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11 NORTH EDWARDS WATER DISTRICT, DESERT LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT,
12 LLANO DEL RIO WATER CO., LLANO MUTUAL WATER CO., BIG ROCK MUTUAL WATER
13 CO.

14 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

15 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT**

16 Coordinated Proceeding) **Judicial Council Coordination No. 4408**
17 Special Title (Rule 1550(b)))
18 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER) Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053
19 CASES) Assigned to the Honorable Jack Komar – Dept. 12
20 Included Actions:) **DECLARATION OF JOHN BLALOCK ON**
21 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40) **BEHALF OF LLANO DEL RIO WATER**
22 v. Diamond Farming Co. Los Angeles County) **COMPANY, LLANO MUTUAL WATER**
23 Superior Court Case No. BC 325201;) **COMPANY AND BIG ROCK MUTUAL**
24 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40) **WATER COMPANY IN LIEU OF**
25 v. Diamond Farming Co., Kern County Superior) **DEPOSITION FOR PHASE 4 TRIAL**
26 Court, Case No. S-1500-CV-234348;)
27 Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster)
28 Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster v.)
Palmdale Water District, Riverside County)
Superior Court, Consolidated Actions, Case Nos.)
RIC 353840, RIC 344436, RIC 344668)
AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS)

DECLARATION

1 I, JOHN BLALOCK, declare:

2 1. LLANO DEL RIO WATER COMPANY, LLANO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY AND
3 BIG ROCK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY are parties to this action. In lieu of deposition testimony for
4 the Phase 4 trial, I am providing this declaration. This declaration applies only to the categories I have
5 filled in. Except where stated on information and belief, I have personal knowledge of each fact herein,
6 and would testify competently thereto under oath.

7 **Property Ownership and Parcel Size**

8 2. I am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Llano del Rio Water Company
9 (“Llano del Rio”), Big Rock Mutual Water Company (“Big Rock”) and Llano Mutual Water Company
10 (“Llano Mutual”). I am President of Llano Del Rio, Secretary of Llano Mutual, and President of Big
11 Rock. Llano del Rio is an investor-owned public utility.

12 a. Llano Mutual Water Company does not own property containing a well in use. Llano
13 Mutual has a surface flow right in Big Rock Creek and is part owner of Big Rock Mutual. Big Rock
14 Mutual does not pump groundwater but has a surface water right. Llano del Rio owns a surface water
15 right as part of Big Rock Mutual. However, Big Rock Mutual owns property on which well numbers 3
16 and 4 are located. Well Number 3 is in use by Llano del Rio but it is owned by Blalock Eddy Ranch, its
17 parent company. Well Number 4 is being monitored. Blalock Eddy Ranch, parent company of Llano del
18 Rio, owns the following wells: 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Cienega, Cienega Gallery, 7755A and
19 7755B and the property containing those wells. The land containing each well is identified by the
20 following APNs:

21 Well no. 1: 3061003007.

22 Well no. 2: 3061003007.

23 Well no. 3: 3061003003.

24 Well no. 4: 3061004007.

25 Well no. 5: 3061003008.

26 Well no. 6: 3036019013.

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- 1 Well no. 10: 3036020005.
- 2 Well no. 11: 3036020005.
- 3 Well no. 12: 3061005005.
- 4 Well no. 13: 3061005004.
- 5 Well no. 14: 3061007001.
- 6 Cienega Well: 3061005005.
- 7 Cienega Gallery Well: 3061005005.
- 8 Well 7755A: 3061007001.
- 9 Well 7755B: 3061007001.

10 4. For each APN identified above, list the total acreage by parcel:

11 Wells 1 and 2 are on APN 3061003007 on 78.08 acres.

12 Well numbers 3 and 5 are on separate parcels; see APN numbers as listed above. Well 3 is on
13 39.23 acres of land, and well 5 is on .91 acres of land.

14 Well number 6 is on APN 3036019013 on 157.77 acres of land.

15 Well 4 is on APN 3061004007 on 73.13 acres.

16 Well numbers 7, 9, 10, 11 are on APN 3036020005 on 55.11 acres.

17 Well number 12, Cienega Well, Cienega Gallery Well are on APN 3061005005 on 152.69 acres.

18 Well number 13 is on APN 3061005004 on 9.94 acres.

19 Well numbers 14, 7755A, 7755B are on APN 3061007001 on 538.43 acres. Exhibit B omitted.

20 5. List the dates you have owned each APN identified above: Throughout the times relevant
21 to this declaration and since prior to 1990, as set forth in paragraph 2, Blalock Eddy Ranch, parent
22 company of Llano del Rio has owned the property listed in paragraph 2, with the exception of the
23 property containing well numbers 3 and 4, which parcels have been owned by Big Rock Mutual Water
24 Company throughout the period relevant to this declaration. More specific dates of ownership will be
25 provided if requested.

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1 6. The following other individuals/entities appeared on the title for this property from Jan 1,
2 2000 to the present: As set forth in paragraph 2, Blalock Eddy Ranch, parent company of Llano del Rio
3 owns the property listed in paragraph 2, with the exception of the property containing well numbers 3 and
4 4, which parcels are owned by Big Rock Mutual Water Company.

