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AGWA'S CASE MANAGEMENT **STATEMENT**

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The Antelope Valley Groundwater Agreement Association ("AGWA") hereby submits this Case Management Statement, in preparation for the February 27, 2009 Case Management Conference.

AGWA seeks clarification from the Court regarding the two classes that the Court has certified in this case. Since the dissemination of the Notice of Class Action pertaining to the Willis Class (dormant overlyers), AGWA has received many inquiries as to the operation of the classes:

- How is a member of the Wood Class (small pumpers) defined? That is, is the annual pumping – for purposes of the 25 acre-feet per year limitations – evaluated on a per person, per parcel or per extraction point basis? For example, if one person owns 10 parcels and the water use on each parcel is 10 acre-feet per year, how is that person categorized? Most property owners in the Antelope Valley own multiple parcels.
- If a property owner has pumped groundwater from one of his parcels, but has never pumped groundwater from another parcel, is he a member of only the Wood Class, because he has pumped, or is he a member of both classes? Similarly, if a larger property owner, a member of AGWA, for example, also owns dormant parcels, may he be a member of the Willis Class as well as AGWA?
- Do the answers to the previous questions depend on whether the properties are contiguous?
- If a property owner pumped groundwater from his property many years ago, even decades ago, but has not pumped since then so that the land is now essentially dormant, of which class would he be a member?

These inquiries have been put to legal counsel for AGWA both by the members of AGWA as well as other parties who are seeking guidance. We have been unable to provide responses to these

inquiries. In order to apprise landowners within the Basin whether they fall within a class and whether their rights will be represented by Class Counsel, AGWA requests the Court's clarification as to the questions above. **BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER** Dated: February 23, 2009 SCHRECK, LLP MICHAEL T. FIFE BRADLEY J. HERREMA ATTORNEYS FOR AGWA

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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 February 23, 2009, I served the foregoing document described as:

CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

on the interested parties in this action.

By posting it on the website at 3:00 p.m./a.m. on February 23, 2009. This posting was reported as complete and without error.

(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 February 23, 2009.