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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT

**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
325201;

*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,
Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344
668

*Rebecca Lee Willis v. Los Angeles County
Waterworks District No. 40, et al.*, Superior Court
of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No.
BC364533

*Richard Wood v. Los Angeles County Waterworks
District No. 40, et al.*, Superior Court of
California, County of Los Angeles, Case No.
BC391869

Judicial Council Coordination
Proceeding No. 4408

CLASS ACTION

Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053
Assigned to the Honorable Jack Komar

**STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADAM
ARIKI**

Pursuant to paragraph 18.1.1 of the Court-adopted physical solution, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 (“District No. 40”) has appointed Adam Ariki as District No. 40’s representative to the Watermaster Board, and hereby submits the following Statement of Qualifications for Mr. Ariki and attached resume in support thereof:

Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

Mr. Ariki has worked in the water industry for close to 30 years. He is currently an Assistant Deputy Director with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works . He oversees operations of its Waterworks Division—the division that operates five Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts, including District No. 40 in the Antelope Valley. These county waterworks districts provide public water service to approximately 240,000 residents through approximately 70,000 connections.

Mr. Ariki has worked at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works for 27 years. As the head of the Waterworks Division, Mr. Ariki manages the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts to ensure that their customers have a safe, reliable, and sustainable water supply. In that capacity, Mr. Ariki has developed, directed and implemented water supply planning and management, capital improvement program, water treatment, water rates, conservation, development fees and planning. Under Mr. Ariki’s supervision during the last four years, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts have completed a \$60-million water system capital improvement program, three water system master plans, two water treatment plans, a drought supply plan and an energy management plan.

District No. 40

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 is a public agency that operates five water systems responsible for providing water to over 55,000 homes and businesses. District No. 40 is the primary public water supplier in the Antelope Valley region. District No. 40 is responsible for supplying drinking water for approximately 207,654 people in the Antelope Valley area through approximately 56,510 metered connections, of which approximately 93.7 percent are residential connections.

1 To supply water to its customers, District No. 40 pumps groundwater from the Antelope
2 Valley Groundwater Adjudication Area (“Basin”) and purchases imported State Water Project
3 water. District No. 40 also actively engages in water banking operations to store water in the
4 Basin.

5 As the head of the division that oversees and operates District No. 40, Mr. Ariki is
6 responsible for overseeing operations of District No. 40 and ensuring that its customers have a
7 safe, reliable, and sustainable water supply.

8 **Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication**

9 Mr. Ariki has been involved with the Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication for the
10 last 15 years. He is recognized and respected as a leading groundwater management official and
11 has been involved with the adjudication proceedings since their inception. He attended and
12 participated in the settlement discussion meetings in Sacramento with the Honorable Ron Robie,
13 Justice of the Court of Appeal, as well as settlement meetings in Los Angeles that culminated in
14 the stipulated global settlement. Mr. Ariki attended numerous court proceedings in this
15 adjudication, including most of the key trial dates and hearings on dispositive motions. Mr. Ariki
16 is familiar with the provisions of the judgment in this matter.

17 **Education and Certifications**

18 Mr. Ariki earned his masters and bachelors of science in civil engineering from New
19 Mexico State University. Mr. Ariki is a California registered professional civil engineer.

20 Dated: September 6, 2016

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Adam Ariki, M.S., PE

Skills and Ability

- Effective leadership proven by my successful management of large diverse staff of professionals engineers, customers service reps and field operators and support staff.
- Ability to create exciting and positive work environment through employing proven organizational behaviors that foster respect, professionalism, loyalty, and accountability.
- Ability to collaboratively work with large groups of competing interests on complex regional issues.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with proven ability to make effective presentations to large groups and elected officials.
- Interpersonal skills and ability to build strategic cooperative relationships with professionals, public and private agencies and Boards.
- Open minded and respectful of other opinions and views.
- Strong ability to negotiate agreements and settlements with customer's public agencies, developers, contractors, and consultants.
- Excellent work ethics, integrity and high standards for work quality.

