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16 17	AND RELATED CROSS ACTIONS	) )

Cross-Defendant United States of America respectfully submits this narrative case management statement in advance of the August 17, 2009 trial setting and continued Case Management Conference in the above-captioned matter.

A. Service of class action notice and joinder of remaining parties should be accomplished as expeditiously as possible.

The counsel for the Wood Class and for Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40
("District") have each filed Case Management Statements estimating that all parties will be
served and/or the case will be at issue by mid to late November, 2009. The United States has
previously stated its position that all parties need to be joined prior to the determination of the

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issues in Phase III, so that all potential ground water claimants are bound by the determinations of safe yield and overdraft. Accordingly, the United States provides its suggestions on trial scheduling based upon these representations, and on the assumption implicit in the schedule proposed by the District that none of the parties served toward the end of the process will seek time to retain experts to assist them in Phase III. Should parties opting out of the Wood class demand some reasonable time in which to obtain experts after their service, the dates proposed herein may be subject to change. The following schedule also assumes that the only issues to be determined in Phase III are the safe yield of the basin, and whether the basin is in overdraft.

Following notice and joinder of class members by mail and notice and joinder of all remaining claimants and potential claimants by constructive service, Phase III litigation should commence. The United States suggests the following schedule for litigation in Phase III:

- 1. November 30, 2009 deadline for the filing of experts' reports on the issues identified for litigation in the Phase III trial. All parties intending to present expert testimony at trial shall be required to file written expert reports. The report must contain a complete statement of all opinions the witness will express and the basis and reasons for them, the data or other information considered by the witness in forming them, any exhibits that will be used to summarize or support them, and the witnesses qualifications. The submission of expert reports will assist in minimizing discovery costs and increasing judicial efficiency by reducing discovery disputes.
- 2. December 30, 2009: Deadline for the filing of experts' rebuttals to initial reports of experts. All parties intending to present rebuttal expert testimony at trial shall be required to file written rebuttal expert reports. The report must contain a complete statement of all opinions the witness will express and the basis and reasons for them, the data or other information considered by the witness in forming them, any exhibits that will be used to summarize or support them, and

1	the witnesses qualifications.	
2	3. January 2, 2010 to January 3	1, 2010: Oral or written depositions of experts.
3	4. February 15, 2010: Opening	trial briefs due.
4	5. February 22, 2010: Exchange	e of exhibits to be used at trial.
5	6. February 26, 2010: Responsiv	ve briefs due.
6	7. March 8, 2010: trial commen	ces.
7	Respectfully submitted this 13th day of August, 2009.	
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## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

## I, Linda Shumard, declare:

I am a resident of the State of Colorado and over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Section, 1961 Stout Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, Colorado 80294.

On August 13, 2009, I caused the foregoing documents described as; **FEDERAL DEFENDANTS' CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**, to be served on the parties via the following service:

X	BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE AS FOLLOWS by posting the documents(s) listed above to the Santa Clara website in regard to the Antelope Valley Groundwater matter.	
	BY MAIL AS FOLLOWS (to parties so indicated on attached service list): By placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as indicated on the attached service list.	
	BY OVERNIGHT COURIER: I caused the above-referenced document(s) be delivered to FEDERAL EXPRESS for delivery to the above address(es).	
	Executed on August 13, 2009, at Denver, Colorado.	
	/s/ Linda Shumard Linda Shumard	

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