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ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER
CASES

Case No.: 1-05-CV-049053

Included actions:

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.
40 vs. Diamond Farming Company
Los Angeles Superior Court
Case No. BC 325201

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.
40 vs. Diamond Farming Company
Kern County Superior Court
Case No. S-1500-CV 254348 NFT

Diamond Farming Company vs. City of
Lancaster
Riverside County Superior Court
Lead Case No. RIC 344436 [Consolidated
w/Case Nos. 344668 & 353840]

**CROSS-COMPLAINT OF CRYSTAL
ORGANIC FARMS FOR EQUITABLE
AND MONETARY RELIEF AGAINST
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE
COMPANY, CITY OF LANCASTER,
CITY OF PALMDALE, LITTLEROCK
CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT,
ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT, PALM RANCH
IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND
QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT**

Crystal Organic Farms, LLC,

Cross-Complainant,

vs.

1 California Water Service Company; City of
2 Lancaster; City of Palmdale; Littlerock
3 Creek Irrigation District; Los Angeles
4 County Waterworks District No. 40;
5 Palmdale Water District; Rosamond
6 Community Services District; Palm Ranch
7 Irrigation District; and Quartz Hill Water
8 District; and ROES 1-200, inclusive,

9 Cross-Defendants.

10 Cross-Complainant, Crystal Organic Farms, LLC, (ROE 584), makes the following allegations
11 against Cross-Defendants California Water Service Company, City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale,
12 Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Palmdale Water
13 District, Rosamond Community Services District, Palm Ranch Irrigation District and Quartz Hill Water
14 District (collectively referred to herein as “Purveyors”), and ROES 1-200, inclusive, as follows:

15 **General Allegations:**

16 1. California Water Service Company is a California corporation which provides water to
17 customers located within the geographic boundaries of the Basin and which extracts water from the
18 Basin.

19 2. City of Lancaster is a municipal corporation located within the County of Los Angeles,
20 and within the geographic boundaries of the Basin.

21 3. City of Palmdale is a municipal corporation located within the County of Los Angeles,
22 and within the geographic boundaries of the Basin.

23 4. Littlerock Creek Irrigation District is a public agency which provides water to customers
24 located within the geographic boundaries of the Basin and which extracts water from the Basin.

25 5. Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40 (hereinafter “District 40”) is a public agency
26 governed by the Los Angeles County board of Supervisors operating under Division 16 of the California
27 Water Code. District 40 was established on November 4, 1993 to provide water service to the public
28 within the Antelope Valley.

6. Palmdale Water District (hereinafter “Palmdale”) was formed as a public irrigation district in 1918 and operates under Division 11 of the California Water Code and is producing water from the Antelope Valley Water Supply and selling it to its customers.

7. Rosamond Community Services District (hereinafter “Rosamond”) is a County Water District voted into being in 1966 , and operating under Division 12 of the California Water Code to provide water for domestic, irrigation, and fire flow, collection and treatment of waste and storm water, maintenance of street lights, graffiti abatement and parks and recreation.

8. Palm Ranch Irrigation District is a public agency which provides water to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the Basin and which extracts water from the Basin.

9. Quartz Hill Water District (hereinafter “Quartz Hill”) is a county water district organized and operating under Division 12 of the California Water Code and is producing water from the Antelope Valley Water Supply and selling it to its customers.

10. Cross-Complainant Crystal Organic Farms (hereinafter “Crystal”) is a limited liability company that owns and leases overlying land within the Antelope Valley. Crystal owns and operates water wells that draw water from beneath the land for use on the lands for irrigation. Crystal and its predecessors in interest, are currently, and have historically, pumped water from beneath the land for farming.

11. Cross-Complainant is ignorant of the true names and capacities of cross-defendants sued herein as ROES 1-200, inclusive, and therefore sue these cross-defendants by such fictitious names. Cross-Complainant will amend this Cross-Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Each reference in this Cross-Complaint to "Purveyors," "the Purveyors," or a specifically named cross-defendant, refers also to all cross-defendants sued under fictitious names.

12. Cross-Complainant, is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Rosamond, District 40, Palmdale and Quartz Hill (collectively “the Purveyors”) began pumping appropriated surplus water from the Antelope Valley to provide water for their municipal and industrial water customers. At

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1 the onset of pumping by the Purveyors, the same was lawful and permissive and did not immediately
2 nor prospectively invade or impair any overlying right.

3 13. Over time, the urban areas within the Antelope Valley continued to expand and grow both
4 in land area and population, and thus, over time the Purveyors increased, and today, continue to increase
5 their demand for water. Cross-Complainant, is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at some
6 as yet unidentified historical point, the aggregate extractions of groundwater from the Antelope Valley
7 began to exceed the safe yield of the Valley. Despite the potential for damage to the water supply and
8 the rights of owners of real property within the Valley, the Purveyors, with knowledge continued to
9 extract groundwater from the common supply, and increased and continue to increase their extractions
10 of groundwater over time. The Purveyors continued the act of pumping with the knowledge that the
11 continued extractions were damaging, long term, the Antelope Valley and in the short term, impairing
12 the rights of the property owners, including the rights in the land owned by Crystal, which is overlying
13 and within the Antelope Valley.

14 14. Cross-Complainant, is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that the Purveyors
15 pumped and continue to pump water in excess of the safe yield with the knowing intent and belief that
16 they could take by claim of prescription, without compensation, the water rights of Crystal and all
17 landowners overlying the Antelope Valley. Additionally, all Purveyors continued to pump ever
18 increasing quantities of groundwater, knowing that even if their prescriptive claims failed, they could
19 preserve the right to continue their pumping under a claim of an intervening public use. Despite the
20 knowing intent to take the overlying property landowners' rights, no Purveyor took any steps calculated
21 and intended to inform or otherwise notify any landowner of their adverse and hostile claim or that their
22 pumping of groundwater was an invasion of and a taking of the landowners' property rights.

