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### VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Antelope Valley Groundwater Litigation

Dear Mike:

I have recently returned to the office after several weeks of trial and vacation, and I was able to speak this morning with Stefanie Hedlund about some of the issues in your July 1, 2009 letter. Our understanding is the court directed the Public Water Suppliers to complete service upon on all persons who opted out of the Willis Class, and service by mail took place last month. I am informed that some persons who opted out had indicated that they pump and/or had pumped groundwater, and these individuals were subsequently added to the list of persons to receive a Wood Class notice.

In regard to the concern you raised about persons from this office speaking to individuals who had opted out of the Willis Class and who could be potential Wood Class members, I am informed that we have only responded to questions directed to us concerning the service materials themselves. Some individuals indicated that they pumped water on their respective properties and were interested in receiving the Wood Class notice. Our office indicated their interest on a call log and we will provide you with a list of these individuals.

We have completed mail service of the Willis Class opt outs but will need to complete service of process upon all persons who did not respond, and who do not become members of either of the two classes.

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Finally, I read today your June 26<sup>th</sup> letter regarding the status of the pleadings and can discuss with you some of the questions raised in the letter. Please let me know a convenient day and time to talk on the phone.

Sincerely,



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