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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ANTELOPE VALLEY
GROUNDWATER CASES

INCLUDED ACTIONS:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40 v.
DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, et
al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.
BC325201;

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40 v.
DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, et
al., Kern County Superior Court Case
No. S-1500-CV-254-348;

DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY,
and W.M. BOLTHOUSE FARMS, INC.,
v. CITY OF LANCASTER, et al.,
Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC
344436 [c/w case no. RIC 344668 and
355840]

Judicial Council Coordination No. 4408

**ESOLAR, INC. AND SIERRA SUNTOWER,
LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
STIPULATION CONCERNING LAND
OWNERSHIP AND PRIOR GROUNDWATER
PRODUCTION; [PROPOSED] ORDER**

Case No. 1-05-CV-049053

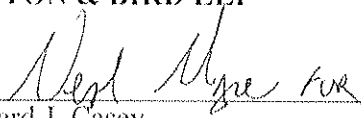
Assigned to The Honorable Jack Komar

Trial Date: May 28, 2013
Time: 9:00 a.m.

1 Pursuant to the Court's March 1, 2013 Minute Order, eSolar, Inc. and Sierra SunTower,
2 LLC submits this Application for Approval of Stipulation Concerning Land Ownership and Prior
3 Groundwater Production. The proposed Stipulation is attached to this application.

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5 DATED: March 15, 2013

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1 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Quartz Hill Water District, Littlerock
2 Creek Irrigation District, Palm Ranch Irrigation District, Palmdale Water District, the City of
3 Palmdale, the City of Lancaster, and Rosamond Community Services District (the "PWAs") and
4 eSolar, Inc. and Sierra SunTower, LLC ("Landowner") (collectively, the "Stipulating Parties")
5 enter into this Stipulation Between Certain Public Water Agencies And Landowner Concerning
6 Land Ownership, Prior Groundwater Production And Proposed Allocation Of Groundwater
7 Rights; And Order Thereon ("Stipulation") through their respective counsel of record. This
8 Stipulation is based on the matters set forth in Section I, below.

9 **I.**

10 **RECITALS**

11 A. Landowner owns land overlying the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin (the
12 "AV Basin"). (For purposes of this Stipulation, the term "AV Basin" shall mean the Antelope
13 Valley Groundwater Basin as determined and defined by the Honorable Jack Komar in his
14 March 12, 2007 Revised Order After Hearing on Jurisdictional Boundaries.)

15 B. Landowner served its (i) Response To December 12, 2012 Discovery Order for
16 Phase 4 Trial and the Non-Expert Witness Designation ("Discovery Response") and (ii)
17 Stipulation In Lieu Of Deposition Testimony For Phase 4 Trial ("Declaration") on all parties in
18 the instant action.

19 **II.**

20 **TERMS OF THE STIPULATION**

21 A. Based on the Landowner's Discovery Response and Declaration, the PWAs have
22 no objection to the Court making the following findings of fact:

23 (1) Landowner currently owns approximately land overlying the AV Basin,
24 which land is comprised of Assessor Parcel Nos. ("APN") 3137-007-020 and 3137-007-034 (the
25 "Subject Property").

26 (2) As of January 1, 2013, Landowner currently uses the Subject Property as
27 follows: the operation of a solar power generation facility.

28 (3) Landowner used the Subject Property during calendar years 2011 and

2012 as follows: the construction and operation of a solar power generation facility.

(4) Landowner produced the following quantities of groundwater from the AV Basin during calendar years 2011 and 2012: 49.1 acre-feet per year ("AFY") in 2011 and 49.1 AFY in 2012.

(5) Landowner or its predecessor in interest to the Subject Property produced the following quantities of groundwater from the AV Basin during the period from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2004 (the "2000-04 Time Period"): 0 AFY in 2000, 0 AFY in 2001, 0 AFY in 2002, 0 AFY in 2003, and 0 AFY in 2004, for a total of 0 acre-feet ("AF").

(6) Landowner or its predecessor used the groundwater described in this Section II-A for "reasonable and beneficial" uses on the Subject Property. For purposes of this Stipulation, the term "reasonable and beneficial" shall have the meaning as understood in Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution.

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22 District

1 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2 On March 15, 2013, eSolar, Inc. and Sierra SunTower, LLC filed their Application for
3 Approval of Stipulation Concerning Land Ownership and Prior Groundwater Production (the
4 "Application"). Having read and considered all papers filed in connection with the Stipulation
5 attached to the Application, and having received no objections thereto,

6 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:** the facts set forth in Section II of the Stipulation
7 are deemed admitted.

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9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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11 DATED: _____

12 _____
13 Honorable Jack Komar
Judge of the Santa Clara County Superior
Court

14 Respectfully submitted by:

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1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 I, Yolanda S. Ramos, declare:

3 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the
4 age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is Alston & Bird LLP, 333
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6 On March 15, 2013, I served the document(s) described as ESOLAR, INC. AND
7 SIERRA SUNTOWER, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF STIPULATION
8 CONCERNING LAND OWNERSHIP AND PRIOR GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION;
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23 ☐ [Federal] I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

24 Executed on March 15, 2013, at Los Angeles, California.

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26 YOLANDA S. RAMOS
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