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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
 10 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

11 **ANTELOPE VALLEY**
 12 **GROUNDWATER CASES**

) **RELATED CASE TO JUDICIAL**
) **COUNCIL COORDINATION**
) **PROCEEDING NO. 4408**

13 This Pleading Relates to Included Action:
 14 **REBECCA LEE WILLIS**, on behalf of herself
 and all others similarly situated,

) **PLAINTIFF REBECCA WILLIS***
) **STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

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 16 **Plaintiff,**

17 **vs.**

18 **LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS**
DISTRICT NO. 40; CITY OF LANCASTER;
CITY OF LOS ANGELES; CITY OF
 19 **PALMDALE; PALMDALE WATER**
DISTRICT; LITTLEROCK CREEK
 20 **IRRIGATION DISTRICT; PALM RANCH**
IRRIGATION DISTRICT; QUARTZ HILL
 21 **WATER DISTRICT; ANTELOPE VALLEY**
WATER CO.; ROSAMOND COMMUNITY
 22 **SERVICE DISTRICT; MOJAVE PUBLIC**
 23 **UTILITY DISTRICT; and DOES 1 through**
 1,000;

24 **Defendants.**

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 26 The Willis class respectfully submits the following status conference
 27 statement in advance of the March 8, 2010 status conference.

28 The Willis class continues to work with the Public Water Suppliers in

1 finalizing a stipulation of settlement. The settling parties expect to finalize the
2 agreement by the middle of March, 2010. The PWS estimate that it will take
3 approximately 4 to 6 weeks for the respective Board of each PWS to review,
4 approve, and execute the stipulation of settlement. The earliest date for the Willis
5 class to submit a motion for preliminary approval will be in April, 2010, with the
6 preliminary approval hearing most likely in May 2010. If the Willis class
7 settlement is preliminarily approved, it should substantially lessen class counsel's
8 efforts in the next phase of the case. Given the above schedule for effectuating the
9 settlement and the significant efforts that would be required to prepare for the next
10 phase, the Willis class supports the later October, 2010 trial date.

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