EXHIBIT "E"

TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER

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City_La	ncaster		State Calif	ornia	Zip Code 93535	
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Signati	ure of Transferee See Affached	Date

To be completed by the Watermaster: Watermaster Engineer Approval Phyllip & Stanin	Date
Watermaster Board Approval	Date

Signature of Transferor: HIGH DESERT DAIRY, LLC, a California limited liability company	
By: Dean Van Dam, Member 9/20/2022 Date	
By: Craig Van Dam, Member 9-23-22 Date	
A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.	
STATE OF New Mexico \$ COUNTY OF Curry \$ On 9.20.20, before me, Dean Ward Am , a Notary personally appeared DEAN VAN DAM, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, a by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument	se name and that
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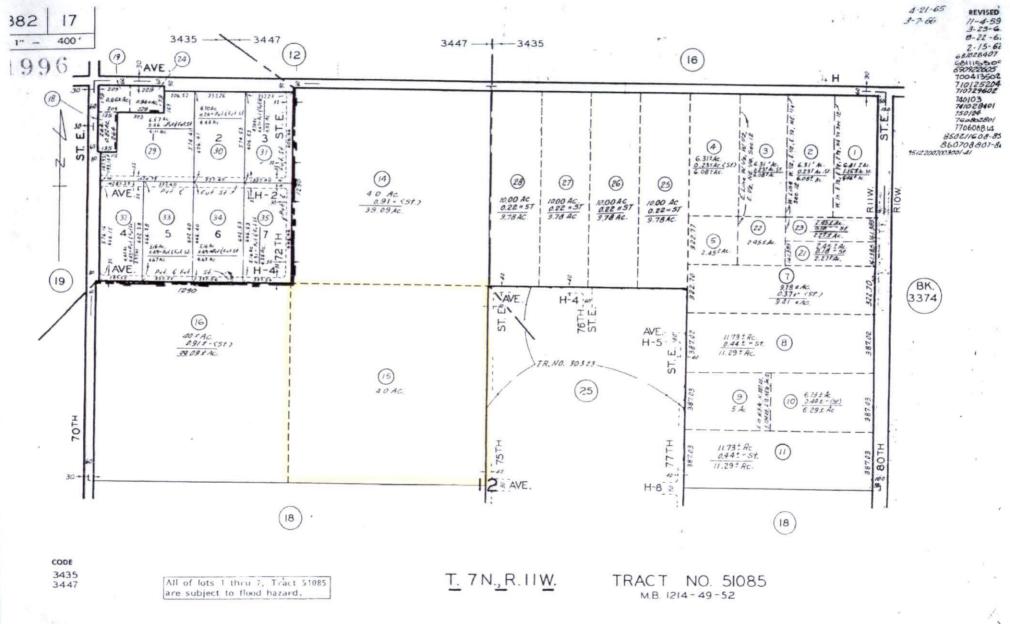
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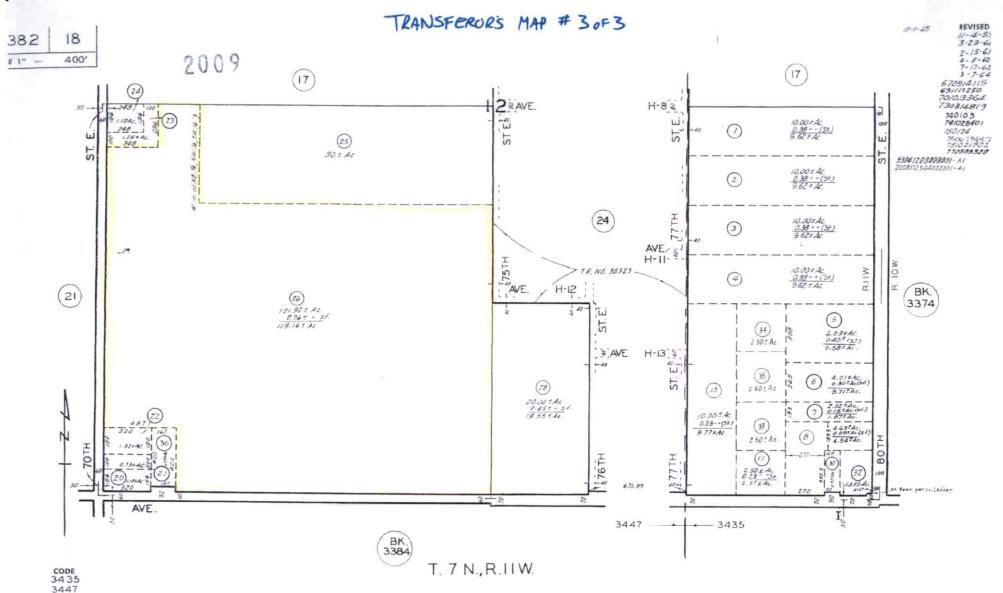
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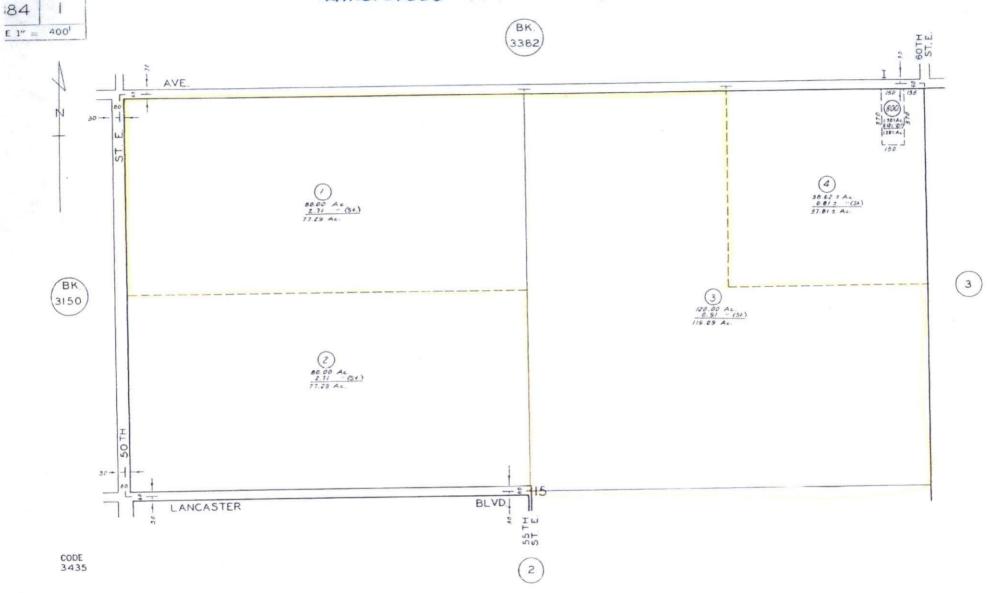
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EXHIBIT "F"

RESOLUTION NO. R-23-27

APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT; ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley Watermaster, formed by the Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases Final Judgment ("Judgment"), Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 signed December 23, 2015, is to administer the Judgment; and

WHEREAS, a process for considering and approving applications for transfers is set forth in the Judgment and in the Rules and Regulations unanimously adopted by the Board pursuant to Resolution No. R-20-12; and

WHEREAS, the Watermaster Engineer is authorized under the Judgment to recommend to the Watermaster Board that applications for transfers be denied or approved and that approval may be pursuant to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment, the Watermaster Engineer is required to make certain findings and to consider, investigate and recommend to the Watermaster Board denial or approval, or approval with certain conditions, of these applications consistent with the terms of the Judgment; and

WHEREAS, the Watermaster Engineer has reviewed all the applications listed on attached Exhibit A and has made the appropriate findings that all conditions for transfers under the Judgment and the Rules and Regulations have been satisfied, and that no Material Injury will result from the proposed transfers; and

WHEREAS, the Watermaster Board has considered and adopts the findings and recommendations of the Watermaster Engineer and is prepared to approve the applications listed on Exhibit A pursuant to any conditions recommended by the Watermaster Engineer and so noted on Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Watermaster Board unanimously approves the applications for transfers listed on attached Exhibit A to this Resolution as being consistent with the terms of the Judgment and applicable Rules and Regulations.

I certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. R-23-27 as passed by the Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Watermaster at its meeting held May 24, 2023, in Palmdale, California.

Date:	_
	Robert Parris, Chairman
ATTEST: Jessica Alwan – Secretary	<u> </u>

Exhibit A Attachment to Resolution No. R-23-27 Approving Applications for Transfers Pursuant to the Terms of the Judgment

Original Producer	Transferee	Type of Transfer	Amount	Original Parcel(s) (APN#)	Parcels Water Transferred to (APN#)
High Desert Dairy LLC	Craig and Marta Van Dam	Permanent Production Right	500 (AF)	3307-014-019; 3382-017-015; 3382-018-026	3384-001-001; 2284-001-003



March 6, 2023

Robert Parris, Chair Antelope Valley Watermaster Board

Re: High Desert Dairy, LLC, to Craig and Marta Van Dam

Watermaster Board:

High Desert Dairy, LLC, (High Desert Dairy) would like to transfer 500 acre-feet (AF) of permanent Production Rights to Craig and Marta Van Dam. This transfer is a distribution from the company, High Desert Dairy, to an individual member of the company, Craig Van Dam.

High Desert Dairy has 1,817 AFY in permanent Production Rights, which it received from the Van Dam Family Trust – 1996/High Desert Dairy split of rights in 2020. In total, 3,215 AFY of permanent production rights were split between four parties, and the Rampdown was split proportionally between the parties. This split of rights, which also transferred 466 AFY to Craig and Marta Van Dam, is detailed below.

Transferor	Transferee	Type of Transfer	Amount (AFY)	Original Parcel(s) (APN#)	Parcels Water Transferred to (APN#)	Type of Permanent Right Transferred	Voting Rights after Transfer
	High Desert Dairy LLC	Split up Production Rights (3,215 AF total)	1817	3307-014-019 3382-017-015 3382-018-026 3302-024-003 3302-024-903	3307-014-019 3382-017-015 3382-018-026	Exhibit 4 Production Right	No Change- Exhibit 4
Van Dam Family Trust - 1996; High Desert Dairy	Gary Van Dam (Including Sonrise Ranch)		466		3307-014-019 3382-017-015 3382-018-026 3382-011-009 3382-011-010 3386-028-012 3386-028-013 3386-028-014	Exhibit 4 Production Right	No Change- Exhibit 4
	Craig & Marta Van Dam		466		3220-006-097	Exhibit 4 Production Right	No Change- Exhibit 4
	Nick & Janet Van Dam		466		3302-024-003 3302-031-003 3302-024-903	Exhibit 4 Production Right	No Change- Exhibit 4

Craig and Marta Van Dam have 946 AF of Permanent Production Rights, including rights transferred in the split of rights discussed above. ¹

High Desert Dairy has six wells on the three parcels in the Central Antelope Subarea, shown in yellow on **Figure 1.** Annual production decreased from 6,266 AF in 2017 to 2,232.18 AF in 2021. Craig and Marta Van Dam own two agricultural wells on the two parcels shown in purple in **Figure 1.** Their parcels are also in the Central Antelope Subarea and about 1.4 miles west of the High Desert Dairy parcels. Their annual production has ranged from 0 to 158 AFY since 2018. Both parties produce water for agricultural use.

Hydrographs in **Figure 2** show that water levels are, for the most part, steady near the parcels for both Parties. USGS Well #80301 shows declining water levels in the late 1990s to the mid-2000s with relatively stable water levels since 2018. Water levels in the USGS Well #01301, adjacent to the High Desert Dairy parcels show increasing water levels. In general, water levels near Craig and Marta Van Dam's parcels have been stable since at least 2016.

This transfer results in a shift of location of water production within the same Subarea where water levels are generally stable. Without an increase in overall production in the area, no impacts are anticipated to local water levels, or groundwater in storage, I addition, no impacts are expected to water quality, local recharge, or inelastic land subsidence. Based on the information provided, Todd Groundwater finds the potential for Material Injury as defined in the Judgment negligible.

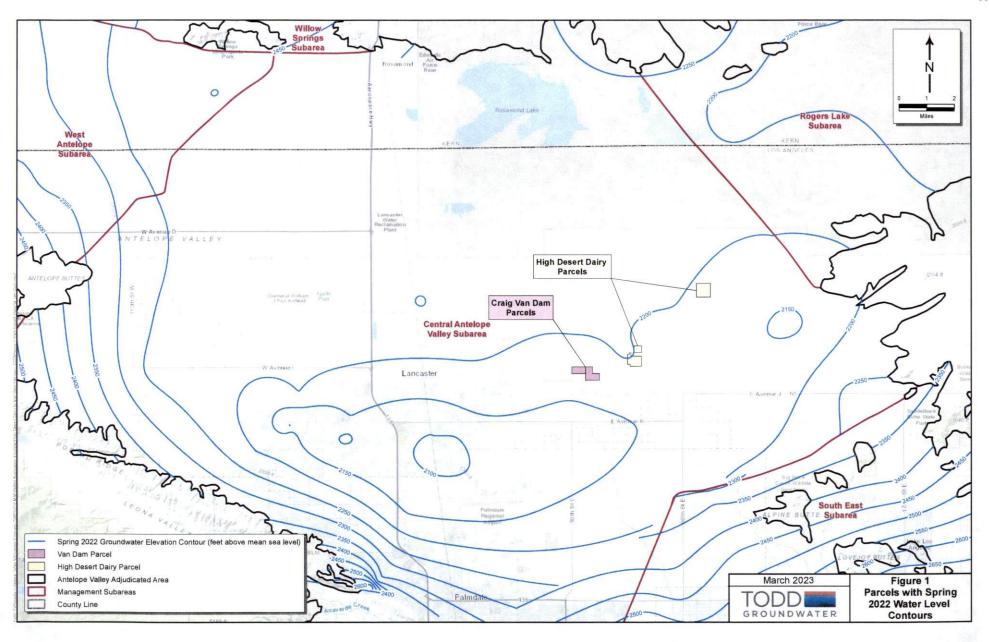
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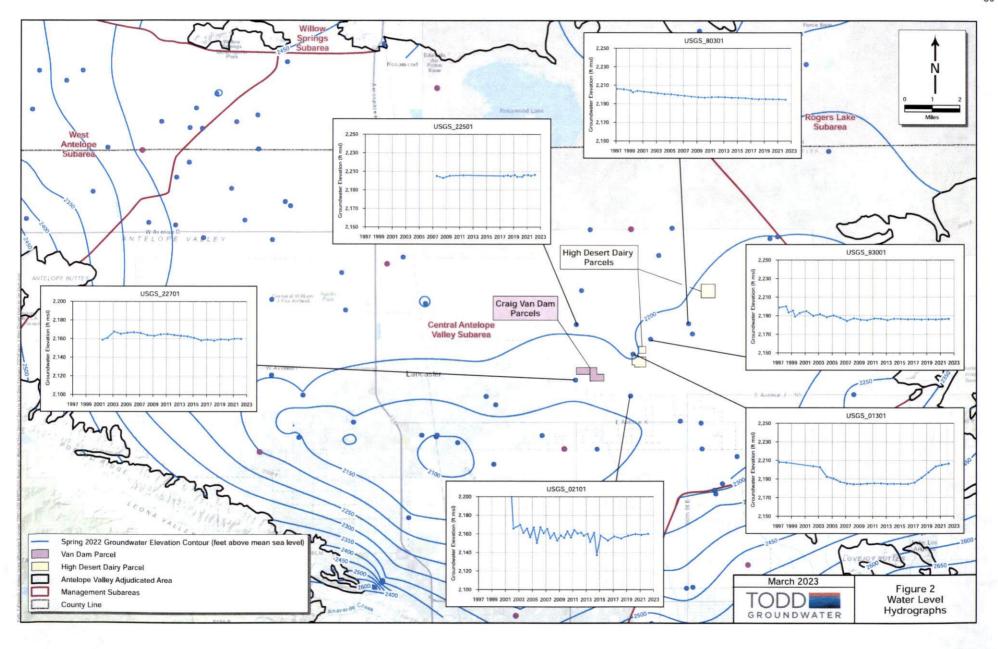
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Todd Groundwater, Antelope Valley Watermaster Engineer

