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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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**OBJECTION TO CASE MANAGEMENT** CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY

**Hearing Date: December 18, 2007** 

Time: 9:00 am

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HATCH AND PARENT 21 East Carrillo Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 On August 10, 2007, the Antelope Valley Groundwater Agreement Association ("AGWA") filed a partial joinder and partial Opposition to a filing made by the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency ("AVEK"). The basis for the objection was, "the improper submission of hearsay evidence by AVEK that is irrelevant to the substance of the pleading." (AGWA Objection 2:12.)

Once again, AGWA is forced to raise the exact same objection with reference to AVEK's Case Management Conference Statement dated December 7, 2007 ("Statement"). In addition to the numerous hearsay issues with the Statement, the Statement is rife with factual allegations that are unsubstantiated by either supporting declaration or documents. This lack of substantiation provides no opportunity for either verification or rebuttal of these allegations.

The Statement further provides that AVEK wishes to make the Court aware of its banking and storage plans in advance of a determination in the present case so that the Court can take these plans into account in crafting a physical solution. (Statement 4:25-27.) AVEK indicates that it, "wishes to proceed with water banking efforts now . . . and not wait for the case to be resolved." (Statement 4:7-8.)

The storage space within the Antelope Valley Groundwater Basin is a tremendous local resource, and AGWA supports the development of mechanisms that will maximize the utility of that space for the benefit of the local community. However, until such time as the court makes a determination in this case, whether through physical solution or otherwise, the rights of all parties to access and control that storage space continue in effect, and must be respected and maintained.

The members of AGWA also wish to proceed with the development of beneficial uses for water on their property as they have done for generations. Unfortunately, they are being inhibited in these efforts because they are defendants in lawsuits brought by AVEK and the other water purveyors, which have placed a cloud on their property rights.

Water banking is a very important issue in the adjudication. If AVEK, or any of the other water purveyors, believe that it is "imperative" to move forward immediately with their own projects, then they should be directing their energy into reaching a settlement of the adjudication,

HATCH AND PARENT 21 East Carillo Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101	1	rather than attempting to force through a resolution of their own particular issues independent of the
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#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

I am employed in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 21 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

On December 13, 2007, I served the foregoing document described as:

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on the interested parties in this action.

By posting it on the website at 2:00 p.m/a.m. on December 13, 2007. This posting was reported as complete and without error.

(STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed in Santa Barbara, California, on December 13, 2007.

April Robitaille TYPE OR PRINT NAME

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