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REMAND PROCEDURE ORDER NO. 1

RECITALS

Defendants.

Original Trial Court Proceedings. The complaint in this matter was filed on September 30, 1955. After reference to the State Water Rights Board (now State Water Resources Control Board) for a report on the relevant facts, and following 104 days of pretrial and 188 court days in trial, the final arguments ended July 20, 1967. Two additional days were taken on October 27, 1957 (when all counsel assembled in court and the Judge's Memorandum of Decision was delivered to counsel and further procedure discussed)

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Thereafter, in accordance with the pretrial conference order, further proceedings were had on issues left open pending the ruling of the court on the major contentions of the parties, presentation of evidence and arguments on that phase of the case took an additional 13 days.

This was followed by hearings on the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and evidence in support thereof and on the proposed judgment and the objections thereto which required another ten days.

On March 14, 1968, comprehensive findings of fact and conclusions of law were signed and filed, and on the same day judgment after Trial by Court was filed. The judgment was entered the following day, March 15, 1968.

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Altogether, 317 days were taken in pretrial, trial and subsequent proceedings before judgment was entered.

- (b) Appellate Review and Decision. Los Angeles appealed from the trial court judgment. On May 12, 1975, the Supreme Court issued its opinion reversing the trial court decision and remanded the cause to the trial court for further proceedings consistent with its opinion. (14 Cal.3d 199.) On July 30, 1975, that opinion was modified in the order denying rehearing. (14 Cal.3d 952a [The full decision, as modified, is also set forth at 132 Cal. Rept. 1].)
- (c) Remittitur and Proceedings on Remand. The remittitur of the Supreme Court was issued on August 1, 1975, and is on file

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herein. The parties thereafter entered into informal negotiations to resolve the issues remaining by reason of the Supreme Court decision. On February 25, 1977, the Presiding Judge assigned this case to this Court for all purposes. It is the function of this Remand Procedure Order No. 1 to set forth the initial procedural rules and criteria to be followed in bringing this matter to final judgment.

ORDER

Based upon preliminary conference discussion with counsel for the respective parties, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following procedures shall govern and control proceedings on remand in the above-entitled matter:

Proposed Form of Findings, Conclusions and Judgment as to Matters Not in Dispute. Los Angeles shall submit on or before April 18, 1977, a proposed form of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment covering factual and legal issues not in . dispute and consistent with the decision of the Supreme Court. Each of the defendants shall have to May 30, 1977, in which to file objections to the form or substance of said proposed docu-Thereafter, the court will make and enter an interlocutory order continuing said Findings, Conclusions and Judgment provisions on all undisputed issues of fact and law. (Said-settled-documents will then constitute a framework for specific findings, conolusions and judgment provisions to be thereafter entered upon resolution of remaining disputed issues) Objections by defendants to proposed findings, conclusions or judgment provisions, therefore, may be either (a) by way of correction or addition to proposed findings and conclusions, or (b) by a statement that the subject

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IALD D. STARK TORNEY AT LAW BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE NE. CALIF. B2215 matter remains in issue and should be the subject of further proceedings. If the court shall determine that the latter objection raises a bona fide issue under the decision and order of the Supreme Court, no preliminary finding, conclusions or judgment provisions will be settled on that issue.

2. Interlocutory Judgments. It has been represented to the Court that the remaining issues as to many parties and hydrologic areas may well be subject to negotiation and stipulation, whereas significant dispute may remain as to other parties or hydrologic areas. Accordingly, the Court contemplates separating consideration of these several areas of agreement or disagreement and entering, where practical, interlocutory order, disposing of those matters which can be agreed upon. Similar orders will be entered following appropriate rulings on motions, or determination of disputed issues of fact following trial and the taking of evidence. It is then contemplated that final findings, conclusions and judgment will be entered incorporating the culture each of the interlocutory orders.

Based upon preliminary discussions with counsel, it appears that separate interlocutory orders will be utilized at least for the following specific subject matters:

- (a) Verdugo Basin
- (b) Sylmar Basin
- (c) San Fernando Basin

 (The San Fernando Basin interlocutory

 order may well result from separate

 consideration of the issues relative

 to three defendant groupings:

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- [1] Glendale and Burbank
- [2] Nonconsumptive or Minimal Users
- [3] Other Defendants.)
- 3. Further Trial on Contested Issues. To the extent that contested issues of fact or law remain, counsel for the respective parties involved are requested to prepare preliminary pretrial statements designating the factual and legal issues remaining and to seek appropriate stipulation as to factual and evidentiary material.
- 4. Subsequent Remand Procedure Orders. Because of the complexity and long history of this litigation, the Court deems it appropriate to fashion the procedures on remand as the occasion and circumstances develop. It is contemplated that if full procedure conference will be held in this matter in early June, 1977 of A:30 HM.

 The date to be set by subsequent order of the Court. Thereafter, from time to time, subsequent numbered remand procedure orders will be issued to govern and guide the conduct of proceedings herein. The parties are urged, in the meantime, to continue the informal, cooperative negotiations which have been evidenced in the preliminary conference with the Court on this matter.

DATED: March 18, 1977.

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