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PROPOUNDING PARTY: Cross-Defendant CAMERON PROPERTIES, INC.

RESPONDING PARTY: Cross-Complainant, LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS

DISTRICT NO. 40

SET NUMBER: One (1)

Cross-Complainant, LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40 (the "District") hereby responds to the Kequest for Production of Documents Set One propounded by Cross-Defendant, CAMERON PROPERTIES, INC. ("Cameron"), as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The District is in the process of conducting its investigation and discovery in this action. Consequently, the District responds to these Demands to the best of its knowledge, but in doing so, reserves the right to amend its response at a future date. The District further reserves the right to offer, at time of trial, facts, testimony or other evidence discovered subsequent to and not included in this response, and assumes no obligation to voluntarily supplement or amend this response to reflect such facts, testimony or other evidence.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

By responding to Cameron's Demand for Inspection and Production of Documents, Set One, the District does not concede the relevancy or materiality of any request, or of the subject to which such request refers.

Each response is made subject to all objections as to competence, relevance, materiality, propriety, and admissibility, as well as any or all other objections and grounds which would require exclusion of evidence. The District reserves the right to make any and all such objections at trial and at any other proceeding relating to this action.

The District objects to each of Cameron's demands to the extent any is directed to any information or document that is subject to the attorney-client, attorney work product, or is confidential and not subject to discovery on any other grounds. The District will not supply or render any information or documents protected from discovery under these or any other applicable privileges. If privileged information or documents are produced, such production is

inadvertent, and the District demands the immediate return of any document containing such information.

The District further objects to the requests for production to the extent they seek information or materials not presently in the District's possession. The District's investigation and discovery in this case are ongoing. The following responses are given without prejudice to the Districts' right to produce or rely on any evidence subsequently discovered.

The specific responses and objections given below are submitted without prejudice to, and without waiving, any of these general objections even though the general objections are not expressly set forth in each response.

OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES

The District incorporates fully the foregoing Preliminary Statement and General Objections into each of the following specific objections and responses, and no specific objection or response shall be construed to waive any of the General Objections.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:

Copies of all title reports concerning property claimed to be within the Antelope Valley District.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification. Furthermore, the District objects to this Request to the extent it is burdensome and oppressive because it calls for information related to all property owners.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:

Copies of all Minutes, contracts, agreements, ordinances, statues, etc. concerning matters related to the Antelope Valley Water District.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification. Furthermore, the District objects to this Request as vague and ambiguous because the District is unaware of any existing entity known as the "Antelope Valley Water District."

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:

Copies of all Minutes or other authority that granted the Plaintiff the power and authority to proceed with the present proceedings.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:

All records concerning the precise identity of each member YOU contend owns property with the area in the Antelope Valley.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification. Furthermore, the District objects to this Request to the extent it is burdensome and oppressive because it calls for information related to all property owners. The District also objects to the Request to the extent it is vague and ambiguous as to "member."

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:

All records of all proof that establishes that the property of CAMERON PROPERTIES, INC. is located in the Antelope Valley.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification. The District has previously provided this information to Cameron but will do so again.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:

All notes, Minutes, resolution from all meetings by any Board of Directors or other Board authorizing the Plaintiff to commence and maintain the present action.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:

All records and documents that support YOUR contention that it is necessary to join CAMERON PROPERTIES, INC. with the present proceeding.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8:

All records of all sub-classifications to include those that produce water from their own property.

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification. Furthermore, the District objects to this Request to the extent it is vague and ambiguous as to "sub-classifications."

20 REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:

All records that establish that CAMERON PROPERTIES, INC. owns any property that would be subject to the contentions made by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:

The District objects to this Request because it relates to issues outside the scope of class certification. At this time the Court has limited discovery to class certification. The District has previously provided Cameron with this information but will do so again.

Dated: April <u>7</u>, 2008

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