¹ In addition to the 466 AFY received in the *Van Dam Family Trust* – 1996; High Desert Dairy Split of Rights in 2020, Craig and Marta Van Dam received 610 AFY in a Split of Rights Transfer from *Van Dam: Craig Van Dam, Marta Van Dam, Nick Van Dam, Janet Van Dam* in 2018. In 2020 they transferred 126 AFY of Permanent Production Rights to Calandri Farms and another 125 AFY in 2021. In 2021 they also transferred 1 AFY to *White Fence Farms MWC No 3* and 1 AFY to 40th Street East Water Group. In 2023 they transferred 1 AFY to Antelope





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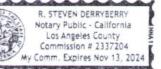
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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: (Seal)



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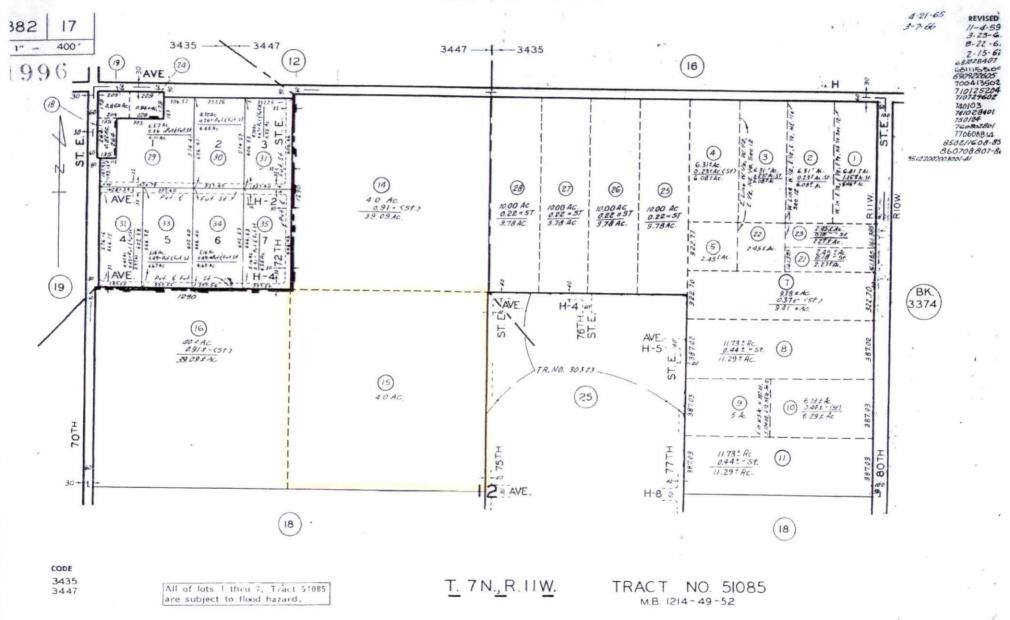
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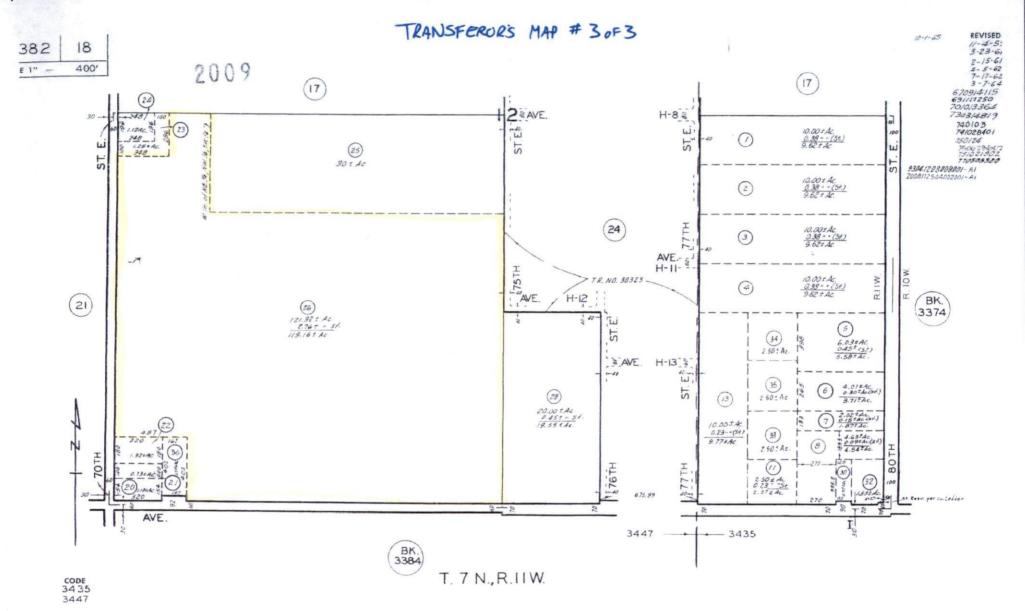
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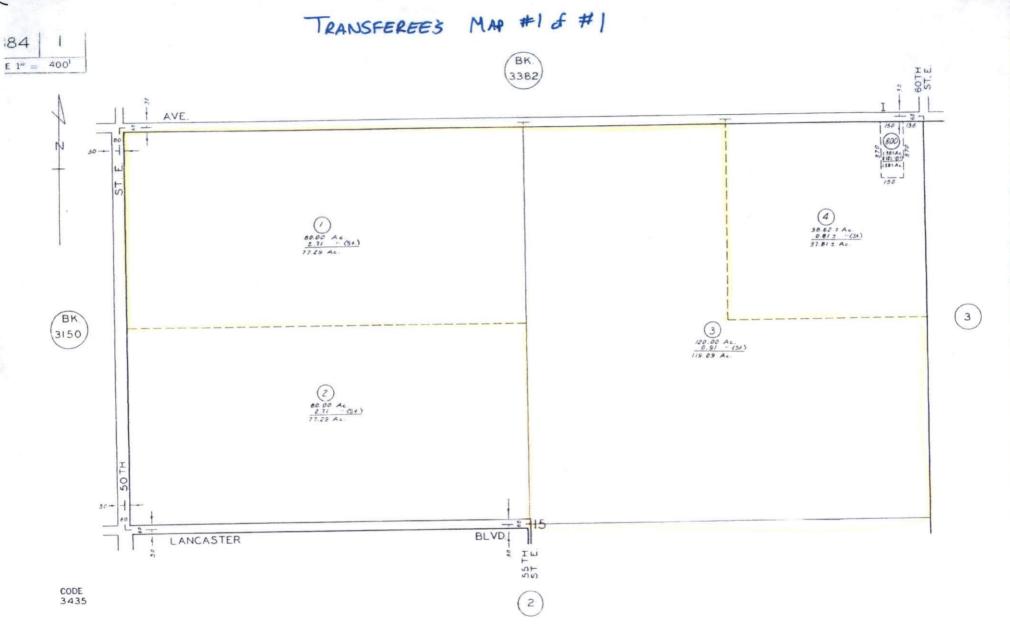
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EXHIBIT "G"