23 15. During the material time that each Purveyor was pumping, none physically trespassed
24 upon nor invaded any overlying property. No Purveyor stopped, restricted, interfered with or physically
25 or by regulation reduced Crystal's or any overlying landowner's right and ability to pump groundwater
26 from the Antelope Valley. No Purveyor ever took any affirmative action reasonably calculated to
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1 inform or notify any overlying landowner that the Purveyor intended to take or were taking by
2 prescription the overlying water rights.

3 16. Between 1960 and 1980, the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (hereinafter
4 "AVEK") was created to import water from northern California to southern California. As part of its
5 operations, AVEK, in addition to other water importers, have brought and now brings imported water
6 to the Antelope Valley. This imported water was at all material times available for purchase by the
7 Purveyors. Based upon information and belief, it is alleged that the Purveyors consciously chose to not
8 purchase all of the available higher priced imported water to meet their water needs and instead chose
9 to continue to pump and to increase their extractions of groundwater from the Antelope Valley, because,
10 despite the damage to the Valley, groundwater was cheaper than the imported water.

11 17. In late 2004, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to
12 authorize District 40 to file and prosecute the present legal actions which seeks a judicial declaration that
13 District 40 has obtained, without compensation and without due process notice, the overlying
14 landowner's appurtenant water rights through the common law doctrine of prescription. Based on this
15 authorization, District 40 filed these actions.

16 18. Crystal did not have actual knowledge that any Purveyor's pumping of groundwater was
17 adverse to or hostile to its present and/or future priority rights.

18 19. Based upon information and belief, no landowner had actual knowledge that any
19 Purveyor's pumping of groundwater was adverse to or hostile to its present and/or future priority rights.

20 20. In January 2006, the Purveyors identified herein jointly filed a Cross-Complaint in place
21 of the original Complaint seeking to obtain a judicial declaration that they had obtained the overlying
22 landowner's water rights, without compensation, within the Antelope Valley through the common law
23 doctrine of prescription.

24 21. In January 2007, the Purveyors identified herein jointly filed the present First Amended
25 Cross-Complaint in place of the Cross-Complaint and in place of the original Complaint seeking to

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1 obtain a judicial declaration that they had obtained the overlying landowner's water rights, without
2 compensation, within the Antelope Valley through the common law doctrine of prescription.

3 22. None of the Purveyors have invoked the power of eminent domain nor paid any
4 compensation to Crystal or any other overlying owner of land located within Antelope Valley for the
5 property rights they have allegedly and knowingly claimed to have taken.

6 **First Cause of Action**

7 (Declaratory Relief Against Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40 to Determine Validity and
8 Applicability of Statute)

9 23. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
10 1 through 22, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

11 24. In or about 1951, the Legislature of the State of California enacted Sections 55000 et seq.
12 of the Water Code, known as the County Waterworks District Law, hereinafter referred to as the
13 "Waterworks Statutes." In 1953, the legislature added section 55370. This section, since its adoption has
14 been, and now is, in full force and effect. This statute provides as follows:

15 "A district may acquire property by purchase, gift, devise, exchange, descent, and
16 eminent domain. The title to all property which may have been acquired for a district
shall be vested in the district."

17 25. District 40 contends that section 55370 of the Water Code does not apply to, or limit in
18 any manner, its acquisition of any overlying landowner's water rights within the Antelope Valley and
19 that, despite its status as a public entity, Article 1, Section 19 of the California Constitution, and the 5th
20 Amendment to the Federal Constitution, it is nonetheless empowered to acquire private property for
21 public use through the common law doctrine of prescription, without due process and without
22 compensation.

23 26. Crystal contends that the statute is constitutional, and when conjoined with the California
24 state and Federal Constitutions, limits the method, manner and mode by which District 40 may acquire
25 private property for a public use and the rights appurtenant thereto. By virtue of the actions of District
26 40 and the Board of Supervisors as set forth above, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists
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1 between District 40 and Crystal concerning their respective rights, duties, and responsibilities under that
2 statute and both Constitutions.

3 27. Crystal desires a declaration of its rights with respect to the constitutionality and
4 application or nonapplication of the statute and asks the court to make a declaration of such rights,
5 duties, and responsibilities, and to make a declaration as to the validity and constitutionality of the
6 statute. Crystal seeks a declaration that the effort of the district to deprioritize Crystal's overlying right
7 is, without compensation, ultra vires and unconstitutional. Such a declaration is necessary and
8 appropriate at this time in order that Crystal's property rights be protected and to ensure that District 40
9 proceeds according to the law and Constitution of the state and the Federal Constitution. There are no
10 administrative remedies available to Crystal.

11 28. A timely declaration by this court is urgent for the following reasons: by way of this
12 action District 40 is seeking to adjudicate, enjoin and take the property rights of Crystal and thousands
13 of other parties who own property overlying the Antelope Valley, absent a timely declaration by this
14 court, an injustice will result from the improper awarding of property rights to District 40 should this
15 statute be later found to apply to District 40.

16 29. Crystal and numerous other private parties will suffer irreparable and lasting injury
17 unless declaratory relief is granted.

18 **Second Cause of Action**

19 (Declaratory Relief Against Palmdale Water District to Determine Validity of Statute)

20 30. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
21 1 through 22, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

22 31. In or about 1943, the Legislature of the State of California enacted Sections 20500 et seq.
23 of the Water Code, known as the Irrigation District Law, hereinafter referred to as the "Irrigation

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1 Statutes." In 1943, the legislature added section 22456. This section, since its adoption has been, and
2 now is, in full force and effect. This statute provides as follows:

3 "The district may exercise the right of eminent domain to take any property necessary to
4 carry out its purposes."

5 32. Palmdale contends that section 22456 of the Water Code does not act to limit, in any
6 manner, the mode or method of acquiring an overlying landowner's water rights within the Antelope
7 Valley and that, despite its status as a public entity, Article 1, Section 19 of the California Constitution,
8 and the 5th Amendment to the Federal Constitution, it is nonetheless empowered to acquire private
9 property for public use through the common law doctrine of prescription, without due process and
10 without compensation.

