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October 3, 2011

Via Electronic Service

To All Counsel and Parties

RE: *Antelope Valley Groundwater Litigation*

Dear Counsel and Parties:

This letter provides notice that mediation has been set by and before Justice Ronald B. Robie, of the Third Appellate District, for November 9, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Appellate District, 621 Capitol Mall, 10th Floor, Sacramento, California. See the attached Minute Order of Judge Komar dated September 28, 2011.

The following topics were identified by Justice Robie as items to be mediated:

1. Allocation.
2. Physical Solution concepts, including storage.
3. Transferability.

Pursuant to Justice Robie's suggestion for local meetings to continue, a meeting will be held at AVEK located at 6500 West Avenue N., Palmdale, California 93551 at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2011 to consider and discuss concepts which need to be included in a physical solution for the Antelope Valley. Many of the concepts have been discussed previously and were further refined at the mediation with Justice Robie on September 27th and 28th. I would encourage you and your clients to participate in this meeting at AVEK and at the November 9, 2011 mediation with Justice Robie. If you have any questions please feel free to call.

If you are interested in a draft of the physical solution concepts I will attempt to forward it to you by October 21, 2011 for your additions, deletions or amendments.

Please email my assistant, Jo Anne at jquihuis@bmbllawoffice.com and advise her of where you would like the document emailed or mailed.

I look forward to your participation and comments.

Very truly yours,

**BRUNICK, McELHANEY, BECKETT, DOLEN &
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ATTACHMENT TO OCTOBER 3, 2011 LETTER TO COUNSEL AND PARTIES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Coordination Proceeding
Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES

Included Actions:

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

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

Willis v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District
No. 40
Superior Court of California, County of Los
Angeles, Case No. BC 364 553

Wood v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District
No. 40
Superior Court of California, County of Los
Angeles, Case No. BC 391869

Judicial Council Coordination
Proceeding No. 4408

For Court's Use Only:
Santa Clara County Case No.
1-05-CV-049053
(for E-Posting/E-Service
Purposes Only)

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 (no time) Room 1515

Location: Los Angeles County Superior Court Central Civil West
600 South Commonwealth Avenue,
15th Floor, Room 1515
Los Angeles, CA 90005

*Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases (JCCP 4408)
Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC 325 201
September 28, 2011 (no time) / Hon. Jack Komar*

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Present: Hon. Jack Komar, Judge
G. Welker, Reporter

S. Kadohata, Clerk
C. Wright, Deputy

MINUTE ORDER RE: FURTHER MEDIATION/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WITH THE HONORABLE RONALD B. ROBIE

A further mediation/settlement conference is scheduled for November 9, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento, California before the Honorable Ronald B. Robie, Associate Justice. All counsel are requested to appear at that time.

Counsel for the various Mutual Water Company parties are directed to meet and confer with counsel for the public water producers and other interested counsel in advance of the scheduled mediation before Justice Robie.

This hearing was not reported.

PARTIES/ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: NO APPEARANCES

City of Lancaster	Douglas Evertz	
County of Los Angeles Waterworks District #40	Jeffrey Dunn	
Richard Wood	Daniel O'Leary Michael McLachlan	
Quartil Water District	Bradley Weeks	
City of Palmdale	Whitney McDonald	
Phelon Pinon Hills CSD	Francis Logan	
U.S. Borax	William Sloan	
Tejon Ranch Corp.	Robert Kuhs	
Antelope Valley Groundwater Agreement Association	Michael Fife	
Los Angeles Waterworks 40	Michael Moore	
Van Dam Antelope Valley Water Storage	Scott Kuney	
Rebecca Willis	Ralph Kalfayan	
Blum Trust	Sheldon Blum	
Palmdale Water District	Thomas Bunn	
United States	James Dubois R. Lee Leininger	
Diamond Farming, et al	Bob Joyce	
Bolthouse Farms	Richard Zimmer	