March 21, 2023

AV Watermaster Board of Directors
Craig Parton, Price, Postel & Parma LLP
Phyllis Stanin, Todd Groundwater
Jim Beck, Hallmark Group
Delivery via email 3/21/23

RE: March 22,2023 Agenda Item 12.f. R 23-27.

500 (AF) Transfer-High Desert Dairy LLC to Craig and Marta Van Dam

Dear AV Watermaster Board of Directors:

I, Gary Van Dam, equal member of High Desert Dairy LLC, am rejecting the validity of the above mentioned transfer. The requested transfer is in direct conflict with several Articles in the High Desert Dairy LLC Operating Agreement. There is no written agreement for the distribution of any water rights to be distributed to any Members of the High Desert Dairy LLC. The gift of 500 Acre Feet from High Desert Dairy LLC has not been discussed at a Noticed or Regular Meeting and has been hidden from Gary Van Dam. Therefore, this transfer is not valid. Craig Van Dam and Dean Van Dam are misrepresenting their right and authority to speak on behalf of High Desert Dairy LLC in the distribution of a major asset of the corporation.

The Operating Agreement states:

- <u>3.2 Company Powers</u> The Company has the power to do any and all acts reasonably necessary, appropriate, proper, advisable, incidental or convenient to or for the furtherance of the purposes and business described above and <u>the Company's protection and benefit</u>.
- $\underline{5.1(c)}$ Allocations and Distributions Each decision as to the timing, form and amount of distributions must be made by all the Members.
- 6.1(c) Management Each of the parties to the Agreement covenants with the others that it will at all times execute documents, consents and other instruments and act and cast, or cause or direct the casting of votes, and cause its nominee or nominees to so act and/or vote, to the extent permitted by law, as may be necessary or desirable to give full and proper effect to all the terms and provisions and the intentions of this Agreement and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to enable any transfers of Membership Interests permitted or required under this Agreement to be made. Each of the parties to this Agreement agrees that violation on its part of this covenant entitles any of the Members to the remedy of specific performance and to an injunction from any court of competent jurisdiction to prevent any breach of this covenant or any other covenant contained in this Agreement and to restrain any further violation of the covenant.

<u>6.4 Other Matters Concerning Members – Each Member severally represents and warrants to each other Member and to the Company that it is acquiring its interest in the Company for its own account for investment and not with a view to the distribution of it or with any present intention of distributing the interest, in each case, in violation of applicable securities laws.</u>

For the above reasons, I am requesting a Continuance.

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In the event this transfer is approved, AV Watermaster will assume the responsibility for a fraudulent transfer. AV Watermaster will be financially liable for the Value of the 500 Acre Feet, any Carryover Water and/or Pumped Water due to transferring a Corporate Asset without proper documentation and approvals. This will also include the loss of production of 500 acres of Dairy feed for the purpose of the High Desert Dairy LLC.

The Watermaster should not be put in the position to judge these documents.

Sincerely,

Gary Van Dam

High Desert Dairy LLC - Member

EXHIBIT "H"



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April 14, 2023

Craig A. Parton Price, Postel & Parma LLP 200 E. Carrillo Street, Suite 400 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Antelope Valley Watermaster Transfer of 500 Acre Feet between HIGH DESERT DAIRY, LLC and CRAIG VAN DAM

Dear Mr. Parton:

The remaining members of High Desert Dairy, LLC, a California limited liability company, (also the "Company") have asked that I respond to the letter delivered to the Antelope Valley Watermaster by member Gary Van Dam relative to the pending Transfer Request of 500 acre feet by High Desert Dairy, LLC, to Craig Van Dam. In am in receipt of Gary Van Dam's letter to the Antelope Valley Watermaster of March 21, 2023, which we understand prompted the tabling of any decision on the transfer request. This letter is intended to address the points raised by Gary Van Dam in said letter.

As a matter of history, on February 4, 2020, all of the members of High Desert Dairy, LLC, met at the accountancy offices of Genske, Mulder & Company, LLP, in Ontario, California. At the meeting, the members discussed at length the return of capital of various assets of High Desert Dairy, LLC, to the owners along with the continued operations of the Company. The resolution of that meeting, in part, included that Craig Van Dam was to receive the 500 acre feet of water rights from High Desert Dairy, LLC. Additionally, on that February 4, 2020, meeting, Craig Van Dam received a transfer of real property in Imperial County executed by Craig Van Dam and Dean Van Dam (I note said transfer has been conveyed and recorded). From that meeting other assets, including cattle, were transferred to Dean Van Dam. Thus, the pending transfer of the 500 acre feet to Craig Van Dam was approved unanimously at this meeting in the presence of High Desert Dairy, LLC,'s accountant Chris Garnier.

While Gary Van Dam has now voiced his objection to said return of capital, pursuant to the Operating Agreement of the company, which was previously supplied to the Antelope Valley Watermaster, his new objection is now moot. Contrary to Gary Van Dam's assertion, the transfer of the pending water rights to Craig Van Dam is not a distribution of profit (which admittedly requires unanimous consent of the members pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Operating Agreement of the Company) but a return of capital. Pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Operating Agreement of High Desert Dairy, LLC, a return of capital can only be done with the consent of a

April 14, 2023 Craig A. Parton Page 2

Majority of the Members. With each of the three members of the LLC carrying a one-third $(1/3^{rd})$ equal membership interest, the distribution to Craig Van Dam of the pending water transfer only requires the vote of two members. Hence, the signatures of Craig Van Dam and Dean Van Dam to the pending water transfer are all that is needed to convey the water rights before the Antelope Valley Watermaster.

Section 6.1(b) of the Operating Agreement of the Company provides that "the vote or consent of the Members means the vote or consent of holders of a majority of the Membership Interest. Any Member exercising management powers or responsibilities is deemed to be a manager..." As such, the signatures and consents of two of the three members of the Company provides the Company's consent to the application to transfer the water from the Company to Craig Van Dam.

