1 ROBERT E. DOUGHERTY [SBN 41317] (SPACE BELOW FOR FILING STAMP ONLY) WILLIAM A. HAUCK [SBN 202669] 2. **COVINGTON & CROWE, LLP** ATTORNEYS AT LAW 1131 West Sixth Street, Suite 300 3 Ontario, California 91762 (909) 983-9393; Fax (909) 391-6762 4 5 Attorneys for White Fence Farms Mutual Water Co. Inc., El Dorado Mutual Water Co., West Side Park Mutual Water Co., Shadow Acres Mutual Water Co., Antelope Park Mutual Water 6 Co., Averydale Mutual Water Co., Sundale Mutual Water Co., Evergreen Mutual Water Co., Aqua J Mutual Water Co., Bleigh Flat Mutual Water Co., Colorado Mutual Water Co., Sunnyside Farms Mutual Water Co., Land Projects Mutual Water Co., Tierra Bonita Mutual Water Co. and Landale Mutual Water Co.; collectively known as A.V. United Mutual Group 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT 10 11 ANTELOPE VALLEY Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding **GROUNDWATER CASES** No. 4408 12 Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 13 Included Actions: Los Angeles County Waterworks District Assigned to The Honorable Jack Komar No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior 14 Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No.: BC 325201; 15 A.V. UNITED MUTUAL GROUP'S CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 16 Los Angeles County Waterworks District **STATEMENT** No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Case 17 No.: S-1500-CV-254-348; **DATE: July 21, 2008** TIME: 10:00 a.m. 18 Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of DEPT: 1 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. City of 19 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water Dist., Superior Court of 20 California, County of Riverside, Case Nos.: RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668 21 22 AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS. 23 2.4 A.V. United Mutual Group hereby submits its Case Management Conference Statement. 2.5 26 I. JOINDER IN AGWA, ET AL.'S CMC STATEMENT. A.V. United Mutual Group generally agrees with and joins in the Joint Case Management 27 28

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filed by the AGWA, Diamond Farming Company, Bolthouse Properties, LLC, Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc., Richard A., Wood, Service Rock Product Corporation, Sheep Creek Water Company, Inc., and WAGAS Land Company. LLC with the following additions.

II. CLASS DEFINITION.

A.V. United has timely filed its objections to the class definition submitted in Opposition to the Motions for Class Certification. While A.V. United is not completely opposed to the motion, it appears necessary that the class definition be modestly amended as it is over-inclusive and would create confusion among its shareholders. A.V. United Mutual Group proposes that all shareholders of mutual water companies be excluded from the class, not only those who are currently connected to and receive water from the mutual's system, but all other shareholders who have the right to connect but have yet to do so. A.V. United Mutual Group proposes the following class definition for the Wood class:

"All private (i.e. non-governmental) persons and entities that own real property within the basin, as adjudicated and that have been pumping on their property within the five year period preceding the filing of this action. The Class excludes the defendants herein, any person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in which any defendant has a controlling interest or which is related with any of the defendants, and the representatives, heirs, affiliates, successors-in-interest or assigns of any such excluded party. The Class also excludes shareholders of mutual water companies and all persons and entities to the extent their properties are connected to a municipal water system or public utility from which they receive water service, as well as all property pumping 25 acre-feet per year or more on an average annual basis during the class period."

Dated: July 17, 2008 **COVINGTON & CROWE, LLP**

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

I am employed in the County of San Bernardino, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is Covington & Crowe, LLP, 1131 West Sixth Street, Suite 300, Ontario, California 91762.

On July 17, 2008, I served the foregoing document described as A.V. UNITED MUTUAL GROUP'S CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT on the interested parties in this action:

\boxtimes	by posting the document listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court e-
	filing website under the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter pursuant to the
	Court's Order dated October 27, 2005.

 \Box by placing \Box the original \Box a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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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 July 17, 2008, at Ontario, California.

Juleres C. CRUZ J.