11 33. Crystal contends that the statute is constitutional, and when conjoined with the California
12 state and Federal Constitutions, limits the method, manner and mode by which Palmdale may acquire
13 private property for a public use and the rights appurtenant thereto by declaring that the only legal right
14 of the district to take possession of land without consent of the owners is under its power of eminent
15 domain. By virtue of Palmdale's actions as set forth above, an actual controversy has arisen and now
16 exists between Palmdale and Crystal concerning their respective rights, duties, and responsibilities under
17 that statute and both Constitutions.

18 34. Crystal desires a declaration of its rights with respect to the constitutionality and
19 application or nonapplication of the statute and asks the court to make a declaration of such rights,
20 duties, and responsibilities, and to make a declaration as to the validity and constitutionality of the
21 statute. Crystal seeks a declaration that the effort of the district to deprioritize Crystal's overlying right
22 is, without compensation, ultra vires and unconstitutional. Such a declaration is necessary and
23 appropriate at this time in order that Crystal's property rights be protected and to ensure that Palmdale
24 proceeds according to the law and Constitution of the state and the Federal Constitution. There are no
25 administrative remedies available to Crystal.

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35. A timely declaration by this court is urgent for the following reasons: by way of this action Palmdale is seeking to adjudicate, enjoin and take the property rights of Crystal and thousands of other parties who own property overlying the Antelope Valley, absent a timely declaration by this court, an injustice will result from the improper awarding of property rights to Palmdale should this statute be later found to limit the method by which Palmdale may forcibly acquire property rights.

36. Crystal and numerous other private parties will suffer irreparable and lasting injury unless declaratory relief is granted.

Third Cause of Action

(Declaratory Relief Against Rosamond and Quartz Hill to Determine Validity of Statute)

37. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 22, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

38. In or about 1949, the Legislature of the State of California enacted Sections 30000 et seq. of the Water Code, known as the County Water District Law, hereinafter referred to as the "County Water Statutes." In 1975, the legislature amended section 31040. This amended statute became operative on July 1, 1976 and since then, has been, and now is, in full force and effect. This section provides as follows:

“A district may take any property necessary to carry out the business of the district by grant, purchase, gift, devise, condemnation, or lease with or without the privilege of purchase.”

39. Rosamond and Quartz Hill contend that section 31040 of the Water Code does not act to limit, in any manner, the mode or method by which they may acquire an overlying landowner's water rights within the Antelope Valley and that, despite their status as public entities, Article 1, Section 19 of the California Constitution, and the 5th Amendment to the Federal Constitution, they are nonetheless empowered to take private property for public use through the common law doctrine of prescription, without due process and without compensation.

40. Crystal contends that the statute is constitutional, and when conjoined with the California state and Federal Constitutions, limits the method, manner and mode by which Rosamond and Quartz

1 Hill may acquire private property for a public use and the rights appurtenant thereto by declaring that
2 the only legal right of the districts to take possession of property without consent of the owners is under
3 its power of eminent domain. By virtue of Rosamond's and Quartz Hill's actions as set forth above, an
4 actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Rosamond, Quartz Hill and Crystal concerning
5 their respective rights, duties, and responsibilities under that statute and both Constitutions.

6 41. Crystal desires a declaration of its rights with respect to the constitutionality and
7 application or nonapplication of the statute and asks the court to make a declaration of such rights,
8 duties, and responsibilities, and to make a declaration as to the validity and constitutionality of the
9 statute. Crystal seeks a declaration that the effort of the district to deprioritize Crystal's overlying right
10 is, without compensation, ultra vires and unconstitutional. Such a declaration is necessary and
11 appropriate at this time in order that Crystal's property rights be protected and to ensure that Rosamond
12 and Quartz Hill proceed according to the law and Constitution of the state and the Federal Constitution.
13 There are no administrative remedies available to Crystal.

14 42. A timely declaration by this court is urgent for the following reasons: by way of this
15 action Rosamond and Quartz Hill are seeking to adjudicate, enjoin and take the property rights of Crystal
16 and thousands of other parties who own property overlying the Antelope Valley, absent a timely
17 declaration by this court, injustice will result from the improper awarding of property rights to
18 Rosamond and/or Quartz Hill should this statute be later found to apply.

19 43. Crystal and numerous other private parties will suffer irreparable and lasting injury
20 unless declaratory relief is granted.

21 **Fourth Cause of Action**

22 (Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants to Determine Applicability of California
23 Constitution.)

24 44. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
25 1 through 43, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

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45. Article 1 Section 19 of the California Constitution provides as follows:

“Private property may be taken or damaged for public use only when just compensation, ascertained by a jury unless waived, has first been paid to, or into court for, the owner. The Legislature may provide for possession by the condemnor following commencement of eminent domain proceedings upon deposit in court and prompt release to the owner of money determined by the court to be the probable amount of just compensation.”

46. The Purveyors contend that, even though they are political subdivisions who are vested with the power of eminent domain, they are nonetheless legally permitted to knowingly take private property for public use without first paying just compensation.

47. Crystal contends that the use of the word “only” within Article 1 Section 19 is a clear temporal limitation on the Purveyor’s lawful ability to knowingly take private property for the public benefit to only those instances where just compensation has first been paid. By virtue of the Purveyor’s actions as set forth above, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the Purveyors and Crystal concerning their respective rights, duties, and responsibilities.

48. Crystal desires a declaration of its rights with respect to the application or nonapplication of Article 1 Section 19 to the Purveyors and asks the court to make a declaration of such rights, duties, and responsibilities. Such a declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time in order that Crystal's property rights may be protected and to ensure that the municipal Purveyors proceed according to the California Constitution. There are no administrative remedies available to Crystal.

49. A timely declaration by this court is urgent for the following reasons: by way of this action the Purveyors are seeking to adjudicate, enjoin and take the property rights of Crystal and thousands of other parties who own property overlying the water supply without first paying just compensation therefor, absent a timely declaration by this court, injustice will result from the improper taking of the Crystal's property rights should Article 1 section 19 of the California Constitution be found to apply.

