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2	FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA		
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7) Santa Clara		
8	ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES,) Case No.		
9) 1-05-CV-049053		
10) VOLUME III		
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14	TRIAL TESTIMONY OF JOSEPH SCALMANINI		
15	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011		
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1	about, say, the 115- or -20,000 acre per year range.	
2	And then the lower-most curve in red with	
3	circles is the environmental water requirement which	
4	relative to the total of 240- or 50,000 acre feet is	
5	a relatively small number, less than 10,000 acre	11:33:05
6	feet per year.	
7	MR. ZIMMER: Once again, nonresponsive.	
8	There was no question pending to that last offering	
9	by Mr. Scalmanini and all the previously stated	
10	objections.	11:33:18
11	THE WITNESS: Actually, it was a	
12	continuation of the answer that was interrupted.	
13	MR. ZIMMER: It wasn't interrupted. There	
14	was a significant period of time after you finished	
15	talking, Mr. Scalmanini.	11:33:28
16	MR. DUNN: Counsel	
17	MR. ZIMMER: Well, I have to make the	
18	record because the record won't reflect it	
19	otherwise.	
. 20	MR. DUNN: The record will reflect what	11:33:35
21	was indicated both by counsel and by Mr. Scalmanini.	
22	It is the record.	
23	BY MR. DUNN:	
24	Q. Mr. Scalmanini, if you would direct your	
25	attention, please, to Exhibit No. 66.	11:33:41
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1	66 is labeled "Tabulated Historical
2	Total Water Requirements Antelope Valley Area of
3	Adjudication." Or excuse me. 66, rather, is
4	labeled "Table D.3-5, Estimated Total Historical
. 5	Water Requirements Antelope Valley Area of 11:34:26
6	Adjudication," parenthetically "(acre feet per
7	year)."
8	Exhibit 66 is a substitute for the exhibit
9	earlier provided to counsel.
10	(Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 66 was
11	introduced for identification.)
12	BY MR. DUNN:
13	Q. Do you have Exhibit excuse me do you
14	have Exhibit 66 before you?
15	A. Yes. 11:34:57
16	Q. Who prepared 66; Exhibit 66?
17	A. Our office did.
18	Q. What is the source or sources of
19	information for Exhibit 66? Is it the same as
20	Exhibit the previous Exhibit 65? 11:35:12
21	A. Well, Exhibit 66 the answer to your
22	question is yes. And so Exhibit 66 are tabulated
23	values derived from well, if you want me to walk
24	back through, I will.
25	The preceding exhibits that summarized 11:35:29
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1	agricultural water requirements, municipal-type	
2	water requirements and environmental water	
3	requirements and the tabulated values are summarized	
4	for each of those, and in total in Exhibit 66.	
5	Q. So if we	11:35:41
6	A. In turn of plotted versus time in	
7	Exhibit 65.	
8	Q. So if we were to compare Exhibit 65 with	
. 9	Exhibit 66, Exhibit 66 has the data from Exhibit 65	
10	but in tabulated format; is that correct? Or in	11:35:59
11	table format?	,
12	A. I'd turn it around in the way that I said	
13	it. The data reflected in Exhibit 66 is plotted	
14	versus time in Exhibit 65.	
15	So if you wanted to know, for example,	11:36:24
16	what number goes with one of the black triangles	
17	in Exhibit 65 for total water requirements in a	
18	particular year, but take the very last one, for	
19	example, which looks by inspection to be somewhere	
20	around 220,000 acre feet per year	11:36:44
21	MR. ZIMMER: It's nonresponsive.	
22	THE WITNESS: you could go to	
23	Exhibit 66 and go down the right-most column to	
24	the last year, which is 2009, and the exact value	
25	is 220,591.	11:37:02
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1	BY MR. DUNN:
2	Q. Mr. Scalmanini, when you look at
3	exhibits 65 and 66, are you able to determine
4	whether the water requirements in the Antelope
5	Valley were satisfied solely with groundwater 11:37:34
6	pumping?
7	MR. ZIMMER: Same objections.
8	MR. KUHS: The question is vague.
9	THE WITNESS: No.
10	BY MR. DUNN: 11:37:43
11	Q. Let's look, if you would, please at
12	the next exhibit marked in order, Exhibit 67.
13	Exhibit 67 is labeled "Historical Groundwater
14	Pumping Antelope Valley Area of Adjudication."
15	(Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 67 was 11:38:00
16	introduced for identification.)
17	BY MR. DUNN:
18	Q. Do you have Exhibit 67 before you?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Who prepared Exhibit 67? 11:38:08
21	A. Our office did.
22	Q. What source or sources of information were
23	used for Exhibit 67?
