

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

RICHARD A. WOOD, an individual, on behalf of
himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 40; et al.

Defendants.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION
PROCEEDING No. 4408

**[proposed] NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION
FOR THE “SMALL PUMPER” CLASS
ACTION**

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION

**TO: ALL PERSONS WHO OWN LAND IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BASIN AND
HAVE PUMPED GROUNDWATER ON THEIR PROPERTIES AT ANY TIME
SINCE 1946 (“THE SMALL PUMPER CLASS”)**

This Summary Notice is to advise you about a pending class action lawsuit that may affect your property rights. Plaintiff Richard Wood is a landowner in the Antelope Valley who alleges on behalf of himself and others similarly situated that such landowners have a right to pump and use the groundwater under their properties and to seek compensation for any wrongful taking of their water rights by the Public Water Suppliers. The Public Water Suppliers claim that their historical pumping has given them a superior right to pump groundwater. If the public water suppliers win, your rights to use the groundwater under your property may be modified.

On September 2, 2008, the Court certified this case to proceed as a class action on behalf of all private (non-governmental) persons who own property in the Basin on which groundwater has been pumped at any time after 1946. If you are a Class Member, you have the right to remain a member of the Class or to exclude yourself from the Class. These rights, as well as the background of the litigation, are more fully detailed in a NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION that was recently mailed to the last known addresses of all persons who are believed to be Class Members. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THAT NOTICE, YOU MAY FIND THAT NOTICE AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AT www.avgroundwater.com. You may also request a copy of that notice by sending an e-mail to: pumperinfo@avgroundwater.com. Please note that the deadline to respond is September 30, 2009. IF YOU PUMP GROUNDWATER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU RESPOND IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

THE COURT HAS MADE NO DECISION AS TO THE MERITS OF THIS CASE. THIS NOTICE IS NO AN EXPRESSION OF ANY OPINION ON THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS ASSERTED IN THIS LAWSUIT.