50. Crystal and numerous other private parties will suffer irreparable and lasting injury unless declaratory relief is granted.

1 **Fifth Cause of Action**

2 (Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants to Determine Applicability of Constitutional
3 Article.)

4 51. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
5 1 through 50, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

6 52. Article 1 Section 19 of the California Constitution provides as follows:

7 “Private property may be taken or damaged for public use only when just compensation,
8 ascertained by a jury unless waived, has first been paid to, or into court for, the owner.
9 The Legislature may provide for possession by the condemnor following commencement
of eminent domain proceedings upon deposit in court and prompt release to the owner
of money determined by the court to be the probable amount of just compensation.”

10 53. The Purveyors contend that, even though they are political subdivisions who are vested
11 with the power of eminent domain, they are nonetheless legally allowed to knowingly take private
12 property for public use through prescription or adverse possession and without compensation.

13 54. Crystal contends that the use of the word “only” within Article 1 Section 19 is a clear
14 limitation on the Purveyor’s authority and the manner in which they may take private property for the
15 public benefit. That this limitation forecloses the ability of any governmental entity to knowingly take
16 or acquire private property for a public use under a theory of prescription or adverse possession. By
17 virtue of the Purveyor’s actions as set forth above, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists
18 between the Purveyors and Crystal concerning their respective rights, duties, and responsibilities.

19 55. Crystal desires a declaration of its rights with respect to the application or nonapplication
20 of Article 1 Section 19 to the Purveyors’ prescription claims and asks the court to make a declaration
21 of such rights, duties, and responsibilities. Such a declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time
22 in order that Crystal’s property rights may be protected and to ensure that the municipal Purveyors may
23 proceed according to the California Constitution. There are no administrative remedies available to
24 Crystal.

25 56. A timely declaration by this court is urgent for the following reasons: by way of this
26 action the Purveyors are seeking to adjudicate and enjoin the property rights of Crystal and thousands
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1 of other parties by avoiding the due process protections provided to these landowners under Code of
2 Civil Procedure sections 1230.010 through 1237.040. Absent a timely declaration by this court, injustice
3 will result from the improper use and adjudication of the cross-defendants' property rights should Article
4 1 section 19 of the California Constitution be found to apply.

5 57. Crystal and numerous other private parties will suffer irreparable and lasting injury unless
6 declaratory relief is granted.

7 **Sixth Cause of Action**

8 (Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants to Determine Applicability of Constitution.)

9 58. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
10 1 through 57, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

11 59. Article I Section 7 of the California Constitution provides in pertinent part as follows:

12 "A person may not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law or
13 denied equal protection of the laws; . . ."

14 The 5th Amendment to the Constitution as applied by the 14th Amendment in relevant part
15 provides:

16 "No person shall . . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;
17 nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

18 60. The Purveyors contend that, even though they are political subdivisions who are uniquely
19 invested with the power of eminent domain, they are allowed to surreptitiously take private property for
20 public use by prescription or adverse possession without providing substantive or procedural due process
21 of law to each overlying landowner. The Purveyors contend that prescription commences with
22 "overdraft," and that presumed or constructive notice is sufficient.

23 61. Crystal contends that the Article I, Section 7, of the State Constitution, and the 5th
24 Amendment as applied by the 14th Amendment of the Federal Constitution, mandates that governmental
25 entities must provide substantive and procedural due process of law when taking private property for a
26 public use. Crystal contends that the prescriptive period cannot commence until the governmental entity
27 takes affirmative action designed and intended to give notice and inform the overlying landowners of

1 the governmental entity's adverse and hostile claim. Crystal further contends that this limitation
2 forecloses the ability of any governmental agency to take or acquire private property for a public use
3 when constitutionally sufficient due process notice has not been provided to the land owner. By virtue
4 of the Purveyor's actions as set forth above, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between the
5 Purveyors and Crystal concerning their respective rights, duties, and responsibilities.

6 62. Crystal desires a declaration of its rights with respect to the application or nonapplication
7 of Article I Section 7 and the 5th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to the Purveyors' prescription
8 claims and asks the court to make a declaration of such rights, duties, and responsibilities. Such a
9 declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time in order that Crystal's property rights may be
10 protected and to ensure that the municipal Purveyors may proceed according to the California
11 Constitution. There are no administrative remedies available to Crystal.

12 63. A timely declaration by this court is urgent for the following reasons: by way of this
13 action the Purveyors are seeking to adjudicate and enjoin the property rights of Crystal and thousands
14 of other parties by avoiding the due process protections provided to these landowners under Article I
15 Section 7, the 5th and 14th Amendments and Code of Civil Procedure sections 1230.010 through
16 1237.040. Absent a timely declaration by this court, injustice will result from the improper use and
17 adjudication of Crystal's property rights should the foregoing constraints and statutory mandate be found
18 applicable.

19 64. Crystal and numerous other private parties will suffer irreparable and lasting injury
20 unless declaratory relief is granted.

21 **Seventh Cause of Action**

22 (Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants.)

23 65. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
24 1 through 64, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

25 66. Crystal is the owner and/or lessee of real property located within the Antelope Valley.
26 Located on Crystal's property are water wells which produce water from the groundwater supply.
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1 Crystal and or its predecessors in interest, have continually produced water from these wells without
2 restriction and in quantities as were needed to perform its farming and irrigation operations from year
3 to year.

4 67. Based on information and belief, it is alleged that Purveyors all pump groundwater from
5 the Antelope Valley and then sell it to other individuals and entities who reside within Kern County and
6 Los Angeles Counties.

7 68. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Crystal and the Purveyors
8 concerning their respective rights and duties in that the Purveyors contend that they have been pumping
9 water during a continuous 5 year period during which the common supply has been in a state of
10 overdraft; that this pumping has resulted in a reversal of the common law legal priority granted to
11 overlying land owners pursuant to the common law doctrine of prescription. Whereas, Crystal disputes
12 this contention and contends that by continuing to pump groundwater from the wells on its land, and by
13 continuing to thus meet all of the water needs to perform its farming operations, Crystal has preserved
14 and maintained its priority rights to the use of groundwater.

