Michael Duane Davis, SBN 093678 Marlene Allen-Hammarlund, SBN 126418 GRESHAM SAVAGE NOLAN & **TILDEN, A Professional Corporation** 3750 University Avenue, Suite 250 3 Riverside, California 92501-3335 (951) 684-2171 Telephone: 4 (951) 684-2150 Facsimile: 5 6 Attorneys for Cross-Defendant, SERVIČE ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 9 10 Judicial Council Coordination Coordination Proceeding 11 Special Title (Rule 1550(b)) Proceeding No. 4408 12 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER For Filing Purposes Only: Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 **CASES** 13 14 **Including Actions:** Assigned to the Honorable Jack Komar, Department 17 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 15 40 v. Diamond Farming Co. ANSWER OF SERVICE ROCK Superior Court of California, County of Los PRODUCTS CORPORATION TO 16 Angeles, Case No. BC 325 201 PHELAN PIÑON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S CROSS-17 **COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY,** Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER 40 v. Diamond Farming Co. 18 Superior Court of California, County of Kern, **EQUITABLE RELIEF INCLUDING A** Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348 PHYSICAL SOLUTION AGAINST ALL 19 **PARTIES** Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of 20 Lancaster Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster 21 Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water Dist. Superior Court of California, County of 22 Riverside, consolidated actions, Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668 23 24 AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS 25 26 27 28

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PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY
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    VS.
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    CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE
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    COMPANY; CITY OF LANCASTER; CITY
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    IRRIGATION DISTRICT; ROSAMOND
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    COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT;
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    OUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT; LOS
    ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS
    DISTRICT NO. 40; PALMDALE WATER
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    DISTRICT; CITY OF LOS ANGELES;
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    COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 14;
    COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 20;
    DESERT LAKES COMMUNITY SERVICES
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    DISTRICT; BORON COMMUNITY
    SERVICES DISTRICT; PALM RANCH
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    IRRIGATION DISTRICT; ANTELOPE
    VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY;
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    WILLIS CLASS; MR. RICHARD A. WOOD
    AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
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    CERTIFIED WOOD CLASS: DIAMOND
    FARMING COMPANY: BOLTHOUSE
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    PROPERTIES LLC; WILLIAM
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    MUTUAL GROUP; BRITTON
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    ENTERPRISES, LLC; CAMERON
    PROPERTIES, INC.; COPA DE ORO LAND
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    COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA GENERAL
    PARTNERSHIP; DEL SUR RANCH, LLC;
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    GATEWAY TRIANGLE PROPERTIES;
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    DEL SUR RANCH, LLC; SERVICE ROCK
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    WEST PROPERTIES, INC.; TEJON
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    INVESTMENT CO: U.S. BORAX, INC.;
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	CONSOLIDATED ROCK PRODUCTS;	)
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13	MARYGRACE H. SANTORO;	)
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14	REV TRUST; HELEN STATHATOS; SAVAS	Į
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16	TRUST; DENNIS L. AND MARJORIE E. GROVEN TRUST; SCOTT S. AND KAY B.	₹
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19	SIEBERT; BARRY S. MUNZ; TERRY A.	)
	MUNZ AND KATHLEEN M. MUNZ;	)
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23	SAHARA NURSERY; SAL AND CONNIE L.	ļ
24	CARDILE; GENE T. BAHLMAN; THE	₹
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND AGAINST EACH AND EVERY PARTY	<
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27	Cross-Defendants.	)

Comes now, Cross-Defendant, SERVICE ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION ("Service Rock" or "this Answering Cross-Defendant"), and answers the Cross-Complaint for Declaratory, Injunctive and Other Equitable Relief Including a Physical Solution Against All Parties (the "Cross Complaint") filed by Cross-Complainant, PHELAN PIÑON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ("Phelan Piñon Hills CSD" or "Cross-Complainant"), and for itself and for no other, admits, denies, and alleges as follows:

