Response to Requests for Admissions [Set One]

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### REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

### **REQUEST NO. 1:**

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Admit that YOU are a PERSON as defined in the definitions above.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 1:**

Objection. This request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. The request is manifestly irrelevant and calculated to harass.

### **REQUEST NO. 2:**

Admit that YOU are a public entity.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 2:**

Admit.

### **REQUEST NO. 3:**

Admit that YOU did not provide notice in writing to any landowner that your use of groundwater from within the BASIN was adverse to their right to use groundwater before October 29, 1999.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 3:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 4:**

Admit that YOU did not provide notice in writing to any landowner that your use of groundwater from within the BASIN was adverse to their title to their real property at any time before October 29, 1999.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 4:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that YOU did not provide notice in writing to any landowner that you claimed a prescriptive right to use groundwater from within the BASIN before October 29, 1999.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 5:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 6:

Admit that YOU have not physically trespassed upon any landowner's property within the BASIN.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 6:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 7:**

Admit that when YOU first started using groundwater from within the BASIN, that your then use was at that time lawful.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 7:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 8:**

Admit that when YOU first started using groundwater from within the BASIN, that your then use was not adverse to the overlying right of any landowner.

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### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 8:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that when YOU first started using groundwater from within the BASIN, you were not invading the overlying right of any landowner.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 9:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 10:**

Admit that before October 29, 1999, YOU were not asserting an adverse claim of right to use groundwater from within the BASIN.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 10:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 11:**

Admit that before October 29, 1999, no landowner had actual notice that YOU were asserting an adverse claim of right to use groundwater from within the BASIN.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 11:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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### **REQUEST NO. 12:**

Admit that before October 29, 1999, no landowner had constructive notice that YOU were asserting an adverse claim of right to use groundwater from within the BASIN.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 12:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 13:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1985, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 13:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 14:

Admit that as of January 1, 1986, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 14:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 15:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1987, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

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### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 15:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 16:

Admit that as of January 1, 1988, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 16:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 17:

Admit that as of January 1, 1989, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 17:

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 18:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1990, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 18:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 19:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1991, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 19:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 1992, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 20:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 21:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1993, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BAS IN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 21:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 22:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1994, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 22:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 23:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1995, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 23:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 1996, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 24:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 25:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1997, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 25:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 26:

Admit that as of January 1, 1998, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 26:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 27:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1999, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 27:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 2000, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 28:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 29:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2001, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 29:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 30:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2002, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 30:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 31:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2003, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

# RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 31:

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 2004 YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 32:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 33:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2005, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 33:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 34:

Admit that as of January 1, 2006, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 34:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 35:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2007, YOU knew that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 35:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 1985, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 36:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 37:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1986, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 37:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 38:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1987, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 38:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 39:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1988, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 39:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 1989, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 40:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 41:

Admit that as of January 1, 1990, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 41:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 42:

Admit that as of January 1, 1991, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 42:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 43:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1992, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 43:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 1993, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 44:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 45:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1994, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 45:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 46:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1995, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 46:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 47:**

Admit that as of January 1, 1996, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 47:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 1997, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 48:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 49:

Admit that as of January 1, 1998, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 49:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### REQUEST NO. 50:

Admit that as of January 1, 1999, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 50:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 51:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2000, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 51:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that as of January 1, 2001, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 52:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 53:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2002, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 53:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 54:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2003, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 54:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 55:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2004 YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 55:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 56:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2005, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 56:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 57:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2006, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 57:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 58:**

Admit that as of January 1, 2007, YOU believed that the groundwater supply of the BASIN was being overdrafted.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 58:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

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Admit that after YOU knew that the groundwater supply within the BASIN was being overdrafted, that YOU issued will-serve letters for new developments within your jurisdiction.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 59:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

### **REQUEST NO. 60:**

Admit that after YOU knew that the groundwater supply within the BASIN was being overdrafted, that YOU issued will-serve letters for new developments within your jurisdiction that had been approved on the basis of a negative declaration.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST NO. 60:**

Objection. The request is premature, burdensome and oppressive. This request seeks information concerning class members and the court has not yet completed its class certification process. No class representative has yet been approved by the court.

Dated: June 26, 2007 WM. MATTHEW DITZHAZY

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### 1 PROOF OF SERVICE 2 I, Kelley Herrington, declare: I am a resident of the State of California and over the age of eighteen years, and 3 not a party to the within action; my business address is Richards, Watson & Gershon, 355 South Grand Avenue, 40th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071. On June 26, 2007, I served the within 4 documents: 5 RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS [SET ONE] 6 by causing facsimile transmission of the document(s) listed above from (213) 626-7 0078 to the person(s) and facsimile number(s) set forth below on this date before 5:00 P.M. This transmission was reported as complete and without error. A copy 8 of the transmission report(s), which was properly issued by the transmitting facsimile machine, is attached. Service by facsimile has been made pursuant to a 9 prior written agreement between the parties. 10 by posting the document(s) listed above to the Santa Clara County Superior Court website in regard to the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter. 11 by placing the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope and affixing a prepaid air bill, and causing the envelope to be delivered to an agent for delivery, or 12 deposited in a box or other facility regularly maintained by, in an envelope or 13 package designated by the express service carrier, with delivery fees paid or provided for, addressed to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth below. 14 by personally delivering the document(s) listed above to the person(s) at the 15 address(es) set forth below. by causing personal delivery by First Legal Support Services, 1511 West Beverly 16 Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90026 of the document(s) listed above to the person(s) at the address(es) set forth below. 17 18 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. 19 20 Executed on June 26, 2007. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28