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NOTICE AND EX PARTE APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE TRIAL BRIEFS

NOTICE OF EX PARTE APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE TRIAL BRIEFS TO MAY 17, 2013

TO THE PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 ("District No. 40"), Quartz Hill Water District, and California Water Service Company (collectively, "Applying Parties") are submitting the attached ex parte application for an order to move the trial brief deadline from May 13 to May 17, 2013. Applying Parties are not requesting a hearing on this application.

Applying Parties will apply to the Court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 128(a) and 187, and California Rules of Court, Rules 3.503 and 3.1200 et seq. Applying Parties will apply to the Court based on the following: (1) this Notice of Ex Parte Application; (2) the attached Ex Parte Application; (3) Declaration of Jeffrey V. Dunn; (4) the [Proposed] Order Granting Ex Parte Application to Extend Time to File Trial Briefs to May 17, 2013; (5) the First Amendment to Case Management Order for Phase Four Trial, posted on the Court's website on January 22, 2013; and (6) the various papers filed supporting and opposing the motions in limine re federal reserved rights and/or return flows, posted on the Court's website.

Dated: May ..., 2013

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TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE TRIAL BRIEFS TO MAY 17, 2013

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 128(a) and 187, and California Rules of Court, Rules 3.503 and 3.1200 et seq., Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 ("District No. 40"), Quartz Hill Water District, and California Water Service Company (collectively, "Applying Parties") respectfully request the deadline to file trial briefs be moved to May 17, 2013. This will allow the parties to submit trial briefs after the Court hears argument on various motions in limine scheduled for May 13, 2013. Currently, the trial brief deadline is scheduled for May 13, 2013, the same date as the hearing on motions in limine.

The extension is necessary because the motions in limine will shape the scope and nature of the Phase 4 trial. The motions in limine concern issues such as imported water return flows and entitlement to federal reserved rights. As such counsel need to understand what issues are appropriately before the Court in Phase Four so they can properly address issues. For example, District No. 40's motion in limine seeks to preclude evidence related to issues decided in prior phases, especially evidence relating to return flow percentages. Some landowner parties allege the Court, in deciding safe yield in Phase Three, failed to determine return flow percentages. Without the Court's guidance at the May 13th hearing, the parties will have to file lengthy trial briefs addressing, not just the matters at issue in Phase Four, but also issues decided in Phase Three—such as safe yield and return flows.

In order to ensure the Court receives well-tailored trial briefs and the parties do not waste resources briefing issues that may or may not be at issue in Phase 4, Applying Parties respectfully request the Court move the deadline to file trial briefs from May 13 to May 17, 2013 and submits this application without a request for hearing.

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