5 7. If applicable, list the dates each other individual/entity appeared on the title: Throughout
6 2000 to the present. See paragraph 5 above. More specific dates will be provided if required.

7 **Leases**

8 8-18. Big Rock, Llano Mutual and Llano del Rio do not lease property that they own and that
9 overlies the Antelope Valley Area of Adjudication as decided by this court. Exhibits C-D omitted.

10 **Water Meter Records**

11 19. Responding parties measure the groundwater production on the above referenced
12 properties by water meters. Exhibit E contains the records for these water meters for the following years:
13 2000 to 2012. (A true and correct copy of Exhibit E is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

14 20. Exhibit F is a multi-page chart setting forth the total yearly production amounts by metered
15 water well on the above referenced properties for the years 2000-2004, 2011, and 2012. (A true and
16 correct copy of Exhibit F is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Exhibit F is a multiple page
17 document.)

18 **State Water Project Purchases**

19 21-22. Not applicable. Exhibit G-H omitted.

20 **Pump Tests/ Electric Records**

21 23-27. Not applicable. Meter records are attached. Exhibits I-J omitted.

22 **Pump Tests/Diesel Records**

23 28-32. Not applicable. Meter records are attached. Exhibits K-L omitted.

24 **Crop Duties and Irrigated Acres**

25 33-34. Not applicable to APN numbers listed above because there are no crops on those particular
26 parcels. Meter records are attached. Exhibits M-N omitted.

1 Other Sources of Water

2 35. On the properties referenced above, Responding parties received water from sources other
3 than groundwater pumped within the Basin or State Water Project Water. Attached as the first part of
4 Exhibit O is a Surface Water License. (A true and correct copy of Exhibit O is attached hereto and
5 incorporated herein.) Lano del Rio, Llano Mutual and Big Rock Mutual also use surface water flows,
6 flows from an underground stream flowing in a known and definite channel, which have not been fully
7 included herein because our understanding is that the Phase 4 trial will not adjudicate surface water rights.

8 Use of Water (Complete for each APN. If water used for multiple purposes, identify the amount
9 of water for each use.)

10 36. In 2000, Well number 1 pumped 277.38; well number 2 pumped 76.71; well number 3
11 pumped 289.31; well number 5 pumped 2.86; well number 9 pumped 98.23; well number 10 pumped
12 142.11; well number 12 pumped .92; well number 13 pumped 1.61; Cienega Gallery well pumped 171.03.

13 A. In 2001, well number 1 pumped 185.87; well number 2 pumped 92.23; well 3 pumped
14 291.22; well number 5 pumped 2.28; well number 9 pumped 229.21; well number 10 pumped 528.59;
15 well number 12 pumped .8; well number 13 pumped 1.63.

16 B. In 2002, well number 1 pumped 231.36; well number 2 pumped 61.39; well number 3
17 pumped 304.34; well number 5 pumped 11.05; well number 9 pumped 38.18; well number 10 pumped
18 63.34; well number 12 pumped 41.87; well number 13 pumped 119.56; Cienega Gallery well pumped
19 204.65.

20 C. In 2003, well number 1 pumped 248.60; well number 2 pumped 84.88; well number 3
21 pumped 283.93; well number 5 pumped 6.25; well number 9 pumped 212.41; well number 10 pumped
22 434.28; well number 13 pumped .94.

23 D. In 2004, well number 1 pumped 371.97; well number 2 pumped 32. 93; well number 3
24 pumped 261.38; well number 5 pumped 24.31; well number 9 pumped 161.05; well number 10 pumped
25 254.01; well number 12 pumped .74; well number 13 pumped .37. Cienega Gallery pumped 34.51.

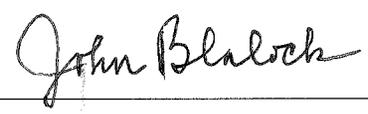
1 E. In 2011, Well number 1 pumped 53.82; well 3 pumped 189.29; well number 5 pumped
2 69.44; well number 9 pumped 64.76; well number 10 pumped 220.89.

3 F. In 2012, through November 30, 2012, Well one pumped 3.99. Well 2 pumped 36.2. Well
4 3 pumped 147.18. Well 5 pumped 97.64. Well number 9 pumped 222.62. Well number 10 pumped 39.
5 49.

6 37-42. The uses were as follows: The water was used for the following: On information and
7 belief, the customer uses are as follows: Well numbers 1-2, 9-10, 12-13 and Cienega Gallery:
8 agricultural-fruit trees. Well numbers 3 and 5: domestic use. Note: Well numbers 6 and 7, 14, Cienega,
9 7755A and 7755B are currently being monitored.

10 43. Other than what is declared hereinabove, on information and belief, Lano del Rio, Llano
11 Mutual and Big Rock Mutual also uses surface water flows, flows from an underground stream flowing in
12 a known and definite channel. A true and correct copy of the service area map for the above-referenced
13 entities is Exhibit P.

14 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
15 true and correct. Executed this 31st day of January 2013, at Llano, California.

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John Blalock, Declarant