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

Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4408

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

Date/Time: Friday, March 28, 2008 (11:00 a.m.)

Location: Santa Clara County Superior Court

191 North First Street, Department 17

San Jose, CA 95113

Present: Hon. Jack Komar, Judge Robert Gutierrez, Clerk

Heather Gorley, Reporter Janel Karrle, Deputy

MINUTE ORDER AFTER: **CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

APPEARANCES

Attorney Sheldon R. Blum appeared in person for the Sheldon R. Blum Trust. The following attorneys appeared telephonically via CourtCall (Roll Call List is attached as Exhibit A): Michael L. Crow, Ryan Bezerra, Jeffrey V. Dunn, Bradley J. Herrema, Michael T. Fife, William J. Brunick, Richard G. Zimmer, Robert E. Dougherty, Christopher M. Sands,

Marlene Allen-Hammarlund, Edward S. Renwick, John Ukkestad, David B. Zlotnick, Ralph B. Kalfayan, Janet K. Goldsmith, Thomas S. Bunn, III, Scott K. Kuney, Bob H. Joyce, Wayne Lemieux, Kimberly A. Huangfu, Douglas J. Evertz, Bernard A. Leckie, William M. Sloan, Frederic A. Fudacz, R. Lee Leininger, and Tammy L. Jones.

RULINGS

The Ex Parte Application by Sheldon R. Blum, Trustee for The Sheldon R. Blum Trust, for an order granting leave to add the name of Sheldon R. Blum, individually, as an additional cross-complainant to the Cross-Complaint is granted; order is now signed.

The Ex Parte Application by Class Representative Rebecca Willis and Plaintiffs Rosamond Community Services District and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 for an extension of time to post the proposed form of class notice is granted. Attorney Zlotnick shall post the proposed form of class notice by April 16, 2008.

The Court suggests that the parties consider the concepts roughly embodied in the attached language (Exhibit A) in constructing a notice to be sent to all landowners who may be served with a notice of the Willis Class Action which is comprised of all non-pumping land owners in the Antelope Valley. The language should not be considered as reflecting the court's opinion that this language is necessarily appropriate nor that it should be used to the exclusion of other language. The parties are free to disregard the language in its entirety if they choose to do so.

The Court notes that, depending on other variables that occur during the course of litigation, the Court may at some point be required to decertify the class.

The following matters are set for hearing on <u>Monday</u>, <u>May 5</u>, <u>2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court</u>:

- Hearing on Determination of the Form of Class Notice and Determination of the Evidence re Individual Pumping Rights
- Motion to Amend Complaint

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS MINUTE ORDER:

Exhibit A – CourtCall Roll Call List Exhibit B – Class Notice Conceptual Language

<u>PARTIES/ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:</u> See Attached Court Call Roll Call Sheet

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