For the aforementioned reasons, the transfer from High Desert Dairy, LLC, to Craig Van Dam of 500 acre feet should be approved by the Antelope Valley Watermaster.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

DERRYBERRY & ASSOCIATES LLP

By

R. STEVEN DERRYBERRY

Attorney at Law

EXHIBIT "I"

Richard Marcus

From:

Richard Marcus

Sent:

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 2:08 PM

To:

cap@ppplaw.com

Subject:

Fwd: Antelope Valley Watermaster Transfer of 500 Acre Feet between High Desert Dairy,

LLC and Craig Van Dam

Attachments:

attachment 5.23.23.pdf

Begin forwarded message:

From: Richard Marcus < richard@attorneyrichardmarcus.com>

Date: May 23, 2023 at 3:51:00 PM PDT

To: "Craig Van Dam (avfarming@yahoo.com)" <avfarming@yahoo.com>, avfarming1@yahoo.com Subject: FW: Antelope Valley Watermaster Transfer of 500 Acre Feet between High Desert Dairy, LLC

and Craig Van Dam

FYI

From: Richard Marcus

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 3:50 PM

To: cap@ppp.com; Rsaperstein@bhfs.com; Steven Derryberry <Steven@derryberrylawyers.com>;

info@dewberrylawyers.com

Subject: Antelope Valley Watermaster Transfer of 500 Acre Feet between High Desert Dairy, LLC and

Craig Van Dam

Craig A. Parton, Esq. Price Postel & Parma LLP 200 E. Carillo Street, Suite 400 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Antelope Valley Watermaster Transfer of 500 Acre Feet between High Desert Dairy, LLC and Craig Van Dam

Dear Mr. Parton:

Please be advised that this office has been retained to represent Craig Van Dam with regard to the issue of the above referenced transfer request. I include herewith a declaration under penalty of perjury signed by Mr. Garnier, the accountant who attended the meeting between all three Van Dam siblings which took place on February 4, 2020 where it was unanimously agreed that 500 acre feet would be transferred from High Desert Dairy, LLC to Craig Van Dam as a return of capital.

I also include herewith minutes of the meeting signed by Craig and Dean Van Dam and approved by Mr. Garnier confirming, amongst other things, the transfer of the 500 acre feet of water to my client as a return of capital.

Please let this letter also formally serve as notice that my client has agreed to sign a "standard" indemnification agreement that would personally indemnify the Antelope Valley Watermaster and any other necessary parties from any and all claims of Gary Van Dam regarding the transfer.

A limited liability company is a member-managed liability company unless the articles of organization contain a statement to the effect that the limited liability company is to be manager-managed. Corp. Code, § 17704.07, subd. (a). In a member-managed liability company, the management and conduct of the limited liability company are vested in the members. Corp. Code, § 17704.07, subd. (b)(1). Except as otherwise provided, each member has equal rights in the management and conduct of the limited liability company's activities including equal voting rights. Corp. Code, § 17704.07, subd. (b)(2). A difference arising among members as to a matter in the ordinary course of the activities of the limited liability company must be decided by a majority of the members. Corp. Code, § 17704.07, subd. (b)(3).

High Desert Dairy, LLC is a member managed LLC. Paragraph 6. of the amended and restated Operating Agreement ("Operating Agreement") of HIGH DESERT DAIRY, LLC made effective January 1, 2017 provides as follows:

- 6. Management and Operation of Business
- 6.1 Management
- (a) Gertrude shall be the manager of the everyday operations of the Company, however, Gertrude may delegate tasks and duties to the other Members from time to time.
- (b) Otherwise, the Company's management of the Company is vested in the Members. For purposes of this Agreement, unless otherwise expressly stated, the vote or consent of the Members means the vote or consent of holders of a majority of the Membership Interests. Any Member exercising management powers or responsibilities is deemed to be a manager for purposes of applying the provisions of the LLCL, unless the context otherwise requires. The Members have and are subject to all of the duties and liabilities of managers provided in the LLCL. Pursuant to the LLCL, no formal meeting or written consent of the Members is required to make decisions or to take actions on behalf of the Company. [emphasis added].

Thus, pursuant to the CA Corporation Code, and the Operating Agreement, because High Desert Dairy is a member managed LLC, a majority vote is required for the LLC to take action in the event of a disagreement between its members.

Further, Paragraph 4.4 of the amended and restated Operating Agreement ("Operating Agreement") of HIGH DESERT DAIRY, LLC made effective January 1, 2017 provides as follows:

Except as provided in Section 11.1 of this Agreement, no Member has the right to withdraw any portion of the Member's Capital Account <u>without the consent of a Majority of the Members</u>. In accordance with the LLCL, a Member may, under certain circumstances, be required to return to the Company, for the benefit of the Company or the Company's creditors, amounts previously wrongfully distributed to the Member. [emphasis added].

All three members approved of the transfer to Craig Van Dam on February 20, 2020. A deed to reconvey real property was delivered to my client as part of this agreement. Gary Van Dam cannot pick and choose the portions that are acceptable after partial performance of that agreement.

However, even if Gary were to take the position that he never consented to the transfer at the meeting of February 4th, 2020, pursuant to Code, Paragraph 6 and paragraph 4.3 of the Operating Agreement, a majority vote is all that is needed to effectuate the transfer. Despite what Gary may argue, he would not have the unilateral authority as "manager" to decide this issue.

While Paragraph 5.1(b) of the Operating Agreement provides that: "Each decision as to the timing, form and amount of "distributions" must be made by all the Members.", this provision of the agreement pertains to the distribution of **profit**, and not a return on capital. A return on capital requires a majority vote under Sections 6. and 4.4.

In conclusion, all three brothers unanimously voted and approved the transfer of the 500 acre feet to Craig Van Dam on February 4th, 2020. To the extent that Gary has had a change of mind, because the transfer of water rights was only a portion of the agreement reached between the parties, the entire agreement would have to be unwound in order for it to be rescinded.

<u>Assuming arguendo</u> that Gary never consented to the transaction, under the Cal. Corporation Code, and the Operating Agreement, a majority vote is all that is needed regarding a return on capital. Inasmuch as my client is willing to indemnify the Antelope Valley Watermaster, and a proper application is currently before the Watermaster, it is respectfully requested that the transfer be approved and effectuated.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Marcus, Esq.

CC: <u>info@dewberrylawyers.com</u> (R. Steven Dewberry, Esq.)
<u>Rsaperstein@bhfs.com</u> (Robert J. Saperstein, Esq.)

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Nothing in this message should be interpreted as a digital or electronic signature that can be used to authenticate a contract or other legal document. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE MOVED TO SUITE 205:

Richard A. Marcus, Esq. Law Offices of Richard A. Marcus 28494 Westinghouse Place, Suite 205 Valencia, CA 91355 (661) 257-8877 Fax: (661) 775-9423

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF HIGH DESERT DAIRY, LLC

The special meeting of the members of HIGH DESERT DAIRY, LLC, a California limited liability company ("the Company"), was held at the offices of Genske, Mulder & Company, LLP at 4150 E. Concours, Ste. 250, Ontario, California 91464, the 4th Day of February, 2020.

The following members of the Company were present, comprising of all of the members of the Company:

GARY VAN DAM CRAIG VAN DAM DEAN VAN DAM

Also present by previous invitation of the members was Chris Garnier, CPA.

The members conducted the meeting to address the financial status of the Company, the return of capital of various assets to the members and general business of the Company.

All of the members were present and consented to the holding of the meeting.

