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## VIA POSTING TO COURT WEBSITE

Hon. Jack Komar Judge of the Superior Court 161 North First Street, Department 17 San Jose, CA 95113

Counsel of Record and Parties in Propria Persona

Re: Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication

Dear Judge Komar and Counsel and Parties in Propria Persona:

The purpose of this letter is to object, in part, to the proposed Case Management Order with respect to the trial date of October 6, 2008.

We are counsel for Tejon Ranchcorp (Tejon) and will participate in the Phase 2 trial. We are designating two experts, Richard Rhone and E. John List. Richard Rhone will be out of the United States from September 28 through October 14, 2008 on a trip that he and about ten others have planned for more than one year. Mr. Rhone's schedule was not an issue until the court determined to bifurcate the issues in the Phase 2 trial, the result of which is to shorten the trial from an estimated three weeks to an estimated one week.

Under the circumstances, we object to the commencement of trial on October 6, 2008 if that trial will not last long enough to allow Mr. Rhone to testify after his return to the United States on October 14, 2008. One option is to continue the trial for one week; another option is to commence the trial on October 6 with the understanding that the trial will not conclude until after Mr. Rhone is allowed to testify.

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We will attempt to work out a schedule with other counsel who intend to participate in the Phase 2 trial. We will move for a continuance of the Phase 2 trial if such effort is not successful.

Respectfully,

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