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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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| **ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES**  This Pleading Relates to Included Action:  REBECCA LEE WILLIS and DAVID ESTRADA, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,  *Plaintiffs,*  v.  LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40; CITY OF LANCASTER; CITY OF PALMDALE; PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT; LITTLEROCK CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT; PALM RANCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT; QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT; ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER CO.; ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT; PHELAN PINON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT; and DOES 1 through 1,000;  *Defendants.* | RELATED CASE TO JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION PROCEEDING NO. 4408  Case No. BC 364553  **[PROPOSED] ORDER AWARDING PLAINTIFFS’ COUNSEL ATTORNEYS’ FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**  Date: March 21, 2016  Time: 1:30 P.M.  Place: San Jose Superior Court  191 North First Street  San Jose, CA 95113  Judge: Hon. Jack Komar |

The Court, having considered Plaintiffs’ Second Supplemental Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses and the Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declarations in support thereon, and after hearing, hereby finds that:

1. Plaintiffs’ Second Supplemental Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses (the “Motion”) requests an award of attorneys’ fees of $2,143,340. Further, Plaintiffs’ counsel request reimbursement of out-of-pocket litigation costs and expenses in the amount of $105,107.62.

2. The Court finds that the Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their fees and costs under California C.C.P. sections 1021.5 and 1033.5. Section 1021.5 authorizes the award of attorney’s fees to a prevailing party when (1) the action has resulted in the enforcement of an important right affecting the public interest; (2) a significant benefit has been conferred on the general public or a large class of persons; and (3) the necessity and financial burden of private enforcement are such to make the award appropriate.

3. The Willis Class’ rights have been protected by this physical solution and a comprehensive adjudication could not be achieved without the Class’ participation. The Judgment and physical solution have resulted in the enforcement of an important public right that affected the public interest. A significant benefit has been conferred on a large class of persons and on the public at large. The necessity and financial burden of private enforcement are such to make an award appropriate. Class counsel are also entitled to an award of costs in the amount of $105,107.62.

4. The hours expended and hourly rates claimed by Class counsel are reasonable. Given the contingent fee nature of the case and the substantial risks undertaken by Class Counsel, a 1.5 multiple of their lodestar is fair and reasonable.

5. Upon consideration of the Motion and accompanying Declarations and based upon all matters of record including the pleadings and papers filed in this action, the Court hereby finds that the fee requested is reasonable and proper, and that the costs and expenses incurred by plaintiffs’ counsel were necessary, reasonable and proper.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that:

A. Plaintiffs’ counsel are awarded attorneys’ fees of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Plaintiffs’ counsel are awarded reimbursement of their litigation costs and expenses in the amount of $105,107.62.

C. The attorneys’ fees awarded and reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses shall be paid by the parties who received pumping allocations under the Court’s Judgment and Physical Solution. They are directed to meet and confer and agree upon an allocation of these fees and costs.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

Honorable Jack Komar,

Judge of the Superior Court