# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Coordination Proceeding Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

### **ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES**

Included Actions:

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 325 201

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348

Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water Dist. Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, consolidated actions, Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668

Willis v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 364 553

Wood v. Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 391869

Wood v. A.V. Materials, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 509546

Wood v. County of Los Angeles, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS 143790 [ADD-ON PETITION IS PENDING]

Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4408

For Court's Use Only: Santa Clara County Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 (for E-Posting/E-Service Purposes Only)

Date/Time: Friday, September 26, 2014 10:00 AM

Location: Department 20 Superior Court of California

County of Santa Clara

Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases (JCCP 4408) Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC 325 201 September 26, 2014 (10:00AM) / Hon. Jack Komar

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Present:

Hon. Jack Komar, Judge

<u>Lisa Brown</u>, Reporter

<u>Bob Gutierrez, Rowena Walker</u>, Clerks (SC) <u>Tyler Fleckner</u>, C.A. Deputy Sheriff (SC)

#### MINUTE ORDER:

Ex Parte Application by Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District ("PPH") for Continuance of October 7, 2014 Trial and Adoption of Litigation Schedule

The Court GRANTS the application. The Court sets a conference call for October 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., via CourtCall, so that parties can provide a status report on trial readiness. The October 7, 2014 trial, as it relates to PPH, is continued to November 4, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Los Angeles; pretrial documents, including but not limited to, trial briefs and motions in limine, are due by October 31, 2014. PPH may take an additional deposition of District No. 40's expert witness, Dr. Dennis Williams, as soon as possible.

Ex Parte Application by Blum Trust to Exceed Page Limit in Memorandum of Points and Authorities for Motion for Summary Judgment/Summary Adjudication The hearing on the motion by Blum Trust for summary judgment/summary adjudication is reserved for Monday, December 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., San Jose, Department TBD. The Court GRANTS five additional pages for the supporting papers.

Status Conference: Global Settlement and Issue of Wood Class Attorneys' Fees Attorney Jeffrey Dunn reported that issues related to the Wood Class attorneys' fees remain unresolved, but that parties continue to meet and confer. Parties are ordered to report to the Court with a status report at the October 7, 2014 conference call.

## Motion by Charles Tapia and the Nellie Tapia Family Trust to Set Aside Default in Cross-Complaint and Request for Sanctions

The Court GRANTS the motion. The answer will be deemed filed as of today.

### Ex Parte Application by the Wood Class for Order Modifying Court-Appointed Expert Firm Name

The Court GRANTS the unopposed application. The Court-appointed expert Timothy Thompson, formerly of Cardno-Entrix, has moved to a new firm, GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Accordingly, the Court-appointed expert work will continue under the name of GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Payments for approved invoices will be made payable to GSI Water Solutions, Inc. All other provisions of prior orders relating to the Court-appointed expert will remain the same, including the requirement to transmit checks to the expert to the Law Offices of Michael D. McLachlan for accounting purposes. This order does not change the obligation to pay amounts owed on outstanding invoices from Cardno Entrix.

## Ex Parte Application by the Wood Class for Order Compelling Defendants to Pay Court-Appointed Expert Invoices

NO PAPERS FILED; MATTER IS TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

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## Motion by Antelope Valley Mobile Estates, LLC to be a Class Member of the "Small Pumpers" (Wood) Class

The Court sets the matter for hearing on October 31, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

