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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT 322

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COORDINATION PROCEEDING SPECIAL TITLE (RULE 1550(B)

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.

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ANTE0529 DISTRICT NO. 40, ET AL., CROSS-DEFENDANTS. REPORTER'S_CERTIFICATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES I, SANDRA GECO, OFFICIAL REPORTER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING PAGES, 1 THROUGH 187, INCLUSIVE, COMPRISE A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS HELD IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MATTER, REPORTED BY ME ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013. DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2013. ___, CSR NO. 3806 OFFICIAL REPORTER 1 JCCP4408 1 CASE NUMBER: COORDINATION PROCEEDING SPECIAL 2 CASE NAME: TITLE (RULE 1550(B)) ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES LOS ANGELES, CA; WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013 DEPARTMENT NO. 322 HON. JACK KOMAR, JUDGE REPORTER: SANDRA GECO, CSR NO. 3806 TIME: 9:00 A.M. (AS NOTED ON TITLE PAGE.) APPEARANCES: (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HELD

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IN OPEN COURT:)

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| 13 | FOR PHASE FOUR TRIAL (PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT)." |
| 14 | ASK THAT THOSE BE ADMITTED. |
| 15 | THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. AND THAT'S IN SUPPORT OF |
| 16 | YOUR CLAIM OF PUMPING IN THE SUM OF 7,024.67 ACRE FEET IN |
| 17 | 2011, AND 7,542.85 ACRE FEET IN 2012. |
| 18 | MR. BUNN: CORRECT. |
| 19 | THE COURT: AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, THEY |
| 20 | WILL BE ADMITTED. |
| 21 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4 -PALMDALEWD-1.) |
| 22 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-PALMDALEWD-2.) |
| 23 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-PALMDALEWD-3.) |
| 24 | THE COURT: THANK YOU, MR. BUNN. |
| 25 | PHELAN WILL BE NEXT. |
| 26 | MR. MILIBAND: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. GOOD |
| 27 | AFTERNOON. |
| 28 | WEST MILIBAND APPEARING FOR PHELAN 140 |
| | 140 |
| 1 | PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT. |
| 2 | YOUR HONOR, I HAVE FIVE EXHIBITS THAT I |
| 3 | WOULD LIKE TO OFFER INTO EVIDENCE. |
| 4 | THE COURT: VERY WELL. |
| 5 | MR. MILIBAND: THE FIRST I'D LIKE TO OFFER FOR |
| 6 | IDENTIFICATION, AS 4-PHELANCSD-1, IS THE DECLARATION WITH |
| 7 | EXHIBITS FROM PHELAN'S GENERAL MANAGER, DON BARTZ, FROM |
| 8 | JANUARY 21ST, 2013. |
| 9 | SPECIFICALLY FOR THE COURT'S REFERENCE AT |
| 10 | PARAGRAPHS 10 AND 13, AND EXHIBITS D AND E TO THAT |
| 11 | DECLARATION, ARE WELL LOGS AND PUMP TEST INFORMATION THAT |
| 12 | PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE NUMBERS. |
| 13 | AND SPECIFICALLY WITHIN PHELAN'S EXHIBIT 1, |
| 14 | THEY ARE NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY, THE PAGES, SO IF THE |
| | Page 134 |
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- 15 COURT WOULD LIKE, I CAN PROVIDE PAGE NUMBERS FOR THOSE
- 16 EXHIBITS, WHICH ARE PAGES 18 TO 42, AND PAGES 43 AND 45.
- 17 THE NEXT IN ORDER IS 4-PHELANCSD-2, WHICH
- 18 IS THE DECLARATION FROM PHELAN'S GENERAL MANAGER, DON
- 19 BARTZ, WITH TODAY'S DATE, MAY 29TH, 2013, WHICH PROVIDES
- 20 A CALCULATION OF DECEMBER 2012 PRODUCTION INFORMATION.
- 21 WHICH WAS INCLUDED IN THE WELL LOGS PRODUCED BACK IN
- 22 JANUARY, BUT GIVEN THE ORDERS AT THAT TIME, ONLY GOING
- 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2012.
- 24 MR. BARTZ HAS NOW CALCULATED THAT NUMBER
- 25 FOR THE COURT'S REFERENCE. THE AMOUNTS SUBSTANTIATE THE
- 26 2012 FIGURE THAT'S PROVIDED IN THE MASTER MATRIX.
- 27 TOGETHER, THOSE TWO EXHIBITS PROVIDE THE
- 28 BASIS FOR THE NUMBERS BEFORE THE COURT FOR 2011 AND 2012. 141
- 1 NEXT IN ORDER FOR IDENTIFICATION AS
- 2 4-PHELANCSD-3 IS PHELAN'S ANNUAL NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER
- 3 EXTRACTION AND DIVERSION FOR YEAR 2011. THIS WAS
- 4 PREVIOUSLY DISCLOSED WITH PHELAN'S DECEMBER 21ST, 2012
- 5 DISCOVERY DISCLOSURE.
- 6 NEXT IN ORDER FOR IDENTIFICATION IS
- 7 4-PHELANCSD-4, WHICH IS A STIPULATION WITH COPA DE ORO
- 8 LAND COMPANY DATED APRIL 29TH, 2013.
- 9 NEXT IN ORDER FOR IDENTIFICATION IS AS
- 10 4-PHELANCSD-5, WHICH IS PHELAN'S STIPULATION WITH THE
- 11 WOOD CLASS FROM APRIL 22, 2013.
- 12 THOSE ARE THE FIVE EXHIBITS, YOUR HONOR,
- 13 THAT I'D LIKE TO MOVE INTO EVIDENCE.
- 14 AND I DO HAVE JUST A FEW OTHER POINTS I CAN
- 15 ADD. THERE ARE OTHER STIPULATIONS, CERTAINLY, AS SEEN
- 16 WITHIN THE MASTER MATRIX.
- 17 AND WITHIN THAT, IF I COULD JUST NITPICK Page 135

