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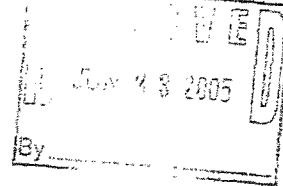
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE



Coordination Proceeding
Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

**ANTELOPE VALLEY
GROUNDWATER CASES**

Included actions:

Los Angeles County Waterworks
District No. 40 v. Diamond
Farming Co.

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Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v.

City of Lancaster

Diamond Farming Co. v.
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Diamond Farming Co. v.
Palmdale Water District

JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION
PROCEEDING NO. 4408

Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles
BC 325 201

Superior Court of California
County of Kern
S-1500-CV 254-348

Superior Court of California
County of Riverside - Consolidated
Actions
(RIC 353 840

RIC 344 436

RIC 344 668)

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR COORDINATION

The actions filed in Los Angeles and Kern County entitled *Los Angeles County Waterworks District No 40 vs Diamond Farming*, case no. BC 325201 and Kern County Superior Court case no. S-1500-CV 254348 are deemed complex pursuant to CRC 1800.

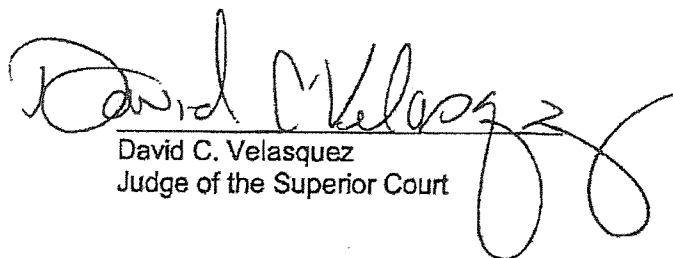
Good cause appearing that the coordination of the included actions is appropriate under the standards specified in CCP §§ 404 and 404.1, it is hereby ordered that the petition of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 for coordination of the included actions is granted; except, however, that the Riverside Superior Court retain jurisdiction over the consolidated case of *Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster*, et al., RCSC case no. RIC 344436 (the lead action); *Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster*, case no. RIC 344668; and *Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water District*, case no RIC 353840, currently in trial, solely for the purpose of granting a motion for mistrial and for hearing and determining issues related to sanctions, costs of suit and fees resulting from that mistrial. In all other respects, that consolidated action is coordinated pursuant to this order.

The court orders coordination of *Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Company et al.*, LASC case no. BC 32501; *Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Company et al.*, KCSC case no. S-1500-CV-25438; and the consolidated action of *Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster*, et al., RCSC case no. RIC 344436, *Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster*, case no. RIC 344668 and *Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water District*, case no. RIC 353840. The Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate District, Div. 2 (Riverside) is designated as the reviewing court with appellate jurisdiction for any petition for relief relating to any order in this proceeding.

This court recommends that the coordinated action be assigned to the Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, Complex Litigation. However, this court recommends that the Judicial Counsel appoint a judge from a neutral court (i.e., a sitting judge neither from Los Angeles County Superior Court nor Kern County Superior Court), or in the alternative, a retired judge to sit on assignment, to preside over this coordinated action as the coordination trial judge.

The clerk is directed to serve a copy of this order on the chair of the Judicial Council; the presiding judges of the Superior Courts of Los Angeles County, Kern County, Riverside County, and on counsel for all parties.

June 17, 2005


David C. Velasquez
Judge of the Superior Court