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| 12 | Included actions: |)) |
| 13 | Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., et al. | UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF JOINDER IN LOS ANGELES |
| 14 | Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC 325 201 | WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ET AL., APPLICATION TO |
| 15 | Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. | EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO FILE PHASE 3 TRIAL BRIEFS |
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| 18 | Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc. v. City of Lancaster Diamond Farming Co. v. City of Lancaster |)) |
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| 21 | AND RELATED CROSS ACTIONS |) |
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| 23 | Cross-Defendant United States hereby joins the City of Los Angeles, Quartz Hill Water | |
| 24 | District, Palmdale Water District, California Water Service Company, Littlerock Creek Irrigation | |
| 25 | District, Palm Ranch Irrigation District, North Edwards Water District, Desert Lake Community | |
| 26 | Services District and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 (collectively "Requesting | |
| 27 | Parties") application to extend the Phase 3 trial brief filing deadline to December 20, 2010. | |
| 28 | As stated by the Requesting Parties, depositions a | are continuing in preparation for the |

January trial and the extent and nature of expected testimony is still subject to discovery. In addition, pretrial statements regarding the designation of testifying witnesses and the nature of the each witness's intended testimony have not been filed. A trial brief submitted on December 20, 2010 outlining a parties' case-in-chief and incorporating this information will be more useful to the Court and the parties. Respectfully submitted this 10th day of December, 2008, s/ R. Lee Leininger R. LEE LEININGER United States Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division **Natural Resources Section** 1961 Stout Street, Suite 800 Denver, Colorado 80294 lee.leininger@usdoj.gov james.dubois@usdoj.gov Phone: 303/844-1364 Fax: 303/844-1350