- 18 JUST TO CORRECTLY HAVE PHELAN'S ENTIRE NAME PROPERLY
- 19 STATED IN THERE. THERE'S IS JUST A COUPLE OF GRAMMATICAL
- 20 ERRORS.
- 21 I'M NOT SURE HOW THIS DOCUMENT IS
- 22 ULTIMATELY GOING TO BE USED, SO I JUST WANTED TO INSURE
- 23 ACCURACY.
- THE COURT: WELL, LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S SPELLED
- 25 CORRECTLY.
- MR. MILIBAND: ALL RIGHT. VERY WELL, YOUR HONOR.
- ON PAGE 4 OF THAT MASTER MATRIX, BETWEEN
- 28 LINES 2 AND 3 IS WHERE PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY

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- 1 SERVICES DISTRICT IS LISTED, WITHIN THE WORD "PINON," IT
- 2 SHOULD BE SPELLED P-I-N-O-N.
- 3 THERE SHOULD BE AN "S" ON THE END OF
- 4 "HILL."
- 5 AND AN "S" ON THE END OF "SERVICE."
- THE COURT: OKAY. PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY
- 7 SERVICES DISTRICT.
- 8 MR. MILIBAND: CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
- 9 THE COURT: OKAY. PINON AS IN NUTS.
- 10 MR. MILIBAND: THAT'S RIGHT. WHICH THEY ACTUALLY
- 11 DID FAR BEFORE THE DISTRICT'S FORMATION, HUNDRED YEARS
- 12 AGO.
- 13 THE COURT: INTERESTING HISTORY.
- 14 ALL RIGHT. AND YOU'RE OFFERING THESE IN
- 15 SUPPORT OF THE PUMPING OF THIS 1,053.14 ACRE FEET PER
- 16 YEAR IN 2011, AND 1,035.26 ACRE FEET IN 2012.
- MR. MILIBAND: THAT'S CORRECT, YOUR HONOR.
- 18 THE COURT: OKAY. THAT'S ALL FROM ONE WELL.
- 19 MR. MILIBAND: THAT'S CORRECT.

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| 20 | THE COURT: ANY OBJECTION? |
| 21 | HEARING NONE, IT WILL BE ADMITTED. THANK |
| 22 | YOU. |
| 23 | MR. MILIBAND: THANK YOU. |
| 24 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-PHELANCSD-1.) |
| 25 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-PHELANCSD-2.) |
| 26 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-PHELANCSD-3.) |
| 27 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-PHELANCSD-4.) |
| 28 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-PHELANCSD-5.) 143 |
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| 1 | THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. QUARTS HILL WATER |
| 2 | DISTRICT. |
| 3 | MR. WEEKS: BRAD WEEKS, QUARTZ HILL WATER |
| 4 | DISTRICT. |
| 5 | I REQUEST THE DECLARATION OF CHAD REED BE |
| 6 | MARKED AS EXHIBIT 4-QHWD-1. REQUEST IT BE ADMITTED TO |
| 7 | SUPPORT 1433.8 ACRE FEET FOR 2011, AND 1524.9 ACRE FEET |
| 8 | 2012. |
| 9 | THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. ANY OBJECTION? |
| 10 | HEARING NONE, IT WILL BE ADMITTED. |
| 11 | (MARKED & REC'D: = EXHIBIT 4-QHWD-1.) |
| 12 | MR. KUHS: EXCUSE ME, YOUR HONOR. THIS GOES BACK |
| 13 | TO THE PRODUCTION ISSUE WE SPOKE ABOUT EARLIER. |
| 14 | MR. WEEKS WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FORWARD THOSE |
| 15 | RECORDS OVER TO MY OFFICE ON SATURDAY BY EMAIL. I |
| 16 | FORWARDED IT ON TO A CONSULTANT WHO'S REVIEWING THOSE |
| 17 | NUMBERS. |
| 18 | THE SHORT ANSWER IS, YOUR HONOR, THAT I'VE |
| 19 | GOT A CONSULTANT REVIEWING THOSE RECORDS RIGHT NOW. AND |
| 20 | I'D ASK THE COURT TO I DON'T MIND THAT THEY BE |
| 21 | RECEIVED. BUT AS TO ANY CONCLUSIONS OR FINDINGS BASED ON |
| 22 | THOSE RECORDS, I'D ASK THE COURT TO RESERVE THOSE UNTIL Page 137 |