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12 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT

14 ANTELOPE VALLEY
15 GROUNDWATER CASES

16 Included Actions:
17 Los Angeles County Waterworks District
18 No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior
19 Court of California, County of Los
20 Angeles, Case No. BC 325201

21 Los Angeles County Waterworks District
22 No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior
23 Court of California, County of Kern, Case
24 No. S-1500-CV-254348

25 Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of
26 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v. City of
27 Lancaster, Diamond Farming Co. v.
28 Palmdale Water District, Superior Court of
California, County of Riverside, Case Nos.
RIC 353 840, RIC 344 436, RIC 344 668

Judicial Council Coordination No. 4408

CLASS ACTION

Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053

**STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF
MARK RITTER, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
OF THE RITTER FAMILY TRUST AND
CO-TRUSTEE OF THE MARK S. RITTER
AND DANA E. RITTER REVOCABLE
TRUST**

Date: November 10, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Telephonic Appearance

29 COMES NOW Mark Ritter, Successor Trustee of the Ritter Family Trust and Co-Trustee
30 of the Mark S. Ritter and Dana E. Ritter Revocable Trust ("Ritter"), and submits the following
31 Status Conference Statement:

32 1. On November 3, 2015, Ritter filed a declaration re water usage that shows over the
33 past 23 years, Ritter averages pumping 803 acre-feet per year of water from two agricultural wells
34 that supply water to approximately 150 acres of property on which alfalfa is grown.

35 2. Also on November 3, 2015, Ritter filed a request to be allowed to present evidence

1 in support of water usage at a time and place convenient to the court which can be coordinated to
2 take place at the same time as the presentation of evidence as to water usage by Robar. This
3 evidence is projected to take one day, if not significantly less (perhaps ½ day).

4 3. The court indicated at previous Case Management Conference's the following:

5 a. At a Case Management Conference held, as the undersigned recalls, on September
6 21, 2015, that both Ritter and Robar would trail due to the recent involvement of Robar in the
7 case and the issues concerning Ritter's prior legal representation. The purpose of trailing was to
8 allow both parties to present evidence as to water usage in an effort to either achieve a resolution
9 of the issues or to set a time for further presentation of evidence.

10 b. At a Case Management Conference held on October 30, 2015 in connection with
11 determining what proceedings were going to occur the following week in San Jose, and that as to
12 the situation with Ritter, the court indicated that there had been some level of neglect of either the
13 client and/or counsel since the time of an answer and cross-complaint being filed on Ritter's
14 behalf in early 2007. Ritter submits that actions not taken by counsel of record should not
15 prevent Ritter from now presenting evidence as to historical and long known water usage.

16 4. Most of the information that supports Ritter's claim has now been filed, and Ritter
17 is further willing to allow such discovery or trial proceedings as to water usage to occur.

18 WHEREFORE, Mark Ritter, Successor Trustee of the Ritter Family Trust and Co-Trustee
19 of the Mark S. Ritter and Dana E. Ritter Revocable Trust, requests that a time and date be set for
20 the presentation of evidence as to water usage in the Phase VI trial on such terms as the court may
21 deem just and proper under the circumstances.

22 Dated: November 9, 2015

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