The members discussed in detail the return of capital of various assets of the Company. After lengthy discuss on the division of capital assets to the members of the Company, attached hereto is a spreadsheet comprising the return of capital of assets on the books of the Company. The members approved and executed a deed to convey real property which was agreed to be conveyed to an assignee company of Craig Van Dam, namely Imperial County APNs 202-180-009, 020-180-022, 020-180-023, 035-030-005, 020-120-011, 020-180-025, 020-80-029 and 020-180-030, with said deed delivered to Craig Van Dam.

The members agreed to convey the remaining properties or assets of capital to the members thereafter pursuant to the attached schedule of assets.

After approximately four (4) hours of discussion of business between the members of the Company, the meeting was adjourned.

CRAIG VAN DAM

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Approved:

CHRIS GARNIER, CPA

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DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER SCOTT GARNIER. CPA

I, Christopher Scott Garnier, hereby declare:

The facts stated herein are within my personal knowledge, and I further affirmatively state that if sworn as a witness, I would and could testify competently thereto.

- I am a Certified Public Accountant, in good standing and duly licensed by the California Board of Accountancy, License No. 93153.
- 2. My business address is Genske, Mulder & Company, LLP, 4150 E. Concourse. Ste 250, Ontario, CA 91764. My phone number is (909) 483-2100.
- 3. On or about February 4, 2020, a special meeting of the Members of High Desert Dairy, LLC was held at my office by and between myself and Gary Van Dam, Craig Van Dam and Dean Van Dam.
- 4. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issue of the allocation of assets for eventual distribution of capital.
- 5. We discussed the equity accounts of the dairy as it relates to each member. Then we discussed allocating specific assets to each member based upon their membership capital account.
- 6. Water acre feet were discussed and I recall the three Van Dam Brothers allocating 500 acre feet of water rights to Craig Van Dam.
- 7. A distribution is defined under Cal corp § 17701.02(f) as follows:

 (f) "Distribution," except as otherwise provided in subdivision (g) of Section 17704.05, means a transfer of money or other property from a limited liability company to another person on account of a transferable interest.
- 8. Different "distributions" are available to members of a California Limited Liability Company.
 - 9. A return of capital is a non-dividend distribution.
- 10. The transfer of 500 acre feet by High Desert Dairy, LLC to Craig Van Dam constitutes a return on capital distribution.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct within the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this 23rd day of May, 2023.

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT GARNIER

EXHIBIT "J"

Antelope Valley Watermaster Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency 6450 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551

or

Website: https://zoom.us/j/687127281 Teleconference: (669) 900-6833 Access Code: 687 127 281

This meeting may be recorded

1) Call to Order at 10:00 a.m.

2) Roll Call

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert Parris, AVEK Representative – Chairperson Kathy MacLaren, Public Water Supplier Representative – Vice-Chairperson Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40 Representative Brandon Calandri, Landowner Representative Derek Yurosek, Landowner Representative Matthew Knudson, AVEK Representative Alternate

Jim Beck, Hallmark Group – Watermaster Administrator
Jessica Alwan, Hallmark Group – Watermaster Administrator
Joshua Montoya, Hallmark Group – Watermaster Administrator
Phyllis Stanin, Todd Groundwater – Watermaster Engineer
Arden Wells, Todd Groundwater – Watermaster Engineer
Craig Parton, Price, Postel & Parma LLP – General Counsel
Cameron Goodman, Price, Postel & Parma LLP – General Counsel

3) Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously
carried to adopt the agenda with the modification of moving agenda item 12A to after agenda
item 20.

4) Public comments for non-agenda items

- The Board heard from Gailen Kyle who requested to have the Watermaster send a letter to the Sheriff to coordinate efforts to identify illegal pumping.
- The Board directed Legal Counsel to prepare a letter that included a threat of water theft and water contamination.

5) Consent Agenda

Item	Description	
a.	Financial Report and Payment of bills through April 30, 2023	
b .	Minutes of April 26, 2023, Regular Meeting	

A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to adopt the Consent Agenda.

6) Advisory Committee Report

Item Description			
a.	Advisory Committee Written Report		

7) Administrative Committee Report

Item	Description	
a.	Administrative Committee Report	

8) Public Hearing to consider Amendment to the Rules and Regulations Placing Limitation on New Production and for Repayment of Delinquent RWA's

Iten	Description		· · ·			
a.	a. Opening of the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m.					
	(i) Present Amendments to Rules and Regulations	٠.				
	(ii) Public Comments					
b.	Closing of Public Hearing at 10:14 a.m.					

9) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Amendment to the Rules and Regulations

Item	Description	
a.	R-23-35	Amendment to the Rules and Regulations Placing Limitations on New Production
	·	A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-35 Amendment to the Rules and Regulations Placing Limitations on New Production.
b.	R-23-36	Amendment to the Rules and Regulations for Repayment of Delinquent RWA's
		A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Yurosek, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-36 Amendment to the Rules and Regulations for Repayment of Delinquent Replacement Water Assessments.

10) Consideration and Possible Action on Hallmark Group's Amendment No. 2

Item	Description
a.	Update on Cash Flow and FDIC Insurance
b.	Amendment No. 2 to the Consulting Services Agreement to Complete a Rate Assessment, Outreach, and Develop Fiscal Policy for 2024 Fee Schedule
	A motion was made by Director Yurosek, seconded by Director Bryden to approve Hallmark Group's Amendment No. 2 as presented.
	A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to amend Director Yurosek's motion to approve Hallmark Group's Amendment No. 2 as presented with the removal of ad hoc meetings with the Administrative Committee.
	removal of ad hoc meetings with the Administrative Committee.

A motion was made by Director Yurosek, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried to approve Hallmark Group's Amendment No. 2 as presented with the removal of ad hoc meetings with the Administrative Committee.

A motion was made by Director Yurosek, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried to hold a public hearing at the June 28, 2023 Board meeting to present a supplement fee with an undetermined rate.

11) Consideration and Possible Action on Annual Audit

Item	Description
a.	Update on Annual Audit
b.	Approval of Hallmark Amendment for Financial Statement Discrepancy Resolution
	A motion was made by Director Yurosek, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried to approve Hallmark Amendment for Financial Statement Discrepancy Resolution.

12) Consideration and Possible Action on Transfer application

Item	Resolution No	Description
a.	R-23-27	High Desert Dairy to Craig Van Dam
		The Board tabled this item to be presented at the June 28, 2023 Board meeting.
b.	R-23-38	Steven and Denise Godde to West Valley County Water
	·	A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-38 Transfer application for Steven and Denise Godde to West Valley County Water.

13) Consideration and Possible Action on New Production application

Item	Resolution No	. Description
a.	R-23-39	LADWP (1 AF)
		A motion was made by Director Yurosek, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-39 New Production application for City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

14) Consideration and Possible Action on New Point of Extraction

Item	Resolution No	Description
a.	R-23-40	Gene Wheeler Farms
		A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-40 New Point of Extraction application for Gene Wheeler Farms.

15) Administrator's Report

Iter	n Description
a.	Update on Administration Activities
	Matthew Knudson provided an update the RWA for 2023 will be presented at the June 28, 2023 Board meeting.

16) Watermaster Engineer's Report

Item	Description	 	
a.	Summary of New Production and Qualified Small Pumpers		
b.	Model Update	 	
c.	Annual Report Update		

17) General Counsel's Report

Item	Description	 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
a.	Update on Court Proceedings	
b.	Update on Watermaster Authority to Gather Delinquent Annual Reports	

18) Board Members Request for Future Agenda Items

19) Closed Session, Conference with Legal Counsel General Counsel's Report

A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Yurosek, and unanimously carried enter closed session.

