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FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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REQUEST FOR ORDER PROTECTING **PHASE 2 FINDINGS**

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The Antelope Valley Groundwater Agreement Association ("AGWA") hereby requests the Court to issue an Order on the Court's own Motion protecting the findings and orders the Court may make in the upcoming Phase 2 Trial from future challenge by parties who have not yet appeared and from future challenge by the United States. In the alternative, AGWA requests the Court to provide guidance at the September 23, 2008 hearing as to whether the Court would prefer AGWA to make such a Motion ex parte.

The Court has ordered that the Phase 2 Trial, adjudicating whether the Antelope Valley Area of Adjudication ("Basin") contains sub-basins, to begin in two weeks - on October 6, 2008. (Case Management Order for Phase 2 Trial, September 9, 2008). However, while the Court has certified two separate classes in this matter (Plaintiff Willis' Second Order Modifying Definition of Plaintiff Class, September 2, 2008; Order Certifying Small Pumpers Class Action, September 2, 2008), a notice of class action has not been mailed or published, meaning that potential class members have not been given the opportunity to opt out of the classes if they wish to be personally represented. Nor have the Public Water Suppliers completed personal service on those parties outside the two classes. (Declaration of Jeffrey V. Dunn re Status of Service of Process, September 12, 2008.)

The parties have spent countless hours and dollars on the progression of the case to this point, and will spend much more in the coming weeks preparing for and commencing the trial. While AGWA does not have any objection to the Phase 2 Trial going forward on October 6, it does not wish to see that effort wasted because all of the parties to the case have not been given notice or served prior to that time. Accordingly, AGWA requests this Court to issue an Order on its own Motion declaring that those parties who have not received notice or been served will not be able to challenge the outcome of the Phase 2 Trial and declaring that the United States, through its consent

There seems to be a degree of confusion by the purveyors about personal service as they state that,

pumper's class describes the class as consisting of, "All private (i.e., non-governmental) persons and

entities that own real property within the Basin, as adjudicated, and that have been pumping less than

"The Court also ordered personal service upon parties known to pump more than 25 acre feet annually according to reports filed with the State of California pursuant to Water Code Section 5001." (Declaration 2:15-17.) In fact, the Court's September 2, 2008 Order certifying the small

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²⁸ made a first attempt at service.

²⁵ acre-feet per year on their property during any year from 1946 to the present." (Order 1:27-2:1.) The class description says nothing about reports filed with the State of California. This suggests that there are yet more parties that require personal service on which the purveyor have not yet even

to an October 6, 2008 Phase 2 Trial date, has waived its right to later object to the outcome of the Phase 2 Trial based on the lack of comprehensiveness at the time of the Trial.

Dated: September 22, 2008

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBÁRA

I am employed in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 21 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

On September 22, 2008, I served the foregoing document described as:

REQUEST FOR ORDER PROTECTING PHASE 2 FINDINGS

on the interested parties in this action.

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

Executed in Santa Barbara, California, on September 22, 2008.