Exhibit A

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT 322

HON. JACK KOMAR, JUDGE

COORDINATION PROCEEDING SPECIAL TITLE (RULE 1550(B)

JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION NO. JCCP4408

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES

SANTA CLARA CASE NO. 1-05-cv-049053

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT AND QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT,

CROSS-COMPLAINANTS,

VS.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ET AL.,

CROSS-DEFENDANTS.

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013

APPEARANCES:

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FOR BOLTHOUSE

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- 23 SHOWN THEM WHAT THE ERROR WAS. MR. WEEKS HAD CALCULATED
- 24 THE NUMBERS BASED UPON A CROP DUTY. AND WE HAVE AGREED
- 25 TO USE THOSE NUMBERS.
- 26 WE HAVE NOW SUBSTITUTED THOSE NUMBERS INTO
- 27 THE UNITED STATES SPREADSHEET, WHICH WOULD BE NEEDED TO
- 28 ADD IT -- ADD THAT TO YOURS.

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- 1 AND *RECENTLY ADDED IT ON THE PAGE WHERE IT
- 2 HAS A PLACE FOR THE ENTITY AND THE AMOUNT FOR '11 AND
- 3 '12.
- 4 THE COURT: ARE YOU ON PAGE 4?
- 5 MR. ZIMMER: I'M NOT SURE OUR NAME IS ON THERE,
- 6 YOUR HONOR, BECAUSE -- ON YOUR COPY BECAUSE --
- 7 THE COURT: WE NEED TO ADD IT?
- 8 MR. ZIMMER: WE NEED TO ADD --
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: THE TOP OF PAGE 5, YOUR
- 10 HONOR.
- 11 MR. ZIMMER: THE TOP OF PAGE 5, YOUR HONOR.
- 12 THE COURT: TOP OF PAGE 5.
- 13 MR. ZIMMER: SO WE NEED TO ADD BOLTHOUSE
- 14 PROPERTIES, LLC/FARMS. AND THE 2011 NUMBER IS 16,470.92.
- 15 MR. BUNN: SORRY. SAY THAT AGAIN, PLEASE?
- 16 MR. ZIMMER: 16,470.92.
- 17 AND THE 2012 NUMBER IS 20,752.59.
- 18 MR. WEEKS AND I ALSO DISCUSSED THAT THERE
- 19 IS AN ISSUE AS TO SOME PARCELS BEING LEASED.
- 20 I SPOKE TO THAT YESTERDAY. WE ARE STILL IN
- 21 AGREEMENT THAT THAT ISSUE, IN TERMS OF THE LEASED
- 22 PROPERTY -- THERE'S A PROPERTY THAT'S ADJACENT TO WHERE
- 23 THE WATER IS USED. WE HAD AGREED THAT IN ANY SUBSEQUENT
- 24 PHASE, THAT THAT ISSUE IS PRESERVED AS TO WHETHER THERE'S

- 25 AN ARGUMENT AS TO WATER USE ON A LEASED PIECE OF
- 26 PROPERTY.
- 27 AND MR. MILIBAND, I'VE ALSO TALKED TO.
- 28 MR. MILIBAND AND I HAVE A STIPULATION AS WELL.

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- 1 AND MR. MILIBAND WANTS TO PRESERVE THE
- 2 RIGHT TO ARGUE THAT AS BETWEEN RANCHES, AS TO WHAT THE
- 3 ACTUAL ALLOCATION WAS BETWEEN RANCHES.
- 4 MR. MILIBAND: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR. WEST
- 5 MILIBAND FOR PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES
- 6 DISTRICT.
- 7 WE ARE LOOKING TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO
- 8 LATER CHALLENGE THE ALLOCATION OR THE AMOUNT OF WATER
- 9 USED ON A PARTICULAR RANCH SINCE THE BOLTHOUSE PROPERTIES
- 10 ENTITIES ARE MADE UP OF FIVE DIFFERENT RANCHES.
- 11 MR. ZIMMER: AND THE FINAL THING I WOULD NOTATE,
- 12 YOUR HONOR, IS THAT WE HAD AGREED TO DO A SUPPLEMENTAL
- 13 DECLARATION TO REFLECT THOSE NUMBERS.
- 14 MR. WEEKS: YOUR HONOR, JUST FOR THE RECORD --
- 15 BRAD WEEKS, QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT.
- 16 IN 2011, I CALCULATED THAT 1,530.61 ACRE
- 17 FEET WAS USED ON LEASED LAND.
- 18 THE COURT: I'M SORRY. SAY THAT AGAIN?
- MR. WEEKS: 1,530.61 ACRE FEET WAS USED ON LEASED
- 20 LAND.
- THE COURT: ON LEASED LAND.
- MR. WEEKS: LEASED LAND.
- THE COURT: WHY DOES THAT MATTER TO ME?
- 24 MR. WEEKS: WE JUST WANT TO HAVE A RECORD OF HOW
- 25 MUCH WAS USED ON LEASED LAND.
- 26 THE COURT: ULTIMATELY, THE COURT IS GOING TO HAVE
- 27 TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHTS.

28	AND	IT'	S	ΑТ	THAT	POINT	THAT	THOSE	KINDS	OF
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- 1 ISSUES ARE GOING TO RISE TO THE SURFACE, SO TO SPEAK.
- MR. WEEKS: VERY WELL, YOUR HONOR.
- 3 MR. JOYCE: YOUR HONOR, ON BEHALF OF DIAMOND
- 4 FARMING AND THE REST OF THE CLIENTS I REPRESENT, I JUST
- 5 WANT TO MAKE SURE THE COURT --
- 6 THE COURT: MR. JOYCE.
- 7 MR. JOYCE: I'M SORRY. MR. JOYCE.
- 8 -- APPRECIATES THAT AS TO BOLTHOUSE'S
- 9 NUMBERS, WE DON'T OBJECT TO THE NUMBERS SUBJECT TO THE
- 10 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION.
- 11 AS WITH ANYBODY THAT'S THUS FAR LISTED
- 12 NUMBERS ON THE PROPOSED STIP., OUR POSITION IS THAT THOSE
- 13 NUMBERS ARE NOT CHALLENGEABLE AS LONG AS WE DO HAVE
- 14 EVIDENTIARY DECLARATIONS TO BACK THEM UP.
- 15 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT.
- 16 MR. CHESTER: YOUR HONOR, DURING THE BREAK,
- 17 MR. JOYCE AND I DISCUSSED OUR ISSUE. AND SUBJECT TO MY
- 18 CLIENT FILING A DECLARATION -- WHICH HE IS DOING
- 19 PRESENTLY -- I BELIEVE WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING AS TO
- 20 QUANTITY OF WATER FOR 2011 AND 2012.
- 21 AND WE ARE NOT ON THE OVERALL STIP. YET,
- 22 BUT WOULD LIKE TO GO ON TO THAT STIP. SUBJECT TO
- 23 MR. JOYCE'S CONSENT.
- 24 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. SO YOU ARE NOT LISTED
- 25 RIGHT NOW?
- MR. CHESTER: WE'RE CURRENTLY NOT LISTED.
- 27 CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
- 28 THE COURT: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WHEN WILL YOU HAVE