Experience

Waterworks Division

General Manger (Assistant Deputy Director) (2007 to present)

- Managing all functions and activities of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts with 70,000 meters serving 240,000 people through 200 employees and an annual budget of \$150 million.
- Worked closely with the Districts' Board of Directors (Los Angeles Board of Supervisors) on daily basis to brief them on and secure their support for actions that require Board's approval such as changes to the Districts' Rules and Regulations, water rates, award of contracts and approval of agreements with developers and public and private agencies
- Managed a 15 year-adjudication process for the Antelope Valley groundwater basin and secured Board approval for a stipulated agreement with a basin management plan negotiated with over 100 parties and their attorneys.
- Developed, directed and implemented Districts' policies on water rates, conservation, development fees and requirements and the Districts' strategic goals on, water supply planning and management, capital improvement program, water treatment, energy management and staff development and retention. Some of the recently completed projects includes: a 760-kilowatt solar plant, 750 Kilowatt pressure reducing turbine, innovative treatment pilot studies for arsenic, nitrate and Trihalomethanes (THMs). These three studies were partially funded through grants and won prestigious awards from various professional organizations including the American Society of Civil Engineering.
- Completed a \$60-million water system capital improvement program, three water system master plans, two water treatment plans, a drought supply plan and energy management plan during the last four years.
- Implemented a state-of-the-art new Customer Information System (water billing system). The process took three years and involved a team of consultants, vendors, a risk manager, computer analysts and customer service staff and required careful planning, delicate coordination among various team members and risk management. The launch of the system was flawless for all 70,000 accounts with no billing errors. The Risk Manager consultant was extremely impressed with the result and stated that he had never seen such a smooth implementation.
- Implemented operation efficiencies to reduce the Districts' expenditures which included: Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) meters, web-based Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, reduction of water losses from leak and inaccurate meter readings, maintenance programs for wells, reservoirs and pumping plants and in-house training for treatment and operation certifications and continuing education credits.

Waterworks Division**Assistant General Manager (2003-2007)**

- Managed 5 senior professional engineers responsible for the Districts' capital improvement projects, water quality, water resources, operations design, plan checks, and two field yards with 150 employees.
- Assisted the General Manager in setting policies, negotiating agreements managing the budget and other activities related to the operation of the Waterworks Districts.

Watershed Management Division**Senior Civil Engineer (2000-2003)**

- Managed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MS4) program for Los Angeles County Flood Control District and 77 cities with a staff of 30 Engineers and technicians.
- Negotiated with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board and several environmental groups that included Heal the Bay, the Santa Monica Bay Keeper, and the National Resource Defense Council the 2001 MS4 permit and implemented the permit requirements which included monthly meeting and coordination with 88 cities.
- Reviewed, commented, and testified before the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board and State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento on Total Maximum Load regulations, Basin Plan, and MS4 requirements.

Waterworks Division**Associate and Senior Civil Engineer Assistant (1989-2000)**

- Managed Water Quality, Water Resources, and operations for the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts with a staff of 16 engineers.
- Managed design and construction of capital improvement projects that included tanks, wells, pump stations, disinfection stations, and pipelines.

Education/Professional Involvement

Master and Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM)

References

References are available on request.

PROOF OF SERVICE

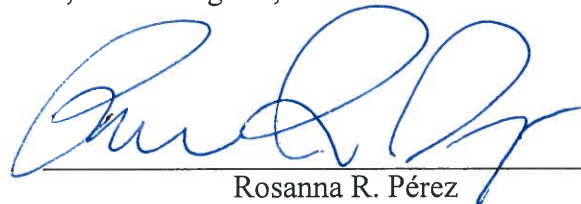
I, Rosanna R. Pérez, declare:

I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is Best Best & Krieger LLP, 300 S. Grand Avenue, 25th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071. On September 7, 2016, I served the following document(s):

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADAM ARIKI

☒ by posting the document(s) listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court website in regard to the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on September 7, 2016, at Los Angeles, California.



Rosanna R. Pérez

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