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NOTICE OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF STIPULATIONS

TO THE PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 25, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, CRYSTAL ORGANIC FARMS, GRIMMWAY ENTERPRISES, INC., and LAPIS LAND COMPANY, LLC (each individually a "Stipulating Party" and collectively, the "Stipulating Parties") will apply, pursuant to the Court's March 1, 2013 minute order, for an order approving the attached Stipulation of Facts For Trial Pursuant to Case Management Order for Phase IV Trial (the "Stipulation") and establishing the facts referenced in that Stipulation. The Stipulation has been executed by counsel for each Stipulating Party.

The Stipulating Parties will apply to the Court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 128(a), California Rules of Court, Rules 3.1203 and 3.1204, and pursuant to the Court's March 1, 2013 Minute Order. The Stipulating Parties will apply to the Court based on the following that are submitted herewith or are posted on the Court's website: (1) this Notice of Ex Parte Application; (2) the attached Ex Parte Application; (3) the attached Declaration of Bob H. Joyce; (4) the Stipulation, posted on the Court's website on March 15, 2013; (5) the documents produced by the Stipulating Parties in response to the Court's Discovery Order for this phase, posted on the Court's website December 21, 2012; (6) the Declarations posted by the Stipulating Parties on the Court's website January 31, 2013; and (7) the [Proposed] Order Approving the Stipulation of Facts for Trial Pursuant to Case Management Order for Phase IV Trial; and (8) any evidence or argument presented at the hearing on this Application.

Dated: March 22, 2013 LeBEAU • THELEN, LLP

By: BOR H. JOV

Attorneys for DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, a California corporation, CRYSTAL ORGANIC FARMS, a limited liability company, GRIMMWAY ENTERPRISES, INC., and LAPIS LAND

COMPANY, LLC

EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF STIPULATION

DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, CRYSTAL ORGANIC FARMS, GRIMMWAY ENTERPRISES, INC., and LAPIS LAND COMPANY, LLC (each individually a "Stipulating Party" and collectively, the "Stipulating Parties") will and hereby do apply ex parte for this Court to approve and enter the attached Stipulation of Facts for Trial Pursuant to Case Management Order for Phase IV Trial ("Stipulation") as evidence in the record of the Phase IV Trial of this matter. In these coordinated actions involving thousands of parties, the Court has exercised its discretion by establishing a procedure in which parties may present sworn declarations stating evidence that they would intend to present at trial and seek stipulations with other parties as to those facts. Upon completion of such stipulations, the Court has authorized stipulating parties to seek the Court's approval of those stipulations and a hearing to determine whether any other party has any basis for requiring proof of the stipulated facts at trial.

These Stipulating Parties rely upon the fact that the Deposition of Carl Voss was taken and concluded on January 10, 2013. Carl Voss was questioned in depth concerning the basic facts about the properties, their Assessor's Parcel Numbers, and information on groundwater production on the properties. No party has objected to any of the facts stated in the Stipulation of the Stipulating Parties. (See attached Declaration of Bob H. Joyce.) The Stipulating Parties herein stipulate to the truth of each others' property ownership and claimed pumping information.

At the Case Management Conference on March 1, 2013, the Court requested that all stipulations be accompanied by an ex parte application to approve the stipulation on or before March 15, 2013. This application is admittedly late, but it is requested the same be accepted. This was entered in the Court's Minute Order dated March 1, 2013. The Stipulating Parties bring this ex parte application pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 128(a), California Rules of Court, Rules 3.1203 and 3.1204, and pursuant to the Court's March 1, 2013 Minute Order.

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I am providing notice to all parties in this action of the attached ex parte application by 4. arranging for the posting of that application and the attached Stipulation on the Court's website on March 22, 2013. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 22nd date of March, 2013, at Bakersfield, California. **BOB H/JOYCE**

PROOF OF SERVICE 1 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES JUDICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDING NO. 4408 2 CASE NO.: 1-05-CV-049053 3 I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age 4 5 of eighteen years and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 5001 E. Commercenter Drive, Suite 300, Bakersfield, California 93309. On March 22, 2013, I served the within NOTICE 6 7 OF EX PARTE APPLICATION AND EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF 8 STIPULATION; DECLARATION OF BOB H. JOYCE; STIPULATION OF FACTS FOR TRIAL PURSUANT TO CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER FOR PHASE IV TRIAL 9 10 (BY POSTING) I am "readily familiar" with the Court's Clarification Order. Electronic service and electronic posting completed through www.scefiling.org; All papers filed 11 in Los Angeles County Superior Court and copy sent to trial judge and Chair of Judicial Council. 12 Los Angeles County Superior Court Chair, Judicial Council of California 13 111 North Hill Street Administrative Office of the Courts Los Angeles, CA 90012 Attn: Appellate & Trial Court Judicial Services 14 (Civil Case Coordinator) Attn: Department 1 Carlotta Tillman (213) 893-1014 15 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102-3688 16 Fax (415) 865-4315 17 (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct, and that the foregoing was executed on March 22, 18 2013, in Bakersfield, California. 19 20 21

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