#### **ANSWER**

- 1. On or about November 13, 2006, this Answering Cross-Defendant filed a complex answer to the Cross-Complaint of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, et al. Pursuant to the subsequent directive of the Honorable Jack Komar, this Answering Cross-Defendant requests that its complex answer to the Cross-Complaint of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, et al., constitute its answer to the *Cross-Complaint*, except as otherwise stated herein below.
- 2. Further answering the *Cross-Complaint*, pursuant to California *Code of Civil Procedure* § 431.30(d), this Answering Cross-Defendant denies, generally and specifically, jointly and severally, each and every allegation contained therein, except as expressly admitted in Paragraph 1, above, and Paragraphs 3 and 4, below.
- 3. Further answering the *Cross-Complaint*, this Answering Cross-Defendant admits that it is the fee owner and/or lessee of the following described real properties (collectively "Service Rock's Properties") that are situated in that portion of the State of California comprised of portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Kern that is generally described as the Antelope Valley Basin:

The South ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 8 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3064 003 031 05 000], in fee;

and

116.92 acres, more or less, being exclusive of streets, the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ and the East ½ of the East ½ of Lots 1 and 2 in the Northwest ¼ of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 8 West,

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The West 80 acres of the aggregate of Lots 1 and 2 of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3051 008 002], under lease

4. Further answering the *Cross-Complaint*, this Answering Cross-Defendant admits that it claims some right, title or interest in and to some of the water in the groundwater basins and/or sub-basins underlying Service Rock's Properties, and to the underflow of the washes to which Service Rock's Properties are riparian, and that it produces water from said groundwater basins and/or sub-basins, and from the underflow of said washes.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

As and for affirmative defenses to the causes of action purported to be set forth against it in the *Cross-Complaint*, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges as follows:

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to State Cause of Action)

As and for a first separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, fails to state a cause of action against this Answering Cross-Defendant upon which the Court can grant relief.

#### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Jurisdiction)

As and for a second separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over some or all of the matters alleged in the *Cross-Complaint*.

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#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Equitable Estoppel)

As and for a third separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant has, by Cross-Complainant's own conduct, statements or acts, negligently, wrongfully, intentionally or deliberately acted in such a way as to cause this Answering Cross-Defendant to do the acts which said Cross-Complainant now alleges are a basis for relief and Cross-Defendant alleges by reason of the conduct on the part of Cross-Complainant, that Cross-Complainant should now be equitably estopped or barred from asserting each and every cause of action against this Answering Cross-Defendant and from seeking the relief which is requested in the *Cross-Complaint*.

## **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

(Failure to Give Notice)

As and for a fourth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant failed to give notice of the alleged prescription or other taking, either express or implied, or otherwise to take affirmative steps that were reasonably calculated and intended to inform each overlying landowner of Cross-Complainant's adverse and hostile claim so as to bar the claims herein.

#### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Reasonable and Beneficial Use)

As and for a fifth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant's use of water, both presently and in the future, is limited by the reasonable and beneficial use limitations set forth in Article X, Section 2 of the *California Constitution* and *Water Code* § 100.

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#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Riparian Rights)

As and for a sixth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant claims riparian rights to the underflow of the Little Rock Wash, as to

the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3024 015 055], under lease;

and

the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APNS: 3051 008 004 and 3051 008 006], under lease;

and

the West ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3024 016 001], under lease;

and

The West 80 acres of the aggregate of Lots 1 and 2 of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3051 008 002] under lease,

consistent with the provisions of *Water Code* § 101; and that some or all of its production is from said underflow of the Little Rock Wash; and to that extent, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant is barred from the relief sought on each and every cause of action against this Answering Cross-Defendant.

#### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Prior and Paramount Overlying Rights)

As and for a seventh separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant claims it is the owner and/or lessee of certain real properties that overlie the groundwater Basin described in the *Cross-Complaint* and therefore has the superior, prior and

the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3024 015 055], under lease;

and

the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APNS: 3051 008 004 and 3051 008 006], under lease;

and

the West ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3024 016 001], under lease;

and

The West 80 acres of the aggregate of Lots 1 and 2 of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian [APN: 3051 008 002], under lease.

#### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Appropriative Rights)

As and for an eighth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant claims the appropriative rights to produce water from the basins and sub-basins over which this Answering Cross-Defendant's Properties and water production facilities are situated; and, to the extent that the basins and sub-basins over which Cross-Complainant's water production facilities are situated are separate and independent from the basins and sub-basins over which this Answering Cross-Defendant's Properties and water production facilities are situated, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant are barred from the relief sought on each and every cause of action against this Answering Cross-Defendant.

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#### NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Appurtenant Rights)

As and for a ninth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that it has an appurtenant right to pump and reasonably use groundwater

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on its properties which is superior to the rights of Cross-Complainant so as to bar the claims 1 2 therein. 3 TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Permitted Rights to Extract) 5 As and for a tenth separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each 6 and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering 7 Cross-Defendant alleges that it has permitted rights to extract water from the basins and sub-8 basins over which this Answering Cross-Defendant's Properties and water production facilities are situated, with the Division of Water Rights of the State Water Resources Control Board for 9 the State of California. 10 11 **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 12 (Actions as a Matter of Right) 13 14 As and for an eleventh separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and 15 each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the Cross-Complaint and each of the alleged causes of 16 17 action therein fails due to Cross-Defendants having duly acted within their rights as to the 18 matters stated in the *Cross-Complaint* so as to bar the claims herein. 19 20 TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 21 (Permissive Production and Use) 22 As and for a twelfth separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each 23 and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering 24 Cross-Defendant alleges that it was permissively producing and using water at all times. 25 /// 26 /// 27 /// /// 28

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#### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Allege – Inability to Prove Priority Rights)

As and for a thirteenth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant has failed to allege and prove priorities under California Water law as between appropriators, as between appropriators and overlying landowners, and as between all others necessary for the Court to cut back water production in time of shortage based upon the California priority water allocation system so as to bar the claims herein.

## FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Causation)

As and for a fourteenth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant has failed to prove that Cross-Complainant's actions prevented Cross-Defendants from pumping what Cross-Defendants desired to pump during any alleged period of adverse possession or prescription so as to bar the claims herein.

#### FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Different Aquifers)

As and for a fifteenth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant seeks to establish water rights, and water management measures, in aquifers other than those used by this Answering Cross-Defendant.

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#### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(California Environmental Quality Act)

As and for a sixteenth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant did not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") prior to engaging in the activities at issue in the *Cross-Complaint* so as to bar the claims herein; and, in that any imposition by this Court of a proposed physical solution that reallocates the water right priorities and water usage within the Antelope Valley will be *ultra vires* as it will be subverting the pre-project legislative requirements and protections of CEQA. [*Public Resources Code* § 21000, et seq.]

## SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(No Basis for Claim of / Right to Return Flows)

As and for a seventeenth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant is not physically pumping return flows from its use of imported water; and that this Answering Cross-Defendant has produced water from the underflow of certain riparian watercourses and/or perched aquifers which are not significantly hydraulically connected to the aquifer from which Cross-Complainant purportedly produces water, and this answering Cross-Defendant uses the water so developed for reasonable and beneficial purposes and has a paramount right against all other parties to this water, and a paramount right against all other parties to recapture this water or an equivalent amount so as to bar the claims herein.

## EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(No Net Augmentation)

As and for an eighteenth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this -13-

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Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant's activities have not augmented the safe yield of the relevant groundwater aquifer sufficient to support any water right claimed by Cross-Complainant.

## NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(No Intent to Store / Bank Water)

As and for a nineteenth separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that any water imported, developed, salvaged or otherwise being claimed as a priority right, credit or other water right by Cross-Complainant, was not imported, developed, salvaged or otherwise introduced into the fractured bedrock or alluvial basin with the intent of storing or banking such water so as to bar the claims herein.

## TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Insufficient or Non-Existent Groundwater Management Plan/Water Assessment)

As and for a twentieth separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant did not comply with the California requirements for Groundwater Management Plans and/or Water Assessments, so as to bar the claims made and the relief sought in the Cross-Complaint.

### TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Res Judicata and Collateral Estoppel)

As and for a twenty-first separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the Cross-Complaint, and each and every cause of action therein, is barred by the equitable Doctrines of Res Judicata and Collateral Estoppel.

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#### TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Waiver)

As and for a twenty-second separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that even if the facts alleged in the *Cross-Complaint* are true, and this Answering Cross-Defendant denies the same, Cross-Complainant has engaged in conduct and activities that it knew or should have known that this Answering Cross-Defendant would, in fact, rely upon to its prejudice and detriment, sufficient to constitute a waiver of any claims and demands against this Answering Cross-Defendant; and, accordingly, Cross-Complainant is barred from the relief sought on each and every cause of action against this Answering Cross-Defendant.

## TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies)

As and for a twenty-third separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action therein, is barred by the Cross-Complainant's failure to exhaust all available administrative remedies.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Mitigate Damages)

As and for a twenty-fourth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant failed to take reasonable, prudent, and necessary steps to diminish, control and/or mitigate the damages allegedly suffered by Cross-Complainant, if any.

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## TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Offset)

As and for a twenty-fifth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant seeks a judicial determination that any imported water purchased by Cross-Complainant for recharge into the Basin for any purpose, either through direct recharge or through return flows, must first be used to offset Cross-Complainant's wrongful pumping from the Basin. This Answering Cross-Defendants seeks a further judicial declaration that any imported water that has heretofore been purchased by Cross-Complainant and recharged into the Basin either through direct recharge or through return flows, must be considered as an offset against any past wrongful pumping by Cross-Complainant from the Basin.

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#### TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Doctrine of Self Help)

As and for a twenty-sixth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant is not entitled to the relief requested in that, by virtue of the Doctrine of Self-Help.

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## TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Do Equity – Unclean Hands)

As and for a twenty-seventh separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the allegations in the *Cross-Complaint* constitute willful misconduct by a public agency in violation of public trust and public policy so as to bar the claims herein.

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#### TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Negligent Misrepresentation)

As and for a twenty-eighth separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant negligently misrepresented the water supply in order to induce Cross-Defendants to justifiably rely on such representations causing Cross-Defendants to take no action to stop actions on the part of Cross-Complainant and that Cross-Complainant should be estopped from asserting a claim inconsistent with such entities representations.

#### TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Intentional Misrepresentation)

As and for a twenty-ninth separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant intentionally misrepresented the water supply in order to induce Cross-Defendants to justifiably rely on such representations to cause Cross-Defendants to take no action to stop actions on the part of Cross-Complainant knowing that such representations were untrue and that Cross-Complainant should be estopped from asserting a claim inconsistent with such entities representations.

#### THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Negligent Filing of Water Supply Documents)

As and for a thirtieth separate and affirmative defense to said Cross-Complaint, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant negligently filed water supply documents, including, but not limited to, Water Supply Assessments, Environmental Impact Reports, Will Serve Letters, etc., resulting in justifiable reliance by Cross-Defendants that the water supply was sufficient and that no taking could occur which would give rise to a claim of adverse possession or prescription and that Cross-Complainant should be estopped from asserting a claim

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GRESHAM SAVAGE NOLAN & TILDEN A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 3750 UNIVERSITY AVE, SUITE 250 RIVERSIDE, CA 92501-3335 (951) 684-2171 inconsistent with such entities representations.

## THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Fraudulent Filing of Water Supply Documents)

As and for a thirty-first separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant deceitfully and/or fraudulently filed water supply documents, including, but not limited to, Water Supply Assessments, Environmental Impact Reports, Will Serve Letters, etc., causing and resulting in justifiable reliance by this Answering Cross-Defendants that the water supply was sufficient and that no taking could occur which would give rise to a claim of adverse possession or prescription and that Cross-Complainant should be estopped from asserting a claim inconsistent with such entities representations.

## THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Consent by Cross-Complainant)

As and for a thirty-second separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant consented to the matters and things alleged in the *Cross-Complaint* so as to bar the claims herein.

#### THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Claims Not Ripe)

As and for a thirty-third separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that each and every cause of action contained in the *Cross-Complaint* is barred in whole or in part because Cross-Complainant's claims are not ripe for adjudication.

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#### THIRTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Civil Code Section 811)

As and for a thirty-fourth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the prescriptive rights claimed by Cross-Complainant have been extinguished through disuse thereof as set forth in *Civil Code* § 811.

## THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Civil Code Section 1009)

As and for a thirty-fifth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant's claims are barred by the provisions of *Civil Code* § 1009.

## THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Civil Code Section 1214)

As and for a thirty-sixth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the prescriptive claims asserted by governmental entity Cross-Complainant is barred by operation of law as set forth in *Civil Code* Section 1214.

#### THIRTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Adequate Legal Remedies)

As and for a thirty-seventh separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant's equitable claims are barred in that it has adequate legal remedies for the injury alleged.

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#### THIRTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Irreparable Harm to Cross-Defendants Outweighs Irreparable Harm to Cross-Complainant)

As and for a thirty-eighth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint*, and each purported cause of action, is barred, in whole or in part, because any irreparable harm Cross-Complainant has allegedly suffered are outweighed by the irreparable harm to this Answering Cross-Defendants.

## THIRTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Unjust Enrichment)

As and for a thirty-ninth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the relief sought in each and every cause of action contained in the *Cross-Complaint* would constitute an unjust enrichment of Cross-Complainant to the detriment of this Answering Cross-Defendant.

## FORTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Lack of Damages)

As and for a fortieth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint*, and each purported cause of action, is barred, in whole or in part, because Cross-Complainant has not suffered any actual or legally cognizable damages.

#### FORTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Comparative Fault)

As and for a forty-first separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this -20-

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Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant failed to exercise ordinary care, caution and prudence in connection with its water production and the use of water by its customers; and that Cross-Complainant's lack of care, caution and prudence was independent of and unrelated to the actions, if any, of this Answering Cross-Defendant; and to that extent, Cross-Complainant's production and uses are unreasonable and not beneficial, and Cross-Complainant's remedies and recovery, if any, should be proportionately reduced.

## FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Doctrine of Laches)

As and for a forty-second separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that some or all of Cross-Complainant's claims are barred by the doctrine of laches.

#### FORTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Excuse)

As and for a forty-third separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that any purported misconduct on its part, which is denied but alleged herein solely for the purpose of asserting this affirmative defense, has been excused by some or all of Cross-Complainant's own misconduct.

#### FORTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Justification)

As and for a forty-fourth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that this Answering Cross-Defendant's productions and use of water is and has been justified.

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#### FORTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Good Faith)

As and for a forty-fifth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges a good faith belief that it had the rights to produce and use the water it has produced and used.

## FORTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Lack of Good Faith)

As and for a forty-sixth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant failed to act in good faith and to deal fairly with this Answering Cross-Defendant and on that basis, is precluded from obtaining some or all of the relief sought in its *Cross-Complaint*.

## FORTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Representation of Condition of Aquifer)

As and for a forty-seventh separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant, directly through the issuance of will-serve letters or other documents or indirectly through approvals of land uses, represented that the relevant groundwater aquifers were adequate for new groundwater pumping and thus may not now seek prescriptive rights during periods when Cross-Complainant was making such direct or indirect representations.

#### FORTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Condition of Supply not Presently Known or Ascertainable)

As and for a forty-eighth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this

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Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant is not entitled to declaratory relief or injunctive relief because the actual condition of the groundwater supply is not presently known and is not presently ascertainable to the degree of certainty required for declaratory relief or injunctive relief.

## FORTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(No Overdraft)

As and for a forty-ninth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the Basin at issue is not in a state of overdraft and that the amounts withdrawn from it have not been non-surplus supplies in excess of the safe yield.

## FIFTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(No Basis for Physical Solution)

As and for a fiftieth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant has failed to prove a basis for injunctive relief against all parties, have failed to prove *inter se* appropriative rights, have failed to prove the nature and extent of appropriative pumping and the nature and extent of overlying pumping and have failed to prove all facts necessary to provide an appropriate basis for the Court to impose a physical solution which allocates water production rights based upon the California water allocation priority system so as to bar the claims herein.

## FIFTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Water Code Sections 22456, 31040 and 55370)

As and for a fifty-first separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the prescriptive claims asserted by governmental entity -23-

Cross-Complainant are *ultra vires* and exceed the statutory authority by which said governmental entity may acquire property as set forth in *Water Code* §§ 22456, 31040 and 55370.

#### FIFTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(California Constitution, Article 1, Section 7)

As and for a fifty-second separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the prescriptive claims asserted by governmental entity Cross-Complainant are barred by the applicable provisions of Article 1, Section 7 of the *California Constitution*.

## FIFTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(California Constitution, Article 1, Section 19)

As and for a fifty-third separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the prescriptive claims asserted by governmental entity Cross-Complainant are barred by the applicable provisions of Article 1, Section 19 of the *California Constitution*.

#### FIFTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(United States Constitution, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments)

As and for a fifty-fourth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the prescriptive claims asserted by governmental entity Cross-Complainant are barred by the applicable provisions of the Fifth Amendment to the *United States Constitution* as applied to the States under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the *United States Constitution*.

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#### FIFTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Ambiguous, Uncertain and Defective - Nature of Water Rights)

As and for a fifty-fifth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint* is defective, ambiguous and uncertain in that it cannot be ascertained therefrom the nature of the water rights that Cross-Complainant is claiming and the nature of the water rights that Cross-Complainant claims that this Answering Cross-Defendant is asserting.

## FIFTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Ambiguous, Uncertain and Defective - Prescriptive Period)

As and for a fifty-sixth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint* is defective, ambiguous and uncertain in that it cannot be ascertained therefrom when the alleged prescriptive period, if any, commenced and ended.

## FIFTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Ambiguous, Uncertain and Defective - Overdraft and Use)

As and for a fifty-seventh separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint* is defective, ambiguous and uncertain in that it cannot be ascertained therefrom that the alleged condition of overdraft and use of groundwater by Cross-Complainant, was actual, notorious, hostile and adverse to this Answering Cross-Defendant for a continuous and uninterrupted period of time required by law.

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#### FIFTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Ambiguous, Uncertain and Defective - Quantification of Prescription)

As and for a fifty-eighth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint* is defective, ambiguous and uncertain in that the quantification of the prescriptive water rights that Cross-Complainant claims to have acquired cannot be ascertained therefrom.

## FIFTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Ambiguous, Uncertain and Defective - Properties Prescribed Against)

As and for a fifty-ninth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint* is defective, ambiguous and uncertain in that the legal descriptions of this Answering Cross-Defendant's Properties, as to which Cross-Complainants claim to have acquired prescriptive rights, are not set out in the *Cross-Complaint*, and because it cannot be ascertained from the *Cross-Complaint* against which of this Answering Cross-Defendant's Properties the Cross-Complainant claims to have acquired prescriptive rights.

#### SIXTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Ambiguous, Uncertain and Defective - Claim of Prescriptive Rights)

As and for a sixtieth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the *Cross-Complaint* is defective and uncertain in that it asserts prescriptive water rights, but fails to allege: (a) when the alleged prescriptive rights commenced and ended; (b) the specific amount of water that the Cross-Complainant pumped continuously during the alleged prescriptive period; (c) the manner in which Cross-Complainant pumped water under a claim of right; and (d) how Cross-Complainant gave, and this Answering Cross-

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GRESHAM SAVAGE NOLAN & TILDEN A Professional Corporation 3750 University Ave., Suite 250 Riverside, CA 92501-3335 (951) 684-2171 Defendant received actual, or constructive notice of Cross-Complainant's allegedly wrongful pumping during the alleged prescriptive period.

## SIXTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Unlawful Taking)

As and for a sixty-first separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the relief sought by Cross-Complainant would constitute an illegal taking of this Answering Defendant's Properties and/or property rights without compensation in violation of applicable provisions of the *United States Constitution* and the *California Constitution*; and that Cross-Complainant lacks the authority to acquire the rights sought in the manner alleged in the *Cross-Complaint*.

## SIXTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Lack of Standing)

As and for a sixty-second separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant lacks standing to bring the claims that are set forth in the *Cross-Complaint*.

#### SIXTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Name Indispensible and/or Necessary Parties)

As and for a sixty-third separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that each and every cause of action contained in the *Cross-Complaint* is barred in whole or in part in accordance with *Code of Civil Procedure* § 389 on the ground that Cross-Complainant has failed to name, join, and have subject matter jurisdiction over an indispensable and/or necessary party or parties.

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#### SIXTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Name Indispensible and/or Necessary Parties – McCarran Act)

As and for a sixty-fourth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that each and every cause of action contained in the *Cross-Complaint* is barred in whole or in part in accordance with *Code of Civil Procedure* § 389 on the ground that Cross-Complainant has failed to name, join, and have subject matter jurisdiction over parties who are necessary and indispensable to the action for purposes of complainant with the *McCarran Act* so as to bar the claims, allegations and relief requested by Cross-Complainant.

## <u>SIXTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>

(Statute of Limitations)

As and for a sixty-fifth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant's claims, and each of them, are barred by the applicable statute of limitation provisions of the *Code of Civil Procedure*, including but not limited to *Code of Civil Procedure* §§ 318, 319, 321, 338 and 343.

## SIXTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Incorporation of Other Applicable Affirmative Defenses by Reference)

As and for a sixty-sixth separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant incorporates by reference all other applicable affirmative defense asserted by any other responding Cross-Defendants to the *Cross-Complaint* as if fully set forth herein.

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## SIXTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Additional Affirmative Defenses)

As and for a sixty-seventh separate and affirmative defense to said *Cross-Complaint*, and each and every cause of action thereof, whether considered separately or collectively, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that it may have additional affirmative defenses available of which this Answering Cross-Defendant is not fully aware at the present time. This Answering Cross-Defendant reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses after the same have been ascertained.

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#### WHEREFORE, this Answering Cross-Defendant prays as follows:

- 1. That Cross-Complainant take nothing by its *Cross-Complaint* as against this Answering Cross-Defendant, and that the *Cross-Complaint* be dismissed with prejudice, at least as against this Answering Cross-Defendant.
- 2. That, should this Court determine that Cross-Complainant is entitled to any relief as against this Answering Cross-Defendant, that this Answering Cross-Defendant be awarded the fair market value of its interest in any property or property rights that are taken by Cross-Complainant as a result of its claims in the *Cross-Complaint*.
- 3. That this Answering Cross-Defendant's water rights be determined to be superior, prior and paramount to all water rights claimed by any other parties.
- 4. That this Answering Cross-Defendant be awarded such attorneys' fees as may be allowed by statute, or case law.
  - 5. That this Answering Cross-Defendant be awarded its costs of suit.

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I am employed in the County of Riverside, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 3750 University Avenue, Suite 250, Riverside, CA 92501-3335.

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES

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On February 9, 2009, I served the foregoing document(s) described as ANSWER OF SERVICE ROCK PRODUCTS CORPORATION TO PHELAN PIÑON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S CROSS-COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY, INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF INCLUDING A PHYSICAL SOLUTION AGAINST ALL PARTIES on the interested parties in this action in the following manner:

- (X) BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE I posted the document(s) listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court website, <a href="http://www.scefiling.org">http://www.scefiling.org</a>, in the action of the Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases,
- (X) BY MAIL I served a true copy of the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope and placed for collection and mailing following the usual business practice of the Firm. I am "readily familiar" with the Firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice, it would be deposited with the United States Postal Service with postage thereon fully prepaid at Riverside, California, on the same day in the ordinary course of business, addressed as follows:

Honorable Jack Komar Santa Clara County Superior Court 191 North First Street, Dept. 17C San Jose, CA 95113

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 9, 2009, at Riverside, California.

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