1 Calvin R. Stead, Esq.; SBN 129358 Kyle W. Holmes, Esq.; SBN 288300 2 BORTON PETRINI, LLP 5060 California Avenue, Suite 700 3 Post Office Box 2026 Bakersfield, California 93303-2026 4 Telephone: (661) 322-3051 Facsimile: (661) 322-4628 5 E-mail: cstead@bortonpetrini.com 6 Attorneys for Cross-Defendants, Juanita Eyherabide and the Eyherabide Sheep Company 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 10 ANTELOPE VALLEY Judicial Council Coordination No. 4408 11 **GROUNDWATER CASES** 12 For filing purposes only: Santa Clara County Case No. 1-05-CV -049053 Included Actions: 13 Los Angeles County Waterworks District Assigned to The Honorable Jack Komar 14 No.40 v. Diamond Farming Co. Los Angeles County Superior Court CROSS-DEFENDANTS JUANITA 15 Case No. BC 325201 EYHERABIDE AND THE EYHERABIDE SHEEP COMPANY'S CASE 16 Los Angeles County Waterworks District MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co. **STATEMENT** 17 Kern County Superior Court Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348 18 Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of 19 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. 20 || Palmdale Water Dist. Riverside County Superior Court Consolidated actions Case Nos. RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668 22 23 TO ALL PARTIES AND THE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: 24 Juanita Eyherabide and the Eyherabide Sheep Company (hereinafter "Eyherabide") 25 submit this Case Management Conference Statement in anticipation of the Court's notice for a telephonic conference calendared for January 7, 2015. 26 27 Juanita Eyherabide was brought into this matter in July of 2014, at an advanced stage of the litigation and with settlement negotiations ongoing and nearly concluded. Despite repeated attempts h:\public\0593 81\067081\ple CROSS-DEFENDANTS JUANITA EYHERABIDE AND THE EYHERABIDE SHEEP COMPANY'S CASE

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adings\juanita evherabide to obtain a copy of the proposed settlement for review and evaluation, Eyherabide was never provided with a copy on the basis that the terms were confidential by agreement of other parties.

The stipulating parties recently submitted a Joint Case Management Statement which in essence is an opposition to the demands made by Juanita Eyherabide and others to partake in the settlement. The principle opposition of the Case Management Statement is that the demanding parties will have an opportunity to review, evaluate, and object to the proposed physical solution, and that due process will be respected. To no one's surprise, Eyherabide has criticisms of this position.

First, the stipulating parties to this agreement have had years to review and evaluate the terms and conditions of the proposed physical solution in light of their respective groundwater claims in the basin. Eyherabide, and others, will have a matter of weeks to do the same if the court does not grant the relief which Eyherabide has requested.

Second, should Eyherabide object to the proposed settlement, she and her counsel are 13 again expected to prepare an opposition and/or objection to the proposed settlement in a matter of weeks, despite a six-month involvement in a decades old matter with thousands of documents on file.

Third, the stipulating parties, in their Joint Case Management Conference Statement/Opposition, appear to suggest that Eyherabide's participation in litigation at this point in time is due to her own inadvertence. This is simply not the case. Rather, only when Ms. Eyherabide learned that a purported class was attempting to represent her interests did she take action in this matter to preserve her claims, which resulted in her subsequently being sued by District 40.

In summation, Eyherabide will be prejudiced if the relief she seeks is denied. The truncated calendar proposed by the stipulating parties does not afford Eyherabide adequate protection of her claim.

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