Item	Description
a.	CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
	[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] Watermaster Motion against Zamrzla Parties
b.	CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
	[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] Watermaster Motion against Rancho Sierra Properties, LLC
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	[Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] Watermaster Motion against Antelope Valley Resource
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f.	CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSELANTICIPATED LITIGATION
	Initiation of liftigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): one potential case

A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Yurosek, and unanimously carried exit closed session.

20) Closed Session Report No reportable action

21) Adjournment

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 2:01p.m.

Jessica Alwan, Secretary

Robert Parris, Chairperson

Date

EXHIBIT "K"

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

THIS INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made effective as of April 26, 2023, by Craig Van Dam ("Indemnitor"), TO AND IN FAVOR OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER ("Watermaster").

RECITALS

- A. The Watermaster is tasked with administering the Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases Final Judgment, Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 signed December 23, 2015 (the "Judgment"), including but not limited to reviewing applications for transfers of Groundwater as set forth in the Judgment and the Watermaster Rules and Regulations. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement will have the meanings given to those terms in the Judgment.
- B. Indemnitor has requested Watermaster approval of a transfer of 500 acre-feet per year (AFY) of Exhibit 4 Production Rights from High Desert Dairy LLC, a California limited liability company ("High Desert Dairy").
- C. The Watermaster Rules and Regulations authorize the Watermaster to require any person, Party or Parties requesting a transfer to indemnify the Watermaster, as a condition for approving the transfer, for any costs and legal fees incurred by the Watermaster resulting from a challenge to that person, Party or Parties' legal authority to enter into such transfer, or to a person's authority to execute a Transfer Request Form on behalf of a Party thereto.
- D. The Watermaster has approved the proposed transfer from High Desert Dairy to Indemnitor, subject to certain conditions, including but not limited to the requirement that Indemnitor execute and deliver this Agreement to the Watermaster.

AGREEMENTS

NOW THEREFORE, in order to induce the Watermaster to approve the proposed transfer from High Desert Dairy to Indemnitor described in the foregoing Recitals, and in consideration of the matters described in the foregoing Recitals, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Indemnitor hereby certifies and agrees as follows:

1. Indemnification. Indemnitor agrees to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Watermaster, its directors, officers, agents, attorneys or employees, at Indemnitor's sole expense, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or other legal proceedings brought against the Watermaster, its directors, officers, agents, attorneys or employees arising out of the Watermaster's action to approve the proposed transfer from High Desert Dairy to Indemnitor described in the foregoing Recitals (the "Claims."). Indemnitor's indemnity obligations provided for hereunder shall apply whenever any claim, action, complaint or suit asserts liability against the Watermaster, its directors, officers, agents, attorneys or employees based upon the Watermaster's action to approve the proposed transfer from High Desert Dairy to Indemnitor

described in the foregoing Recitals, whether or not Indemnitor is specifically named or otherwise asserted to be liable.

- 2. Payment of Watermaster's Expenses. In the event the Claims are pursued against the Watermaster, the Watermaster shall so notify Indemnitor in writing. The Watermaster shall have sole discretion to select the legal counsel to defend the Watermaster in connection with the Claims, at Indemnitor's sole expense. The parties shall mutually cooperate in good faith to pursue all available defenses to the Claims. Indemnitor shall keep the Watermaster fully informed regarding all activities in the Claims, and the Watermaster shall reasonably cooperate in the defense of such Claims, including the execution of all legal documents reasonably necessary to properly defend against the Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, Indemnitor acknowledges and agrees that the Watermaster may retain the law firm currently serving as the Watermaster's General Counsel, Price, Postel & Parma, LLP ("PPP"), as legal counsel to defend the Watermaster in connection with the Claims, and that PPP may charge its standard litigation rates in connection with such defense, all of which shall be at Indemnitor's sole expense pursuant to this Agreement.
- 3. Successors and Assigns. The indemnification contained in this Agreement shall be continuing, irrevocable and binding on Indemnitor and Indemnitor's successors and assigns; and this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Watermaster and Watermaster's successors and assigns.
- 4. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained in this Agreement.
- 5. Amendment and Waiver. This Agreement may not be amended except by a writing signed by all parties hereto nor shall observance of any term of this Agreement be waived except with the written consent of the Watermaster.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed effective as of the date first above written.

INDEMNITOR:

Craig Van Dam

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- B. High Desert Dairy LLC, a California limited liability company ("High Desert Dairy") has requested Watermaster approval of a transfer of 500 acre-feet per year (AFY) of Exhibit 4 Production Rights to Craig Van Dam ("Craig").
- C. Indemnitor is a member of High Desert Dairy and has executed the aforementioned transfer request on behalf of High Desert Dairy.
- D. The Watermaster Rules and Regulations authorize the Watermaster to require any person, Party or Parties requesting a transfer to indemnify the Watermaster, as a condition for approving the transfer, for any costs and legal fees incurred by the Watermaster resulting from a challenge to that person, Party or Parties' legal authority to enter into such transfer, or to a person's authority to execute a Transfer Request Form on behalf of a Party thereto.
- E. The Watermaster has approved the proposed transfer from High Desert Dairy to Craig, subject to certain conditions, including but not limited to the requirement that Indemnitor execute and deliver this Agreement to the Watermaster.

AGREEMENTS

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the Watermaster, its directors, officers, agents, attorneys or employees based upon the Watermaster's action to approve the proposed transfer from High Desert Dairy to Craig described in the foregoing Recitals, whether or not Indemnitor is specifically named or otherwise asserted to be liable.

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- 3. Successors and Assigns. The indemnification contained in this Agreement shall be continuing, irrevocable and binding on Indemnitor and Indemnitor's successors and assigns; and this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Watermaster and Watermaster's successors and assigns.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed effective as of the date first above written.

INDEMNITOR:

Dean Van Dam

EXHIBIT "L"

Antelope Valley Watermaster Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Antelope Valley – East Kern Water Agency 6450 West Avenue N, Palmdale, CA 93551

1) Call to Order at 10:00 a.m.

2) Roll Call

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert Parris, AVEK Representative – Chairperson
Kathy MacLaren, Public Water Supplier Representative – Vice-Chairperson
Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Waterworks District 40 Representative
Brandon Calandri, Landowner Representative
Derek Yurosek, Landowner Representative
Matthew Knudson, AVEK Representative Alternate
Angelica Martin, Landowner Representative Alternate
Adrienne Lewis Reca, Landowner Representative Alternate

Jim Beck, Hallmark Group – Watermaster Administrator
Jacqueline Harris, Hallmark Group – Watermaster Administrator
Joshua Montoya, Hallmark Group – Watermaster Administrator
Phyllis Stanin, Todd Groundwater – Watermaster Engineer
Arden Wells, Todd Groundwater – Watermaster Engineer
Craig Parton, Price, Postel & Parma LLP – General Counsel
Cameron Goodman, Price, Postel & Parma LLP – General Counsel

3) Adoption of the Agenda

• A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda with the modification of removing agenda item 19.

4) Public comments for non-agenda items

5) Consent Agenda

Item	Description		•
a.	Financial Report and Payment of bills through April 30, 2023	,	
b.	Minutes of April 26, 2023, Regular Meeting		

A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to adopt the Consent Agenda.

6) Advisory Committee Report

Item	Description	
a,	Advisory Committee Written Report	

7) Administrative Committee Report

Item	Description	,	
a.	Administrative Committee Report		

8) Public Hearing to consider 2023 Supplemental Administrative Assessment

Item Description

a. Opening of the Public Hearing at 10:16 a.m.

