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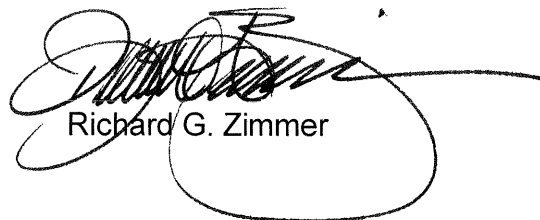
Re: Antelope Valley Groundwater Litigation

Dear Mr. Orr:

This correspondence is to advise that unfortunately, given the short notice, we will not be able to fully consider the form and potential impact of the Order. We continue to object to consolidation for the reasons previously stated. However, if the Court is still inclined to consolidate the matters, then complete consolidation for all purposes is necessary. I believe Bob Joyce, who is in trial, has similar feelings on behalf of his clients. Accordingly, we are certainly willing to consider agreement to the form of the Order. We would like to discuss the Proposed Order further in the conference call.

My suggestion for the Case Management Conference tomorrow is that we request the Court set a further hearing for consideration and discussion of the Order. Thank you for your courtesy and consideration of this suggestion.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Counsel and Parties

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