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9	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES					
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11	ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER)	Judicial Council Coordination No. 4408				
12	CASES)	For filing purposes only:				
13	Included Actions:	Santa Clara County Case No. 1-05-CV-049053				
14	Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.) 40 v. Diamond Farming Co.	Assigned to The Honorable Jack Komar				
15	Los Angeles County Superior Court) Case No. BC 325201	ANGWED OF CDOCC DEFENDANT				
16	Los Angeles County Waterworks District No.	ANSWER OF CROSS-DEFENDANT MILANA VII, LLC, dba ROSAMOND				
17	40 v. Diamond Farming Co. Kern County Superior Court Cose No. S. 1500 CV 254 248	MOBILE HOME PARK TO FIRST AMENDED CROSS-COMPLAINT OF				
18	Case No. S-1500-CV-254-348	PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS FOR DECLARAORY AND INJUNCTIVE				
19	Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. Palmdale	RELIEF AND ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS				
20	Water Dist.	DECHIEST EAD HIDV TOLLI				
21	Riverside County Superior Court Consolidated actions Consolidated Actions Consolidated Actions Consolidated Actions	REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL				
22	Case Nos. RJC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668					
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25	Cross-Defendant, MILANA VII, LLC, dba Rosamond Mobile Home Park (hereinafter					
26	"Answering Cross-Defendant"), answers the First-Amended Cross-Complaint filed by Cross-					
27 28	Complainant, Public Water Suppliers ("Cross-Complaint"), as follows:					
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1	GENERAL DENIAL		
2	Pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 431.30, this		
3	Answering Cross-Defendant denies, generally and specifically, each and every allegation of th		
4	Cross-Complaint herein, and the whole thereof, and further denies that Cross-Complainant is		
5	entitled to any relief against Cross-Defendant.		
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7	AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES		
8	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
9	(Failure to State a Claim)		
10	1. The Cross-Complaint, and each alleged cause of action contained therein, fail		
11	to state facts sufficient to constitute a claim upon which relief can be granted against the		
12	Answering Cross-Defendant.		
13	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
14	(No Duty Owed to Cross-Complainant)		
15	2. The Cross-Complaint, and each alleged cause of action contained therein,		
16	barred inasmuch as this Answering Cross-Defendant does not owe a duty of care towards the		
17	Cross-Complainant herein.		
18	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
19	(Failure to Mitigate Damages)		
20	3. Cross-Complainant has failed to act reasonably to mitigate any damages that it		
21	has alleged in this action.		
22	FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
23	(Waiver)		
24	4. Cross-Complainant has waived any claims that it may have against Answering		
25	Cross-Defendant arising from the events set forth in the Cross-Complaint.		
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1	FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
2	(Estoppel)		
3	5. Cross-Complainant is estopped by its own conduct from asserting any and all		
4	claims it may have against Answering Cross-Defendant arising from the events set forth in the		
5	Cross-Complaint.		
6	SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
7	(No Proximate Cause)		
8	6. Answering Cross-Defendant alleges upon information and belief that any acts or		
9	omissions to act by Answering Cross-Defendant was not the proximate cause of any injury		
0	suffered by Cross-Complainant.		
.1	SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
.2	(Unclean Hands)		
.3	7 The Cross-Complaint is barred by the doctrine of unclean hands by reason of		
4	Cross-Complainant's conduct or actions.		
.5	EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
6	(Privilege)		
7	8. Answering Cross-Defendant's conduct with regard to Cross-Complainant was		
9	privileged, justified, and in good faith.		
20	<u>NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>		
21	(Cross-Complainant's Acts)		
22	9. Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant's claims or damages,		
23	if any, were caused by Cross-Complainant's own intentional or negligent acts, thus barring or		
24	limiting Cross-Complainant's right of recovery.		
25	TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
26	(Laches)		
27	10. The claims as set forth in the Cross-Complaint are barred by the equitable		
28	doctrine of laches.		

1	ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
2	(Consent)		
3	11. Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant, at all relevant times.		
4	gave its consent, express or implied, to the alleged acts, omissions and conduct of the		
5	Answering Defendant.		
6	TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
7	(Satisfaction of Claim)		
8	12. Cross-Complainant is entirely, or alternatively, partially, barred from recovery		
9	in this action to the extent that it has received any consideration from this Answering Cross-		
10	Defendant or from anyone else in satisfaction of any purported claim against Answering Cross		
11	Defendant.		
12 13	THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
14	(Lack of Standing)		
15	13. As a separate and additional defense to the Cross-Complaint and to each		
16	purported cause of action against Answering Cross-Defendant asserted therein, Answering		
17	Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant lacks standing to prosecute its Cross-		
18	Complaint.		
19	FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE		
20	(Statute of Limitations)		
21	14. As a separate and additional defense to the Cross-Complaint and to each		
22	purported cause of action against Answering Cross-Defendant asserted therein, Answering		
23	Cross-Defendant alleges that the Cross-Complaint and each cause of action set forth therein are		
24	barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statutes of limitations, including but not limited to		
25	California Code of Civil Procedure section 318, 319, 321, 338, 343, and 335.1.		
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FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Offset)