### NOTICES OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIAL ON THE ISSUES RELATED TO PPH FILED BY:

- Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District Attorney Wesley Miliband
- City of Los Angeles **Attorney Janet Goldsmith**
- Los Angles County Waterworks District No. 40 Attorney Jeffrey Dunn
- Palmdale Water District Attorney Thomas Bunn
- Rosamond Community Services District and City of Lancaster Attorney Douglas
   Evertz
- The George and Charlene Lane Family Trust; Landinv, Inc.; Burrows, Bruce 300 A 40 H, LLC; A. V. Materials, Inc.; The Frank and Yvonne Lane Family Trust, Dated March 5, 1993 as Restated July 20, 2000; LITTLE ROCK SAND AND GRAVEL, INC. Attorney Theodore Chester
- State of California and State of California's 50<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association –
   Attorney Noah Golden-Krasner
- City of Palmdale **Attorney James Markman**
- North Edwards Water District; Big Rock Mutual Water Company; Palm Ranch Irrigation District; Llano-Del Rio Water Company; Littlerock Creek Irrigation District; Llano Mutual Water Company; Desert Lakes Community Services District – Attorney Wayne Lemieux
- Gertrude J. Van Dam; Craig Van Dam; Gary Van Dam; WDS California II, LLC; Delmar Van Dam – Attorney Scott Kuney
- United States of America Attorney Lee Leininger, Attorney James Dubois
- Antelope Valley East-Kern Water Agency Attorney William Brunick
- Lapis Land Company, LLC; Diamond Farming Company; Crystal Organic Farms LLC; Grimmway Enterprises, Inc. **Attorney Bob Joyce**
- Granite Construction Company; Tejon Ranchcorp Attorney Robert Kuhs
- Antelope Valley Ground Water Agreement Association Attorney Michael Fife
- U.S. Borax, Inc. Attorney William Sloan
- Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc.; Bolthouse Properties, LLC. Attorney Richard Zimmer
- West Valley County Water District Attorney Arnold Graham

### **PARTIES/ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

#### By CourtCall:

Barnes, Marlon

Blum, Sheldon

Brady, Andrew

Brumfield, \*Robert - L'James, Heather

Brunick, William

Bunn, Thomas

Carlson, William

Chester, Theodore

Donato, Frank

Evertz, Douglas

Fife, Michael

Flory, Dan

Golden-Krasner, Noah

Graham, Arnold

Hoffman, Derek

Holmes, Kyle

Hughes, Joseph

Joyce, Bob

Kalfayan, Ralph

Kuhs, Robert

Kuney, Scott

Leggio, Anthony

Leininger, Lee

Lemeiux, W. Keith

Levin, Marilyn

Markman, \*James, with Skahan, Patrick

Nelson, Bruce

O'Leary, Daniel

Parris, Rob

Powell, Stanley

Ramos, Andrew

Renwick, Edward

Rudderow, Daniel

Rusinek, Walter

Sanders, Christopher

Satalino, Frank

Sloan, William

Ukkestad, John

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Wang, Wendy Wellen, Warren Wilson, Walter Wood, Richard Worth, James

Appearing in Court are Jeffrey V. Dunn on behalf of L.A. County Waterworks District No. 40 and Wesley A. Miliband on behalf of Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District.

### **REPORTER:**

Lisa Brown - (408) 882-2125

### **EVENT CALENDAR:**

October 7, 2014 Via CourtCall	1:30pm	Conference Call with the Court
October 10, 2014 Location TBD	No Time	Due Date for Settlement Submission, after which the Court will set a hearing date
October 31, 2014	No Time	Due Date for Submission of Pretrial Documents for Trial (PPH)
October 31, 2014 Via CourtCall	1:30pm	Motion by Antelope Valley Mobile Estates, LLC to be a Class Member of the "Small Pumpers" (Wood) Class
November 4, 2014 Los Angeles, Room 222	9:00am	Trial/PPH (3 days)
December 22 2014 (San Jose, Dept TBD)	10:00am	Hearing on Blum Trust motion for summary judgment – date/time/location TBD

### MATTERS OFF CALENDAR AND CONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT:

April 4, 2014

9am

Ex Parte Application by the United States to continue briefing schedule on the Federal Reserve Right Claim (currently: closing brief due April 2, 2014; opposition brief due April 22, 2014; reply brief due 5/1/14; stands submitted as of 5/1/14.

Ex Parte Application by the Public Water Suppliers to Extend Date to Respond to Phase 6 Discovery Order

April 7, 2014 9am Dept 41, Room 417, 4<sup>th</sup> Fl. Los Angeles AGWA's Motions, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings;
- (2) Motion in Limine for an Order Establishing the Evidentiary Standard for Notice for Proof of Prescription by the Public Water Purveyors; (3) Motion in Limine for an Order Establishing the Necessity of the Public Water Purveyors Proving the Elements of Prescription as to Each Landowner; and (4) Motion for Order Setting Matter for Jury Trial

Joinders to the above motion by the Bolthouse Entities

(Continued) Trial, Phase 5 (return flows, federal reserve rights); Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc.'s Motion for Non-Suit on the Federal Reserve Right Claim

August 4, 2014 9am Old Dept 1, Los Angeles Trial, Phase 6 (prescription + remaining issues)