15 69. Crystal desires a judicial determination of each party's rights and duties, and a declaration
16 as to the status of each party's priority rights to the water in the Valley whether they be overlying,
17 appropriative or prescriptive.

18 70. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time under the circumstances
19 in order that Crystal may ascertain its rights and duties relating to production of water from the Antelope
20 Valley.

21 **Eighth Cause of Action**

22 (Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants.)

23 71. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
24 1 through 70, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

25 72. AVEK and others provide the Antelope Valley with water imported from northern
26 California. This imported water was and is available for purchase by the Purveyors.

1 73. Despite having knowledge that the pumping of groundwater in excess of the safe yield
2 caused damage, and despite the knowledge and belief that continued pumping would damage the rights
3 of the landowners whose property overlies the water supply, the Purveyors have failed and refused to
4 slow, stop or reduce their groundwater extractions from the supply and/or to supplement or replace their
5 water needs from the available imported AVEK water.

6 74. The California Constitution, Article X, section 2 provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

7 “It is hereby declared that because of the conditions prevailing in this State the general
8 welfare requires that the water resources of the State be put to beneficial use to the fullest
9 extent of which they are capable, and that the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable
10 method of use of water be prevented, and that the conservation of such waters is to be
11 exercised with a view to the reasonable and beneficial use thereof in the interest of the
12 people and for the public welfare. The right to water or to the use or flow of water in or
from any natural stream or water course in this State is and shall be limited to such water
as shall be reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served, and such right does not
and shall not extend to the waste or unreasonable use or unreasonable method of use or
unreasonable method of diversion of water. . . .”

13 75. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Crystal and each Purveyor
14 concerning their respective rights and duties in that Crystal contends that the Purveyor’s continued
15 dependance on, and use of, the groundwater, their continued and increased extractions of groundwater
16 from the common supply, with knowledge that the extractions exceed the safe yield, and their failure
17 and/or refusal to take all of the available imported water and the method and use of groundwater taken,
18 is unreasonable and constitutes a waste in violation of Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution.
19 The Purveyors dispute these contentions and contend that their dependance on groundwater, their
20 continued and increasing extractions of groundwater from the Antelope Valley in excess of the safe yield
21 and their failure and refusal to take all of the available imported water is reasonable and does not
22 constitute waste of groundwater and/or available imported water under Article X, Section 2 of the
23 California Constitution.

24 76. Crystal desires a declaration of its rights with respect to the constitutionality and
25 application or nonapplication of Article X, Section 2 to the Purveyors’ actions and asks the court to make
26 a declaration of such rights, duties, and responsibilities, and to make a declaration as to the validity and
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1 constitutionality of the Article X, Section 2. Such a declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time
2 in order that Crystal's property rights may be protected and to ensure that the Purveyors may proceed
3 under the law and cause no further damage to Crystal or property overlying the water supply. There are
4 no administrative remedies available to Crystal.

5 77. A timely declaration by this court is urgent for the following reasons: by way of this
6 action, the Purveyors are seeking to have the court ratify their method and choice of water usage and
7 declare that they have the right to continue to extract groundwater from the Valley in excess of the safe
8 yield and to continue to cause damage to the Valley itself as well as to the land overlying the water
9 supply, absent a timely declaration by this court, an injustice will result from the improper validation of
10 the Purveyors' water usage should this constitutional provision be found to apply to the Purveyors.

11 78. Crystal and numerous other private parties will suffer irreparable and lasting injury
12 unless declaratory relief is granted.

13 **Ninth Cause of Action**

14 (Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants.)

15 79. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
16 1 through 78, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

17 80. On January 8, 2006, the Purveyors filed a Cross-Complaint in this matter seeking to
18 implement policy objectives which were stated in paragraph 1 as follows:

19 "To promote the general public welfare in the Antelope Valley; protect the public water
20 supplier's rights to pump groundwater and provide water to the public; protect the
21 Antelope Valley from a loss of the public's water supply; prevent degradation of the
quality of the public groundwater supply; stop land subsidence; and avoid higher water
costs to the public."

22 81. In order to implement these policy objectives, the Purveyors have brought a cause of
23 action against all owners of property overlying the Antelope Valley seeking the imposition of a "physical
24 solution" that would manage the groundwater supply by augmenting the water supply, manage the
25 pumping and storage of water and impose monetary assessments on water extraction from the supply.

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82. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Crystal and the Purveyors concerning their respective rights and duties in that Crystal contends that it is a violation of the Constitutional doctrine of the separation of powers for this Court to implement the Purveyors' policy objectives as they are by nature legislative actions, subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (hereinafter "CEQA"; Public Resources Code sections 21000-21177.) That the requirements of CEQA are both procedural (requiring notice, disclosure and a review process) and substantive (by requiring public agencies to take affirmative measures to avoid environmental harm and to also protect the citizens and landowners of the State of California.)

83. The Purveyors contend that they may use the judicial system to circumvent CEQA and impose by judicial fiat what should be a legislative policy. In doing so, they seek to avoid providing the public with the required disclosures and evaluations, and thereby deny Crystal and the public their procedural and substantive protections required by CEQA.

84. Crystal desires a judicial determination of the Purveyors' rights and duties, and a declaration as to the application of Public Resources Code sections 21000-21177 to any proposed water management plan sought to be implemented by judicial decree by the Purveyors. That the legislative protections afforded to the public under CEQA cannot be ignored or subverted by resorting to the court to implement the Purveyor's plan, and that such a request of this Court induces a violation of the doctrine of the separation of powers.

85. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time under the circumstances in order that Crystal may ascertain its rights and duties relating to production of water from the Antelope Valley.

Tenth Cause of Action

(Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants.)

86. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 85, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

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1 87. On January 8, 2006, the Purveyors filed a Cross-Complaint in this matter seeking to
2 implement policy objectives which were stated in paragraph 1 as follows:

3 “To promote the general public welfare in the Antelope Valley; protect the public water
4 supplier’s rights to pump groundwater and provide water to the public; protect the
5 Antelope Valley from a loss of the public’s water supply; prevent degradation of the
6 quality of the public groundwater supply; stop land subsidence; and avoid higher water
7 costs to the public.”

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9 action against all owners of property overlying the Antelope Valley seeking the imposition of a “physical
10 solution” that would manage the groundwater supply by augmenting the water supply, manage the
11 pumping and storage of water and impose monetary assessments on water extraction from the supply.

12 89. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Crystal and the Purveyors
13 concerning their respective rights and duties in that Crystal contends that it is a violation of the
14 Constitutional doctrine of the separation of powers for this Court to implement the Purveyors’ policy
15 objectives as they are by nature legislative and executive actions that are within the power of the
16 Purveyors to enact by following the statutory requirements set forth in Water Code sections 10700-
17 10795.20. These sections of the Water Code provide the procedural method by which the Purveyors
18 must implement a ground water management plan and also ensures constitutionally required process
19 through the required public hearings, notice, and publication of the proposed management plan, and the
20 opportunity for public discourse, input and objection.

21 90. The Purveyors contend that they may use the judicial system to impose by judicial fiat
22 what would otherwise be done through legislative action. In doing so, they seek to avoid providing the
23 public with the required notice, hearing and disclosures and deny them their procedural and substantive
24 protections provided by the Constitution and the Water Code sections 10700-10795.20..

25 91. Crystal desires a judicial determination of the Purveyors’ rights and duties, and a
26 declaration as to the application and propriety of Water Code sections 10700-10795.20 to the proposed
27 water management project sought to be implemented by the Purveyors. That the legislative protections

1 afforded to the public under the Water Code may not be ignored or subverted by the filing of a legal
2 action by a public agency, and that such action requests this court to violate the doctrine of separation
3 of powers.

4 92. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time under the circumstances
5 in order that Crystal may ascertain its rights and duties relating to its continued production of water from
6 the Antelope Valley.

7 **Eleventh Cause of Action**

8 (Declaratory Relief Against All Cross-Defendants.)

9 93. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs
10 1 through 92, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

11 94. Commencing in early 2000, each Purveyor has claimed that the Antelope Valley was in
12 a state of “overdraft” for more than five (5) years prior to October 1999.

13 95. Based on information and belief, it is alleged that immediately prior to, during and after
14 the same claimed five year period of “overdraft” claimed by the Purveyors, the Purveyors did approve
15 and have continued to approve the issuance of well permits to Crystal and others, have approved large
16 scale developments and have authorized others and have thus increased the demand for groundwater
17 pumped by the Purveyors from the Antelope Valley. In performing their ministerial and discretionary
18 functions, each Purveyor has asserted that the additional well permits, hook ups and added residential,
19 industrial and commercial developments, and the concomitant increased pumping of ground water
20 caused thereby, would not, and did not, have under CEQA or otherwise an adverse affect on the water
21 supply available from the Antelope Valley.

22 96. An actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Crystal and each Purveyor
23 concerning their respective rights and duties in that Crystal contends that the Purveyors are barred from
24 claiming that the Antelope Valley is in a state of “overdraft” during the time that they have authorized,
25 permitted and approved new and increased pumping from the supply pursuant to Evidence Code section

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623. The Purveyors deny Crystal's contentions and assert that they may assert overdraft as an element of their prescription claims. Section 623 provides as follows:

"Whenever a party has, by his own statement or conduct, intentionally and deliberately led another to believe a particular thing true and to act upon such belief, he is not, in any litigation arising out of such statement or conduct, permitted to contradict it."

97. Crystal desires a judicial determination of its rights and duties, and a declaration as to the application of the doctrine of equitable estoppel to the Purveyors' ability to claim that the Antelope Valley was in a state of overdraft when the same Purveyors were issuing well permits, will serve letters and adding new water customers and authorizing new large scale development projects under the assertion that there was an available, adequate and appropriate water supply in the Antelope Valley to sustain these permits and projects.

98. A judicial declaration is necessary and appropriate at this time under the circumstances in order that Crystal may ascertain its rights and duties relating to its real property that overlies the Antelope Valley.

Twelfth Cause of Action

(Public and Private Nuisance Against All Cross-Defendants.)

99. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 98, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

100. Crystal is the owner of land overlying the Antelope Valley. Each of the Purveyors are users of water pumped from the Antelope Valley which underlies Crystal's land.

101. Initially, the Purveyors, and each of them, legally used, and maintained water wells that extracted water from the Antelope Valley for public distribution. Over time the increased urbanization and the Purveyors continued and increasing extractions exceeded their legal boundaries, such that the water extracted from the supply has exceeded the ability to naturally recharge the water supply. The Purveyors have claimed to have knowledge that this continuous and increasing use caused a progressive and chronic decline in long term water supply and the available natural supply is being and has been

1 chronically depleted. Based on the present trends, demand will continue to exceed supply which will
2 cause damage to private rights and ownership of real property.

3 102. The aforementioned extractions of groundwater from the supply constitute a continuing
4 progressive nuisance within the meaning of Section 3479 of the Civil Code, in that it the Purveyors have
5 created a condition in the future supply that is injurious to Crystal's right, in the future, to freely use and
6 exercise its overlying property rights to extract groundwater from the common supply in the customary
7 manner. The Purveyors are attempting, through the combined efforts of their pumping groundwater and
8 this present legal action, to take, and or alter, Crystal's overlying property rights to use and access the
9 Antelope Valley supply.

10 103. In early 2000, the Purveyors asserted that the available groundwater supply was in
11 jeopardy and increased pumping would harm Antelope Valley Water Supply. Despite this assertion, the
12 Purveyors, and each of them, have continued to and have increased their pumping, despite the
13 knowledge of the damage caused by that pumping. The Purveyors have refused, and continue to refuse,
14 to stop or reduce their pumping despite the damage to the supply and to Crystal's property rights.