15. As a separate and additional defense to the Cross-Complaint and to each purported cause of action against Answering Cross-Defendant asserted therein, Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that it is entitled to offset any damages suffered by Cross-Complainant against sums owed by Cross-Complainant to it as a result of the wrongful conduct by Cross-Complainant.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Damages Not Caused by Cross-Defendant)

16. As a separate and additional defense, Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant is barred in whole or in part from asserting each and every purported cause of action alleged in the Cross-Complaint, or from recovering any damages thereunder from Answering Cross-Defendant, because such damages, if any, were caused not by Answering Cross-Defendant, but were instead caused by the acts and/or omissions of others and/or by circumstances for which Answering Cross-Defendant is not legally responsible.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Accord and Satisfaction)

17. As a separate and additional defense to the Cross-Complaint and to each purported cause of action against Answering Cross-Defendant asserted therein, Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that Cross-Complainant's claims are barred in whole or part by reason of accord and satisfaction or other settlement agreement or compromise.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Ratification/Acquiescence By Cross-Complainant)

18. As a separate and additional defense, Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the Cross-Complaint, and each purported cause of action set forth therein is barred and/or recovery is limited or excluded because Cross-Complainant ratified, consented to, welcomed, and/or acquiesced in the acts upon which the Cross-Complaint is based.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Frivolous Claims)

19. As a separate and additional defense to the Cross-Complaint and to each purported cause of action against Answering Cross-Defendant asserted therein, Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the Cross-Complaint, and each cause of action set forth therein, is barred because it is unreasonable and/or filed in bad faith and/or frivolous in nature. For these reasons, no award of attorneys' fees and costs is justified against Answering Cross-Defendant pursuant to California law, including but not limited to California Code of Civil Procedure sections 128.5 and/or 128.7.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(After-Acquired Evidence)

20. As a separate and additional defense to the Cross-Complaint and to each purported cause of action against Answering Cross-Defendant asserted therein, Cross-Defendant alleges that the Cross-Complaint, and each cause of action set forth therein, are barred, and/or Cross-Complainant's damages, if any, are limited by the doctrine of after-acquired evidence.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Uncertainty, Inconsistency and Vagueness)

21. Cross-Complaint's claims are barred in whole or in part because the Cross-Complaint is uncertain, internally inconsistent, contradictory, vague and/or ambiguous.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Party Joinder / Real Party in Interest)

22. Cross-Complainant's claims are barred in whole or in part because the Complaint or Cross-Complaint fails to include proper parties or indispensable parties and/or has included improper parties, and/or included parties who are not the real party in interest and/or failed to include the real party in interest.

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TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Self-Help)

23. Answering Cross-Defendant has, by virtue of the doctrine of self-help, preserved its paramount overlying right to extract groundwater by continuing, during all times relevant hereto, to extract groundwater and put it to reasonable and beneficial use on its property.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(California Constitution Article X, Section 2)

24. Cross-Complainant's methods of water use and storage are unreasonable and wasteful in the arid conditions of the Antelope Valley and thereby violate Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

25. The prescriptive claims asserted by governmental entity Cross-Complainants are *ultra vires* and exceed the statutory authority by which each entity may acquire property as set forth in Water Code sections 22456, 31040 and 55370.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

26. The prescriptive claims asserted by governmental entity Cross-Complainants are barred by the provisions of the 5th Amendment to the United States Constitution as applied to the states under the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

27. Cross-Complainants' prescriptive claims are barred due to their failure to take affirmative steps that were reasonably calculated and intended to inform each overlying landowner of cross-complainants' adverse and hostile claim as required by the due process clause of the 5th and 14th Amendments of the United States Constitution.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

28. The prescriptive claims are asserted by governmental entity Cross-Complainants are barred by the provisions of Article I Section 7 of the California Constitution.

(Assumption of Risk)

41. As a separate and affirmative defense, Cross-Complainant's Cross-Complaint, including each and every claim and purported cause of action therein, is barred or subject to apportionment of fault by the doctrine of reasonably implied assumption of risk where Cross-Complainant appreciated, had knowledge of, and voluntarily assumed risks associated with water issues and any claimed injury to person and property by its own acts and conduct.

FORTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Comparative Fault of Third Parties)

42. As a separate and affirmative defense, Cross-Complainant's Cross-Complaint, including each and every claim and purported cause of action therein, is barred or subject to apportionment of fault where Cross-Complainant's alleged water issues or alleged claims were proximately caused or contributed to by the intentional or negligent acts of third persons, including those not parties to this action.

FORTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Comparative Fault)

43. As a separate and affirmative defense, Cross-Complainant's Cross-Complaint, including each and every claim and purported cause of action therein, is barred or subject to apportionment of fault where the acts, omissions or conduct of Cross-Complainant, whether intentional or negligent, proximately caused or contributed to the alleged water issues or alleged claims.

FORTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Justification, Privilege or Excused)

44. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the conduct complained of by Cross-Complainant in the Cross-Complaint was justified, privileged or excused under the circumstances.

FORTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Cross-Complainant's Failure to Act)

45. As a separate and affirmative defense, Cross-Complainant's Cross-Complaint, including each and every claim and purported cause of action therein, is barred because Cross-Complainant failed to act reasonably to protect their property and/or water interests and claims.

FORTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Indemnity)

46. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant did not commit any of the acts alleged by Cross-Complainant. To the extent that other defendants or cross-defendants caused any injury or damages or interference with water rights, this Answering Cross-Defendant is entitled to be indemnified to the extent that liability is assessed.

FORTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Exercise Reasonable Care)

47. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is informed and believe, and thereon alleges, that Cross-Complainant and its employees and agents were careless, negligent, failed to exercise ordinary care, caution or prudence on their own behalf, with respect to the matters alleged in the Cross-Complaint, and resulting water issues, claims or damages, if any, were proximately caused or contributed by said carelessness and lack of ordinary care, caution or prudence, and Cross-Complainant's comparative fault either bars or proportionally reduces any potential recovery against this Answering Cross-Defendant.

FORTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Fair Responsibility Act)

48. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that the liability of this Answering Cross-Defendant, if any, for the amount of non-economic damages, if any, should be limited pursuant to the Fair Responsibility Act of 1986, Section 1431.22 of the Civil Code, in direct proportion of this Answering Cross-Defendant's share of

FIFTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Prior Knowledge)

53. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Cross-Complainant knew or should have known prior to any alleged water issues, claims or damages, if any, of the nature or condition of any subject property as alleged in the Cross-Complaint, but failed to notify this Answering Cross-Defendant or any other party of the need for corrective measures or of any alleged obligations on the part of this Answering Cross-Defendant.

FIFTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Compliance with Statutes)

54. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that this Answering Cross-Defendant and its agents either complied with all statutory requirements cited by Cross-Complainant or statutes otherwise applicable or were not subject to the same under the circumstances of this case.

FIFTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Lack of Causation)

55. As a separate and affirmative defense, there is no causal connection between the act or conduct by this Answering Cross-Defendant and any violation, breach, act or conduct Cross-Complainant alleges it has sustained as a result thereof.

<u>FIFTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>

(Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Code of Civil Procedure, section 128.7)

56. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is entitled to recover from Cross-Complainant and or Cross-Complainant's attorneys of record, the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs incurred by this Answering Cross-Defendant in defending against this action, because the action is frivolous as filed and/or prosecuted.

FIFTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Performance of Duty)

57. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant alleges that it has fully performed any and all contractual, statutory, and other duties owed to Cross-Complainant and Cross-Complainant is therefore estopped to assert any claims for relief against Answering Cross-Defendant.

FIFTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Lack of Equity)

58. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that as between this Answering Cross-Defendant and Cross-Complainant, the equities do not preponderate in favor of Cross-Complainant so as to allow recovery based on any equitable basis.

FIFTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Cross-Complainant's Defaults and Breaches)

59. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Cross-Complainant is barred from pursuing any claim or cause of action in the Cross-Complaint or any amendments thereto due to the material breaches and defaults of Cross-Complainant.

SIXTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Relief Not Available)

60. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that the relief sought by Cross-Complainant Is not available as a matter of law under applicable statutes, cases, regulations and authorities.

SIXTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Conduct of Cross-Complainant)

61. As a separate and affirmative defense, this Answering Cross-Defendant is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that the damages, if any, claimed by Cross-

REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL Answering Cross-Defendant, MILANA VII, LLC, dba Rosamond Mobile Home Park, hereby requests a trial by jury. DATED: August 29, 2014 **COLDREN LAW OFFICES** By: Robert S. Coldren, Esq., Attorneys for Cross-Defendant, MILANA VII, LLC, dba Rosamond Mobile Home Park