JOHN S. TOOTLE, ESQ. (SBN 181822) CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY 2632 West 237th Street Torrance, CA 90505 Telephone: (310) 257-1488 Facsimile: (310) 325-5658 Attorney for Defendants/Cross-Complaint CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (SUCCESSOR TO 5 ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER COMPANY) 6 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 8 ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES ) RELATED CASE TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL 9 ) COORDINATION PROCEEDING NO. 4408 This Pleading Relates to Included 10 Action: REBECCA LEE WILLIS, on behalf of ) CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY'S 11 herself and all others similarly ) FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO ITS situated, 12 RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF WILLIS' FIRST ) SET OF SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES Plaintiff, 13 Vs. 14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40; CITY OF LANCASTER; 15 CITY OF LOS ANGELES; CITY OF PALMDALE; PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT; 16 LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT; PALM RANCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT; 17 QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT; ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER CO.; ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT; MOJAVE PUBLIC 18 UTILITY DISTRICT; and DOES 1 through 1,000; 19 Defendants. 20 21 22 23 24 25

PROPOUNDING PARTY:

PLAINTIFF, REBECCA WILLIS

RESPONDING PARTY:

DEFENDANT, CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

SET:

One (1)

Defendant, CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY (successor-in-interest to ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER COMPANY) hereinafter referred to as the "Company," submits the following supplemental response to Special Interrogatories, Set One, propounded by Plaintiff REBECCA LEE WILLIS ("Willis"):

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Company is in the process of conducting its investigation and discovery in this action. Consequently, the Company responds to these Special Interrogatories to the best of its knowledge, but in doing so, reserves the right to amend its response at a future date. The Company further reserves the right to offer, at time of trial, facts, testimony or other evidence discovered subsequent to and not included in this response, and assumes no obligation to voluntarily supplement or amend this response to reflect such facts, testimony or other evidence.

#### GENERAL OBJECTIONS

By responding to Willis' Special Interrogatories, Set One, the Company does not concede the relevancy or materiality of any request, or of the subject to which such request refers. Each response is made subject to all objections as to competence, relevance, materiality, propriety, admissibility, attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, and the deliberative process privilege, as well as any or all other objections and grounds that would require exclusion of evidence.

The Company reserves the right to make any and all such objections at trial and at any other proceeding relating to this action. The specific responses and objections given below are submitted without prejudice to, and without waiving, any of these objections even though the general objections are not expressly set forth in each response.

#### OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES

The Company incorporates fully the foregoing Preliminary Statement and General Objections into each of the following specific objections and responses, and no specific objection or response shall be construed to waive any of the General Objections.

#### SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

If YOU contend that YOU have any correlative rights to the use of groundwater in the Basin, state each and every fact in support of your contention.

### FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 14:

The Company incorporates herein its Preliminary Statement and General Objections. The Company objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney work product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, the Company contends that it has correlative overlying rights. The Company contends that overlying landowners within its certificated service area transferred substantially all their groundwater rights to the Company, or its legal predecessors—in-interest.

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#### SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 15:

If YOU contend that YOU have any correlative rights to the use of groundwater in the Basin, state the quantity of such rights.

## FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 15:

The Company incorporates herein its Preliminary Statement and General Objections. The Company objects to this Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney work product doctrine. Additionally, the answer to this interrogatory is the subject of current expert witness study or opinion and/or testimony that has not yet been fully developed and may be answered at the time such study is completed and appropriately disclosed. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, the Company contends that its correlative rights are equal to or greater than its historical groundwater pumping and equal to its correlative or pro-rata share of the groundwater basin's native safe yield, which overlyers are entitled.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing answers are true and correct.

DATED: July 30, 2008

CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY

By:

JOHN S. TOOTLE, ESQ.

# <u>VERIFICATION</u>

STATE OF CALIFORNIA	)	
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	)	

I, John R. Foth, declare:

I am an Engineering Manager for the California Water Service Company, successor to the Antelope Valley Water Company in the above entitle action. I have read the foregoing CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY'S FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO ITS RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF REBECCA WILLIS' FIRST SET OF SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES and know the contents thereof. I am informed and believe that the same is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Torrance, California, Los Angeles County on July 30, 2008

John R. Foth

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Judicial Counsel Proceeding No. 4408 Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 1-05-CV-049053

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 2632 West 237<sup>th</sup> Street, Torrance, CA 90505.

On July 30, 2008, I served the foregoing document(s) entitled:

## CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY'S 1<sup>ST</sup> SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO ITS RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF WILLIS' FIRST SET OF SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES

by placing the true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes addressed as stated on the attached mailing list.

by placing \_ the original, \_ a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed enveloped addressed as follows:

# BY SANTA CLARA SUPERIOR COURT E-FILING IN COMPLEX LITIGATION PURSUANT TO CLARIFICATION ORDER DATED OCTOBER 27, 2005.

Executed on July 30, 2008, at Torrance, California

- (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.
  - (Federal) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the Bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made.

Michael Duque