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

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES)	JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION PROCEEDING NO. 4408
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This Pleading Relates to Included Action: REBECCA LEE WILLIS, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,)	CASE NO. BC 364553
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Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	[PROPOSED] ORDER AWARDING PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS) DISTRICT NO. 40; CITY OF LANCASTER;) CITY OF PALMDALE; PALMDALE) WATER DISTRICT; LITTLEROCK CREEK) IRRIGATION DISTRICT; PALM RANCH) IRRIGATION DISTRICT; QUARTZ HILL) WATER DISTRICT; ANTELOPE VALLEY) WATER CO.; ROSAMOND COMMUNITY) SERVICE DISTRICT; PHELAN PINON) HILL COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT;) and DOES 1 through 1,000;))	Date: February 24, 2011 Time: 10:00 a.m. Dept: 1 Judge: Hon. Jack Komar Coordination Trial Judge
Defendants.)	

The Court, having considered Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses and the Memorandum of Points and Authorities and declarations in support thereof, and after hearing, hereby finds that:

1. Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses (the "Motion") requests an award of attorneys' fees of _____. Further, Plaintiffs' counsel

1 request reimbursement of out-of-pocket litigation costs and expenses in the amount of
2 _____.

3 2. The Court finds that the Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their fees and costs under
4 California CCP sections 1021.5 and 1033.5. Section 1021.5 authorizes the award of attorneys
5 fees to a prevailing party when (1) the action has resulted in the enforcement of an important
6 right affecting the public interest; (2) a significant benefit has been conferred on the general
7 public or a large class of persons; and (3) the necessity and financial burden of private
8 enforcement are such to make the award appropriate. Section 1033.5 lists items of costs
9 allowable to the prevailing party.

10 3. The Willis Class has achieved a favorable settlement and is therefore a prevailing
11 party. The settlement has resulted in the enforcement of an important public right that affected
12 the public interest. A significant benefit has been conferred on the class of over 65,000
13 landowners and the public at large. The necessity and financial burden of private enforcement
14 are such to make an award appropriate. Class Counsel are also entitled to an award of costs in
15 the amount of _____.

16 4. The hours expended and hourly rates claimed by Class counsel are reasonable.
17 Given the contingent fee nature of the case and the substantial risks undertaken by Class
18 Counsel, a 1.5 multiple of their lodestar is fair and reasonable.

19 5. Upon consideration of the Motion and accompanying Declarations and based
20 upon all matters of record including the pleadings and papers filed in this action, the Court
21 hereby finds that the fee requested is reasonable and proper, and that the costs and expenses
22 incurred by plaintiffs' counsel were necessary, reasonable and proper.

23 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that:

24 A. Plaintiffs' counsel are awarded attorneys' fees of \$_____.

25 B. Plaintiffs' counsel are awarded reimbursement of their litigation costs and
26 expenses in the amount of \$_____.

27 C. The attorneys' fees awarded and reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses

1 shall be paid by the Public Water Suppliers. They are directed to meet and confer and agree
2 upon an allocation of these fees and costs.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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5 Date: _____

Judge of the Superior Court

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