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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES

Included Actions:
Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v.
Diamond Farming Co., Superior Court of
California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC
325201;

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v.
Diamond Farming Co., Superior Court of
California, County of Kern, Case No. S-1500-CV-
254-348;

Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster,
Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster,
Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale Water Dist.,
Superior Court of California, County of Riverside,
Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668

RICHARD WOOD, on behalf of himself and all
other similarly situated v. A.V. Materials, Inc., et
al., Superior Court of California, County of Los
Angeles, Case No. BC509546

Judicial Council Coordination
Proceeding No. 4408

CLASS ACTION

Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053
Assigned to the Honorable Jack Komar

**DECLARATION OF ADAM ARIKI
IN SUPPORT OF DISTRICT 40'S
OPPOSITION TO WOODS CLASS'
MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES,
COSTS AND INCENTIVE AWARD**

*[Filed concurrently with Opposition to
Woods Class' Motion; Declaration of
Jeffrey V. Dunn; Declaration of Wendy
Y. Wang]*

Date: April 1, 2016
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Dept.: 1

DECLARATION

I, Adam Ariki, declare:

1. I am an Assistant Deputy Director with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and head the division which oversees and operates Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 ("District No. 40") pursuant to an agreement between the County and District No. 40. I have personal knowledge of each fact herein and would testify competently thereto under oath.

2. District No. 40 is responsible for supplying drinking water for approximately 207,654 people in the Antelope Valley through approximately 56,510 metered connections, of which 93.7 percentage are residential connections.

3. To supply water to its customers, District No. 40 pumps groundwater water from the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin ("Basin") and purchases imported State Water Project ("SWP") water from Antelope Valley East-Kern Water Agency in an effort to alleviate stress on the overdrafted Basin. The average annual cost that District No. 40 incurred to purchase SWP water for the last five years is approximately \$10,273,581.00.

4. District No. 40 also actively engages in water banking operation to store water in the Basin.

5. As the primary urban water supplier in the Antelope Valley region, District No. 40 has a crucial interest in ensuring that the Basin is sustainably managed and remains a reliable water supply source, and has expended great resources in this litigation to protect the Basin for the benefit of not only its customers, but all existing and future water users in the region.

Executed this 15th day of March, 2016, at Alhambra, California.



Adam Ariki

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Rosanna R. Pérez, declare:

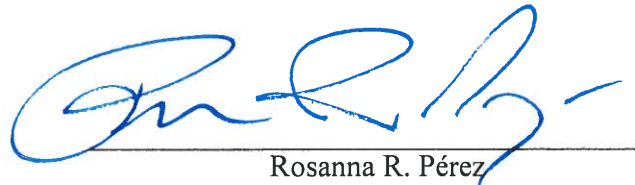
I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is Best Best & Krieger LLP, 300 S. Grand Avenue, 25th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071. On March 15, 2016, I served the following document(s):

DECLARATION OF ADAM ARIKI IN SUPPORT OF DISTRICT 40'S OPPOSITION TO WOODS CLASS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES, COSTS AND INCENTIVE AWARD



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

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on March 15, 2016, at Los Angeles, California.



Rosanna R. Pérez

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