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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT**
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11 Coordination Proceeding
Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

12 **ANTELOPE VALLEY**
13 **GROUNDWATER CASES**
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Judicial Council Coordination
Proceeding no. 4408

Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053
Assigned to the Honorable Jack Komar, Judge of
the Santa Clara Superior Court

15 **DECLARATION OF JOHN J. SCHATZ IN**
16 **SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF APPEARANCE**
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18 AND RELATED ACTIONS.
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Date: December 13, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: Department 22 or Microsoft Teams

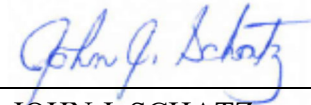
1. I, John J. Schatz, am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of California. Based upon my knowledge and experience, I can competently attest to the following facts.
2. I am counsel for Rancho Sierra Properties, LLC (RSP) and this Declaration is made in support of my Notice of Appearance concurrently filed with this Declaration.
3. RSP engaged my services in November solely limited to negotiating a stipulation for settlement with Antelope Valley Watermaster in connection with Watermaster's Motion for Monetary, Declaratory, And Injunctive Relief Against Rancho Sierra Properties, LLC; Declarations of Craig A. Parton and Patricia Rose, Exhibits 1-6, for a payment plan that may include obtaining water through a transfer to make an in-kind payment of a Replacement Water Assessment.
4. I have been engaged in negotiations with Watermaster General Counsel for a payment plan since November 17, 2022 and on Saturday, December 3, 2022 received via email a Draft Stipulation And [Proposed] Order For Settlement Of Watermaster's Motion For Monetary, Declaratory And Injunctive Relief Against Ranch Sierra Properties, LLC (Draft Stipulation) prepared by Watermaster General Counsel.
5. On Sunday, December 4, 2022, I transmitted to Watermaster General Counsel comments and suggested revisions to the Draft Stipulation.
6. On Monday, December 5, 2022, Watermaster General transmitted a revised Draft Stipulation substantially incorporating RSP's proposed revisions and providing additional comments.
7. On the afternoon of Wednesday, December 7, 2022, I engaged in communications with Watermaster following consideration of the Draft Stipulation by the Antelope Valley Watermaster Board of Directors.
8. The parties have not yet been able to finalize a Stipulation. Up to and including the date of filing this Declaration good faith negotiations continue with Watermaster General Counsel.
9. Based on the on-going negotiations, my client would request that the Court continue this motion, or in the alternative that the Court impose a 60-day stay of the effective date of

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1 any order granting Watermaster's motion., This continuation, or in the alternative stay of
2 the effective date of the Order will facilitate the continuance of good faith negotiations
3 to reach a mutually satisfactory payment plan.
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5 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 9th
6 day of December 2022, in the City of Laguna Niguel and County of Orange, State of California.
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8 By:


9 JOHN J. SCHATZ