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CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Pursuant to the Court's order at the October 16, 2007, Case Management Conference, the Public Water Suppliers have satisfied the required meet and confer obligation. The meet and confer took place at Lagerlof Senecal Gosney & Kruse in Pasadena on October 23, 2007. See attached Exhibit "A" indicating those parties that attended in person and those parties that called-in. The parties met and conferred regarding the revised class order, the revised class notice and trial phasing.

Regarding the revised class order there was a large contingent that agreed there should be one class with two subclasses. The two subclasses would be a class of non-pumpers and a class of persons who pump groundwater now or who have pumped groundwater in the past. Some parties disagreed with this approach. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Zlotnick would file a motion with these definitions, allowing the parties who disagreed the opportunity to file a formal opposition. Additionally, the parties discussed the need for a revised pleading to add the new class definitions and allegations. A few parties stated disapproval over the use of a small pumpers class.

Regarding class notice, the parties discussed who would receive the notice and the content of the notice. It was agreed that a small committee would draft a revised class notice and post it to the Court's website prior to the November 5, 2007, Case Management Conference. Most parties agreed that the same notice would be sent to all overlying landowners within the adjudication boundary, as defined by this Court. Additionally, most parties agreed that if a overlying landowner did not respond, as a default they would become part of the non-pumper class.

Finally, the parties discussed trial phasing. There was wide disagreement between the parties on this issue. Most parties agree that the trial should proceed in phases. Some parties believe that the first phase of trial should be on basin characteristics and yield, while others thought that the first phase should be on the prescription issue. Other parties expressed a strong preference for one complete trial without any phasing. There was also wide disagreement

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between the parties in terms of the timing of trial phases. Some parties expressed a desire to begin the first phase of trial by March of 2008. Other parties stated that they had not had the opportunity to hire an expert and did not feel that they would be ready for any phase of trial in 2008. There was no agreement reached on this issue.

The Public Water Suppliers believe that the first phase of trial should proceed in June 2008 and should focus on basin characteristics and basin yield.

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PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS' CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

☒ by posting the document(s) listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court website in regard to the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter.

☐ by placing the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Irvine, California addressed as set forth below.

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

Executed on October 29, 2007, at Irvine, California.

Karin Nielsen Bonwit