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**VIA DOCKET AND**  
**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Honorable Jack Komar  
Santa Clara Superior Court  
Department 17  
191 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: *Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases*  
J.C.C.P. No. 4408

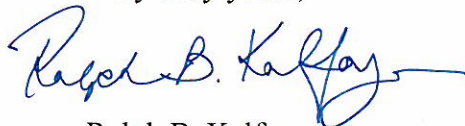
Dear Judge Komar:

In advance of tomorrow's conference, the Willis class wishes to update the Court on some of the issues it identified in its statement filed February 23, 2009.

Best Best & Krieger (BBK) has agreed to continue the Willis class opt-out period to April 1, 2009, in order to allow landowners additional time to submit their response forms. A new notice is unnecessary, but response forms can continue to be processed as "timely" until April 1, 2009. We will put a statement to that effect on the Class web site. BBK has also advised us that approximately 500 landowners in the Willis class were not mailed a notice due to incomplete address information. We have agreed that a further address search will be performed to locate those landowners and notice will be mailed out accordingly. Lastly, BBK has agreed to furnish the Court with a declaration outlining the entire administrative process for identifying landowners, the procedure in mailing the class notice, and the efforts used in processing the response forms for the two separate classes.

We expect to submit a stipulation and order to the Court for approval outlining the foregoing terms. We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Ralph B. Kalfayan

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