(i) Present Amendments to Rules and Regulations

(ii) Public Comments

b. Closing of Public Hearing at 11:14 a.m.

9) Consideration and Possible Action to Approve 2023 Supplemental Administrative Assessment

9) (Consideration a	nd Possible Action to Approve 2023 Supplemental Administrative Assessment
Item	Description	
a.	R-23-41	2023 Supplemental Administrative Assessment
	,	A motion was made by Director Bryden, seconded by Director MacLaren, to move the agenda item to the July Board meeting to continue discussion and LA County Water District 40 pay their 2024 Fixed Assessment now and other large water providers consider paying now as well. This motion did not pass.
		Roll Call Vote Yes: Parris, MacLaren, Bryden. No: Calandri, Yurosek.
		A motion was made by Director Yurosek, seconded by Director Calandri to approve the \$5 supplemental fee as presented by staff. This motion did not pass.
		Roll Call Vote Yes: Parris, Calandri, Yurosek. No: MacLaren, Bryden.
		The Board directed staff to have a public hearing at the July 26, 2023 Board meeting to adopt the 2023 supplemental administrative assessment.

10) Consideration and Possible Action on Hallmark Group's Amendment No. 4

Item	Description
a.	Amendment No. 4 to Administer the 2023 Supplemental Administrative Assessment
	The Board tabled this agenda item to the July 23, 2023 Board meeting.

Director Yurosek left the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and Alternate Adrienne Lewis Reca took Director Yurosek's place.

11) Public Hearing to Consider 2023 Replacement Water Assessment

Item	Description	(
a.	Opening of the Public Hearing at 12:15 p.m.	·
	(i) Present 2023 Replacement Water Assessment	
	(ii) Public Comments	
b.	Closing of Public Hearing at 12:23 p.m.	

12) Consideration and Possible Action on Adopting Replacement Water Assessment for Year 2023

Item	Description	
a.	R-23-42	Replacement Water Assessment for Year 2023
		A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, to move the agenda item to the July Board meeting. This motion did not pass. Yes: None. No: Parris, MacLaren, Bryden, Calandri, Yurosek.
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri and unanimously carried to approve R-23-42 Replacement Water Assessment for Year 2023.

13) Consideration and Possible Action on 2022 Annual Audit

Item	Description
a.	Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting and Filing the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended December 31, 2022.
	Jonathan Abadesco from C.J. Brown & Company CPAs provided an overview of the 2022 Annual Audit.
	A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri and unanimously carried to accept and file the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended December 31, 2022.

14) Consideration and Possible Action on Accepting Revised Replacement Water Payment Plan for Joshua Acres Mutual Water Company

Item	Description
a.	Revised Replacement Water Payment Plan for Joshua Acres Mutual Water Company
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	A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri and unanimously carried to accept
	the revised replacement water payment plan for Joshua Acres Mutual Water Company,

15) Update on Amendment to Rules and Regulations for Delinquent Annual Production Reports

Itemi	Description
a,	Update on Amendment to Rules and Regulations for Delinquent Annual Production Reports
	Legal counsel provided an update on the Amendment to Rules and Regulations for Delinquent Annual
	Production Reports and informed the Board this item would be presented as a public hearing at the July 26,
	2023 Board meeting.

16) Consideration and Possible Action on Transfer application

Item	Resolution No	Description
a.	R-23-37	AVEK to LACW District 40
		A motion was made by Director Bryden, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-37 Transfer Application for AVEK to LACW District 40.
b.	R-23-43	Pamela Godde to Robertson's Ready Mix
		A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-43 Transfer Application for Pamela Godde to Robertson's Ready Mix.
c.	R-23-44	Steven and Denise Godde to Robertson's Ready Mix
		A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-44 Transfer Application for Steven and Denise Godde to Robertson's Ready Mix.
d.	R-23-45	Pamela Godde to WVCWD
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-45 Transfer Application for Pamela Godde to WVCWD.
e.	R-23-46	R&M to RTS (Permanent)
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-46 Transfer Application for R&M to RTS.
f.	R-23-47	R&M to RTS (Temporary)
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-47 Transfer Application for R&M to RTS.
g.	R-23-48	Steven and Richard Selak to 40 th St. E
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-48 Transfer Application for Steven and Richard Selak to 40 th St. E.

h.	R-23-49	Tierra Bonita to Bolthouse
		Director Calandri recused himself and exited the room for the vote and discussion. Alternate Director Reca participated in his stead.
		A motion was made by Director Martin, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-49 Transfer Application for Tierra Bonita to Bolthouse.

17) Consideration and Possible Action on New Production application

Item	n Resolution No. Description		
a.	R-23-04	Barrel Springs	
		Director Calandri rejoined the meeting.	
		No action was taken.	
b.	R-23-50	Banuk	
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-50 New production application for Banuk.	
c.	R-23-51	Camilleri	
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-51 New production application for Camilleri.	

18) Consideration and Possible Action on New Point of Extraction

Item	Resolution No	. Description
a.	R-23-52	Gailen and Julie Kyle
		A motion was made by Director MacLaren, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-52 New Point of Extraction application for Gailen and Julie Kyle.

19) Consideration and Possible Action on Groundwater Banking and Recovery Storage

Item	Resolution No	Description
a.	R-23-55	Antelope Valley-East Kern Agency
		This item was removed from the agenda.
	P. (1)	This item was removed from the agenda.

20) Consideration and possible action on Well application

a.	R-23-53	Keith Mettler - Replacement Well Application
		A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-53 Keith Mettler Replacement of Existing Well Application.
b.	R-23-54	Keith Mettler – Replacement Well Application
		A motion was made by Director Bryden, seconded by Director Calandri, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. R-23-54 Keith Mettler Replacement of Existing Well Application.

21) Administrator's Report

Item	Description		
a.	Update on Administration Activities		
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	Nothing to report.		

22) Watermaster Engineer's Report

Item	Description
a.	Summary of New Production and Qualified Small Pumpers
b.	Model Update
c.	Annual Report Update

23) General Counsel's Report

It	em	Description
	1.	Update on Court Proceedings
	o.	Update on Watermaster Authority to Gather Delinquent Annual Reports

24) Board Members Request for Future Agenda Items

The Board requested to revisit the unanimous vote and see if this can be changed.

25) Closed Session, Conference with Legal Counsel General Counsel's Report

A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Bryden, and unanimously carried enter closed session.

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	Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): one potential case

A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director MacLaren, and unanimously carried exit closed session.

26) Closed Session Report

No reportable action

27) Consideration and Possible Action on Transfer Application

ltem	Item Resolution No. Description		
a.	R-23-27	High Desert Dairy to Craig Van Dam	
		Director Parris recused himself and exited the room for the vote and discussion. Alternate Director Knudson participated in his stead.	
		A motion was made by Director Calandri, seconded by Director Martin, to approve Resolution No. R-23-27 Transfer Application High Desert Dairy to Craig Van Dam and the application was not approved.	
		Roll Call Vote: Kathy MacLaren – Abstain Matt Knudson – Recuse Russ Bryden - Yes Angelica Martin - Yes Brandon Calandri - Yes	

28) Adjournment

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 2:57 p.m.

Jessica Alwan, Secretary

Kathy MacLaren, Vice-Chairperson

7/26/2023

Date