

EXHIBIT 16

NOTICE OF WATERMASTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

LANDOWNER REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting is set for Landowners and selected Watermaster representatives on **Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**, at Lancaster City Hall Council Chambers, 44933 Fern Ave., Lancaster, California 93534.

Pursuant to Article 18 of the Final Judgment in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases, Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 the Court appointed a Watermaster consisting of a five member Board composed of a representative from AVEK, a representative from LA Waterworks District No. 40., and a second Public Water Supplier representative, all of whom have been appointed or elected. Two Landowner representatives from Exhibit 4 to the Final Judgment, exclusive of public agencies and class members, must be selected by majority vote of the Landowners identified in Exhibit 4 to the Final Judgment. The Agenda will be as follows:

1. A Public Water Supplier representative will describe the process used in selecting their representative and a summary of the pertinent Judgment Articles that maybe useful in the Landowners' discussions.
2. Role of the Federal Government in the Adjudication.
3. Landowners will discuss with other landowners their selection and election process. Issues may include:
 - Initial term and regular term of office
 - Candidate Nomination Process
 - Election Process
 - Election Date
4. Other

All Landowners identified in Exhibit 4 to the Final Judgment as attached are encouraged to attend.

All Parties should contact Landowners who may have been inadvertently not included.

A second organizational meeting between the Watermaster Board and the Landowners is set for **Thursday, March 31, 2016** at 2:00 at the Palmdale Water District Board Chamber's located at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550. This will be a follow-up meeting to continue the discussion between the Landowners for the selection of their Watermaster Board representatives. An additional notice will be mailed and posted on AVEK's website and the Court's website.

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2 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA** }
3 **COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO** }

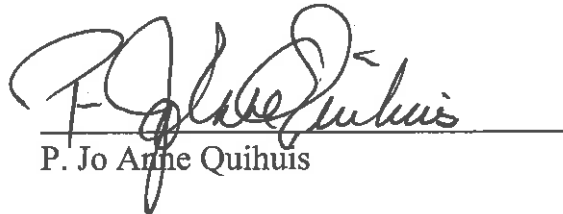
4 I am employed in the County of the San Bernardino, State of California. I am over
5 the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 1839 Commercenter
6 West, San Bernardino, California 92408-3303.

7 On February 26, 2016, I served the foregoing document(s) described as: **NOTICE OF
8 WATERMASTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING LANDOWNER
9 REPRESENTATIVES** in the following manner:

10 ■ **BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE AS FOLLOWS** by posting the document(s)
11 listed above to the Santa Clara website in the action of the *Antelope Valley Groundwater
12 Litigation*, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4408, Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-
13 CV-049053.

14 X (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California
15 that the above is true and correct.

16 Executed on February 26, 2016, at San Bernardino, California.

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