15 104. This nuisance affects, at the same time, a substantial number of persons in that, the
16 Purveyors claim that the continued pumping in excess of the supply's safe yield is, and will, eventually
17 cause a chronic decline in water levels and the available natural supply will be chronically depleted, that,
18 based on the present trends, demand will continue to exceed supply which will continue to cause a
19 reduction in the long term supply. Additionally, the continued pumping by the Purveyors under these
20 conditions will result in the unlawful obstruction of the overlying landowner's rights to use the water
21 supply in the customary manner.

22 105. The Purveyors, and each of them, have threatened to and will, unless restrained by this
23 court, continue to pump groundwater in increasing amounts, and each and every act has been, and will
24 be, without the consent, against the will, and in violation of the rights of Crystal.

25 106. As a proximate result of the nuisance created by the Purveyors, and each of them, Crystal
26 has been, and will be, damaged in a sum to be proven at trial.

107. Unless the Purveyors, and each of them, are restrained from increasing their pumping from the supply by order of this court, it will be necessary for plaintiff to commence many successive actions against each Purveyor, and each of them, to secure a project by project injunction and/or compensation for the continuing and repeated damages sustained, thus requiring a multiplicity of suits.

108. Should the Purveyors continue to increase their pumping without replenishing the Valley's water supply, Crystal will suffer irreparable injury in that the usefulness and economic value of Crystal's overlying property right will be substantially diminished and Crystal will be deprived of the comfortable, reasonable and beneficial use and enjoyment of its property.

109. In maintaining this nuisance, the Purveyors, and each of them, are, and have been, acting with full knowledge of the consequences and damage being caused to Crystal, and their conduct is willful, oppressive, malicious and designed to interfere with and take the Crystal's right to freely access the water supply in its customary manner. Accordingly, each Purveyor has intentionally dirtied hands and no right to involve equity in these actions.

Thirteenth Cause of Action

(42 U.S.C. A 1983 Against All Cross-Defendants.)

110. Cross-Complainant refers to and incorporates, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 109, inclusive, of this Cross-Complaint.

111. This cause of action is brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to recover damages against the Purveyors for violation of Crystal's right under the 5th and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution through the Purveyors' taking of Crystal's private property for public use without paying just compensation and depriving Crystal of both substantive or procedural due process of law.

112. The Purveyors, and each of them are, and at all times mentioned in this cross-complaint were, governmental entities organized and operating in Los Angeles and/or Kern County and in the State of California. All are organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with the capacity to sue and be sued.

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113. The Purveyors, and each of them, were, at all times mentioned in this cross-complaint, acting under color of state law.

114. At an as yet unidentified historical point in time, the Purveyors began pumping water from the Antelope Valley as permissive appropriators. Over the course of time, it is believed and therefore alleged, that the aggregate amount of water being extracted from the Valley began to exceed the safe yield resulting in a condition called “overdraft.” Crystal is informed and believes and based thereon alleges, that the Purveyors had knowledge of the “overdraft” condition and nonetheless continued pumping and increased their pumping with the specific intent to impair and take all superior overlying property rights to extract groundwater, including that of Crystal. Each Purveyor continued to pump and increased its pumping of groundwater believing that given the intervention of the committed public use, that no injunction would issue to restrain and/or compel the Purveyor to reduce its dependence upon groundwater. Each Purveyor contends that despite its status as a governmental entity, it can nonetheless take private property for a public use under a theory of prescription and without compensation. Each Purveyor claims that presumed or constructive knowledge of the overdraft condition alone was sufficient to commence the running of the statutory prescriptive period. Each Purveyor did not undertake any affirmative action reasonably calculated and intended to provide notice and inform any affected landowner, including Crystal, of its adverse and hostile claim. Each Purveyor contends that it has taken the private property rights of Crystal and others, and have committed them to a public use, without following the Constitutional constraints imposed by Article 1, Section 19, of the California Constitution, and the eminent domain law, Code of Civil Procedure Section 1230.010 et seq., and specifically, the substantive and procedural protections contemplated by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1245.230. The acts of the Purveyors were done under the color of state law with the intent of depriving Crystal of its property rights without substantive and procedural due process of law and to avoid payment of compensation to Crystal for the property rights taken, all in violation of the 5th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution.

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115. Crystal is informed and believes and thereon alleges that it was subjected to a violation of its right to due process of law prior to the taking of its property and its right to receive just compensation when its property was taken for the public benefit. This violation was a direct result of the knowing customs, practices, and policies of the Purveyors to continue to pump in excess of the supply, to suppress the assertion of their adverse and hostile claim, and the resulting ever increasing intervening public use and dependance, without acceding to Constitutional limits.

116. The customs, practices, and policies of the Purveyors to prescript or adversely possess the property rights of property owners and/or to establish a nonenjoinable intervening use amounted to deliberate indifference to the rights of persons, such as Crystal, who stand to lose their rights to extract water from the Antelope Valley for use on their property through the actions of each Purveyor and all of them.

117. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of the Purveyors, Crystal has suffered injury, loss, and damage, including a cloud upon its title to its real property, a reduction in value, and the loss of its right in the future to extract and use groundwater from the Valley.

First Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, cross-complainant prays for a declaratory judgment as follows:

1. That the court declare the respective rights, duties, and responsibilities of District 40 and Crystal under the statute in question and that by its declaration and judgment the court declare that the statute applies to District 40 in this matter, and that the statutes is constitutional and valid;

2. That District 40 and all others acting in or on its behalf, be enjoined from taking property or the rights attendant thereto in any manner not expressly set forth and authorized in the provisions of Water Code section 55370;

3. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

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Second Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, cross-complainant prays for a declaratory judgment as follows:

1. That the court declare the respective rights, duties, and responsibilities of Palmdale and Crystal under the statute in question and that by its declaration and judgment the court declare that the statute applies to Palmdale in this matter, and that the statutes is constitutional and valid;
2. That Palmdale and all others acting in or on its behalf, be enjoined from taking property or the rights attendant thereto in any manner not expressly set forth and authorized in the provisions of Water Code section 22456;
3. For costs of suit herein incurred; and
4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

Third Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, cross-complainant prays for a declaratory judgment as follows:

1. That the court declare the respective rights, duties, and responsibilities of Rosamond and Quartz Hill under the statute in question and that by its declaration and judgment the court declare that Water Code section 31040 applies to Rosamond and Quartz Hill in this matter, and that the statute is constitutional and valid;
2. That Rosamond and Quartz Hill and all others acting in or on their behalf, be enjoined from taking property or the rights attendant thereto in any manner not expressly set forth and authorized in the provisions of Water Code section 31040;
3. For costs of suit herein incurred; and
4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

Fourth Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, cross-complainant prays for a declaratory judgment as follows:

1. That the court declare the respective rights, duties, and responsibilities of the Purveyors under Article 1 Section 19 of the California Constitution and that by its declaration and judgment the
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1 court declare that Article 1 Section 19 applies to the Purveyors in this matter, and that just compensation
2 is a prerequisite to any taking by each of these governmental entities;

3 2. That the Purveyors and all others acting in or on their behalf, be enjoined from taking
4 property or the rights attendant thereto in any manner not expressly set forth and authorized in the
5 provisions of Article 1 Section 19 of the California Constitution;

6 3. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

7 4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

8 **Fifth Cause of Action**

9 WHEREFORE, cross-complainant prays for a declaratory judgment as follows:

10 1. That the court declare the respective rights, duties, and responsibilities of the Purveyors
11 under Article 1 Section 19 of the California Constitution and that by its declaration and judgment the
12 court declare that Article 1 Section 19 applies to the Purveyors in this matter, and that Section 19
13 prohibits a governmental entity from taking private property for a public use without compensation
14 under the doctrines of prescription or adverse possession;

15 2. That the Purveyors and all others acting in or on their behalf, be enjoined from taking
16 property or the rights attendant thereto in any manner not expressly set forth and authorized in the
17 provisions of Article 1 Section 19 of the California Constitution;

18 3. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

19 4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

20 **Sixth Cause of Action**

21 WHEREFORE, cross-complainant prays for a declaratory judgment as follows:

22 1. That the court declare the respective rights, duties, and responsibilities of the Purveyors
23 under Article 1 Section 7 of the California Constitution and that by its declaration and judgment the
24 court declare that Article 1 Section 7 applies to the municipal Purveyors in this matter, and that Section
25 7 prohibits a governmental entity from taking private property for a public use without providing due
26 process of law to the individual whose property is being taken;

2. That the municipal Purveyors and all others acting in or on their behalf, be enjoined from taking property or the rights attendant thereto in any manner not expressly set forth and authorized in the provisions of Article 1 Section 7 of the California Constitution;

3. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

Seventh Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment as follows:

1. For a declaration that Crystal's continued pumping has interrupted any period of adverse pumping by the Municipal Purveyors negating any claim of prescription and thereby preserving Crystal's overlying priority right to pump water from the Antelope Valley;

2. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

3. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

Eighth Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, cross-complainant prays for a declaratory judgment as follows:

1. That the court declare the respective rights, duties, and responsibilities of the Purveyors and Crystal under the statute in question and that by its declaration and judgment the court declare that the Article X, Section 2 applies and that the Purveyors continued dependence on, and increased use of, groundwater in excess of the safe yield is unreasonable and constitutes waste;

2. That the Purveyors and all others acting in or on their behalf, be enjoined from engaging in the continued unreasonable and wasteful use of the groundwater in violation of the provisions of Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution;

3. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

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Ninth Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment as follows:

- 1. For a declaration that the doctrine of separation of powers prohibits this court from imposing the objectives of he Purveyors upon the groundwater supply; that the implementation of the Purveyors’ objectives requires compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code sections 21000-21177 to provide the required procedural and substantive protections to the citizens of the State of California.
- 2. For costs of suit herein incurred; and
- 3. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

Tenth Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment as follows:

- 1. For a declaration that the doctrine of separation of powers prohibits this court from imposing the objectives of he Purveyors upon the groundwater supply; that the implementation of the Purveyors’ objectives requires the Purveyors to act pursuant to the requirements of Water Code section 10700-10795.20;
- 2. For costs of suit herein incurred; and
- 3. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

Eleventh Cause of Action

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment as follows:

- 1. For a declaration that each Purveyor is barred from asserting that the Antelope Valley is or was in a state of “overdraft” during the time that the Purveyors were issuing new water well permits, adding new water customers and authorizing new large scale developments and projects, and thus an increased demand on the water supply pursuant to Evidence Code section 623;
- 2. For costs of suit herein incurred; and
- 3. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

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1 **Twelfth Cause of Action**

2 WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment against defendants, and each of them, as follows:

- 3 1. For a physical solution enjoining the Purveyors from increasing their extractions from
4 the Antelope Valley and ordering the Purveyors to collectively abate the nuisance by purchasing, from
5 time to time, all available imported water, and to bank and to replenish the groundwater supply and
6 replace, in the aggregate, the extractions made by the Purveyors in excess of the safe yield;
- 7 2. For general damages according to proof;
- 8 3. For punitive damages;
- 9 4. For costs of suit herein incurred; and
- 10 5. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

11 **Thirteenth Cause of Action**

12 WHEREFORE, Crystal prays judgment against each Purveyor as follows:

- 13 1. For compensatory damages, in an amount to be determined according to proof at trial;
- 14 2. For reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988;
- 15 3. For costs of suit incurred in this action; and
- 16 4. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

17 Dated: September 21, 2007

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20 By: _____

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5 I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am over the age of
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9 **MONETARY RELIEF AGAINST CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, CITY OF**
10 **LANCASTER, CITY OF PALMDALE, LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT,**
11 **LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, PALMDALE WATER**
12 **DISTRICT, ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, PALM RANCH**
13 **IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT**

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26 ☒ (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California
27 that the above is true and correct, and that the foregoing was executed on September 21, 2007, in
28 Bakersfield, California.

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