDING PRE-TRIAL WRITTEN DISCOVERY AND THE RESPONDING**  
9 **PARTIES' OBJECTIONS TO SAME TO BE HELD ON JULY 20, 2007, CONCURRENTLY**  
10 **WITH THE THEN SCHEDULED CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AS REQUIRED**  
11 **BY THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION**

12  **(BY POSTING)** I am "readily familiar" with the Court's Clarification Order.  
13 Electronic service and electronic posting completed through [www.scefilng.org](http://www.scefilng.org) ; All papers filed  
14 in Los Angeles County Superior Court and copy sent to trial judge and Chair of Judicial Council.

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20  **(BY MAIL)** I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and  
21 processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S.  
22 Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Bakersfield, California, in  
23 the ordinary course of business.

24  **(STATE)** I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of  
25 California that the above is true and correct, and that the foregoing was executed on July 5, 2007,  
26 in Bakersfield, California.

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28 **DONNA M. LUIS**