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10 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
11 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT**
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13 Coordination Proceeding
14 Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding
No. 4408

15 **ANTELOPE VALLEY**
16 **GROUNDWATER CASES**

Santa Clara Case No.
1-05-CV-049053
The Honorable Jack Komar, Dept.17

17 **Included Actions:**

**NOTICE OF STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS FOR ROBERT A.
PARRIS, ESQ.**

18 Los Angeles County Waterworks District
19 No. 40 vs. Diamond Farming Company, a
20 corporation, Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles, Case No.
BC325201;

21 Los Angeles County Waterworks District
22 No. 40 vs. Diamond Farming Company, a
23 corporation., Superior Court of California,
County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-CV-254-
348;

24 Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. vs. City of
25 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Company, a
26 corporation, vs. City of Lancaster, Diamond
27 Farming Company, a corporation vs.
Palmdale Water District, Superior Court of
California, County of Riverside, Case Nos.
RIC 353840, RIC 344436, RIC 344668.

1 Cross-Complainant, the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) hereby
2 submits the Statement of Qualifications for Robert A. Parris, Esq., attached hereto, as AVEK
3 representative to the Watermaster Board.

4 Dated: August 24, 2016

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6 By: 

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Robert A. Parris, Statement of Qualifications



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Work Experience:

Currently I am self-employed with the Robert A. Parris, Professional Corporation, working as an attorney and mediator. I have been an attorney for approximately 24 years, working as a partner for the R. Rex Parris Law firm for 23 years, and presently serving of counsel. Before becoming an attorney, I was a sworn member of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and completed my career at the rank of Captain. Upon leaving the CHP I became a sworn member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Forces retiring in 2015.

Education:

- J.D. (December 1991) – Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California
- University of California Davis School of Law (August 1987-June 1988)
- B.S. in Criminal Justice (December 1982) (*Magna Cum Laude*) – California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo
- A.A. in General Education (June 1975) – Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California

Professional Licenses:

Admitted to Practice – California State Bar (1991), California Superior Court (1992), and United States District Court (1998)]

Professional Memberships:

- Mediator, United States District Court for the Central District of California (2012-present)
- Volunteer Judge Pro Tempore – L.A. County Superior (2006 – 2010)
- Mediator, Los Angeles County Superior Court Alternate Dispute Resolution (2009-2011)
- Mediator, Los Angeles County Superior Court Civil Arbitration Panel, Civil Mediation Panel and Civil Neutral Evaluation Panel (2012-2013)
- Southern California Mediation Association (2013)
- Designated Mediator, The Mediator Registry (2013)

Robert A. Parris, Statement of Qualifications

Community Involvement:

- Member of the Board of Directors (Division 5) - Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (2014- Present)
- Chairman of the Board of Directors – Antelope Valley Fair Joint Powers Authority (Current)
- Chairman of the Board of Directors – Friends of the Antelope Valley Fair (1998-Present)
- Member – City of Santa Clarita Planning Commission (2002-2004)
- Member of the Board of Directors – Grace Resource Center (2010-2014)
- Member of the Board of Governors - City of Hope (2013-Present)
- L.A. County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy (1994-Present)
- Member – California Highway Patrol (1978-1993) (retired as captain)
- Past President and Board Member – Antelope Valley Bar Association (1994-1999)

Dispute Resolution Training:

- June 2016; Advanced Mediation Workshop: Mediating Complex Disputes, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School
- June 2014; Straus Institute: Professional Skills Program in Dispute Resolution
- December 12, 2013 – United States District Court: ADR Program – Analyzing Interests to Facilitate Settlement
- November 16, 2013 – CAOC Annual Convention – Mediation: Maximizing Your Client's Settlement
- June 2013; Straus Institute: Professional Skills Program in Dispute Resolution
- May 15, 2013; United States District Court: ADR Program – Advanced Mediation Training
- Fall 2012; Kenneth Cloke's Center for Dispute Resolution: Mediation Training
- November 9, 2012; United States District Court: Cross-Cultural Challenges in Mediation
- November 2, 2012; Straus Institute: Apology, Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- September 21, 2012; United States District Court: ADR Program – Mediation Training
- June 2009; Straus Institute: Negotiating the Litigated Case I&II
- March 3, 2009 - Los Angeles Superior Court: ADR VSC Orientation
- June 2004 - Straus Institute: Mediating the Litigated Case
- September 11, 1993 - California Bar CLE: Effective Legal Negotiation

Awards and Honors:

- Antelope Valley Fair Association's Distinguished Director Award (2012)
- Appointed by California Governor Pete Wilson to the 50th District Agricultural Association as President (1999-2000) and Member of the Board of Directors (1994-2000)
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy of the Year – Lancaster Station (1999)
- Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice awarded *Magna Cum Laude* (1982)
- Super Lawyers (2014 -2016)
- Consumer Attorneys of California's Consumer Attorney of the Year Finalist (2013)

PROOF OF SERVICE

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

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

On August 24, 2016, I served the foregoing document(s) described as: **NOTICE OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ROBERT A. PARRIS, ESQ.**

■ **BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE AS FOLLOWS:** I caused such document(s) to be electronically served, by One Legal, to all Parties appearing on the www.scefiling.org electronic service list for the *Antelope Valley Groundwater Litigation*, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4408, Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053; proof of electronic filing through One Legal is then printed and maintained with the original document(s) held in this office.

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

Executed on August 24, 2016, at San Bernardino, California.


P. Jo Anne Quihuis