24	A. Well, the sources were multiple. Of
25	the three curves reflected in Exhibit 67, the 11:38:31
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1	lower-most one is a historical track of municipal-	
2	type groundwater pumping versus time. Most of the	·
3	data that went into that was derived from records	
4	provided by the various purveyors that we listed a	
5	few exhibits back. I can go dig them out if you	11:38:56
6	want.	
7	The exception, of course, is that we	
8	estimated rural residential water uses and assumed,	
9	since we're not aware of any connections of other	
10	water sources to individual rural residential	11:39:14
11	connections, that all of that water supply was	
12	met by groundwater pumping.	•
13	And with regard to the mutual water	
14	companies, there are some records available through	
15	the State Department of Health Services which we	11:39:31
16	interpreted to come up with the amount of water	
17	that was pumped by mutual water companies versus	
18	the amount of water that was taken from supplemental	
19	water sources; for example, from the state water	
20	project treated water.	11:39:52
21	And so we as to the total amount of	
22	water requirements estimated from the mutual water	
23	companies we were able to account for a certain	
24	amount being delivered from surface water sources;	
25	treated surface water sources, subtracted that away	11:40:06
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1	from a total to come up with an estimate of the	
2	groundwater pumping.	
3	On the agricultural side	
4	MR. ZIMMER: Motion to strike.	
5	MR. DUNN: Counsel, if you would please	11:40:13
6	allow Mr. Scalmanini to finish before making your	
7	objection or motion.	
8	MR. ZIMMER: I don't think it's a	
9	requirement.	
10	THE WITNESS: On the agricultural side,	11:40:21
11	after going through the analysis as described thus	
12	far to estimate total	
13	MR. ZIMMER: Same objections previously	
14	stated as well as to the scope of the testimony,	
15	the relevance, the failure to provide opinions	11:40:35
16	previously.	
17	BY MR. DUNN:	
18	Q. You may continue, Mr. Scalmanini.	
19	A. Do you think we can kind of like get to	
20	the end of a sentence this time?	11:40:48
21	That on the municipal excuse me	
22	on the agricultural side, that we had records of	
23	deliveries of supplemental water from both local	
24	as well as imported sources that were delivered to	
25	agriculture.	11:41:06
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1	where we get tied up. The problem is that you'll	
2	ask a question that's vague like that as to explain	
3	the source and then he goes into a discussion	
4	about how he did the calculations, and that's	
5	objectionable.	11:44:21
6	I've tried to not object to the questions	
7	as to what the source is because what the source is	
8	is very simple. How he did the calculations is much	
9	more difficult and/or complicated. And how he did	
10	the calculations is in fact the objectionable part	11:44:34
11	of the information that he's given, or he's giving.	
12	So if you could be clear in the question,	
13	that would be helpful as to what you're asking. If	
14	it's the source, that's one thing; if you're asking	
15	him how he did his calculations, that's a completely	11:44:49
16	different question.	
17	BY MR. DUNN:	
18	Q. Mr. Scalmanini, would you please continue	
19	with your response as to the source of information	
20	for this exhibit, and specifically for agricultural	11:45:00
21	information indicated.	
22	A. Well, the source of information is	
23	a combination of the total agricultural water	
24	requirements as developed in earlier discussion	
25	this morning, along with accounting for the	11:45:20
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1	contributions to those total water requirements from	
2	local surface water supplies, "imported" meaning	
3	state water project, water supplies, and recycled	
4	water supplies, such that what's reflected in the	
5	graph that is Exhibit 67 is a result of arithmetic 11:45:42	
6	that nets out the amount of pumping by recognizing	
7	the amounts of those other water supplies that were	
8	utilized to meet part of the total agricultural	
9	water requirements.	
10	Q. Mr. Scalmanini, what does Exhibit No. 67 11:46:09	
11	show?	
12	MR. ZIMMER: Same objections previously	
13	stated as to scope, relevance.	
14	THE WITNESS: 67 Exhibit 67 shows	
15	historical trends in total groundwater pumping, 11:46:24	
16	agricultural-type groundwater pumping, and	
17	municipal-type groundwater pumping versus time	
18	from about the end of World War II to the present.	
19	It shows that total pumping was in the	
20	1950s and '60s, again, up in the same range as has 11:46:50	
21	previously been discussed; meaning around 300 and,	
22	say, 50 to almost 380,000, or about 380,000 acre	
23	feet per year, at a peak, followed by a decline in	
24	the 1970s and then an ongoing decline in the 1980s	
25	to where total pumping got down to be around 90,000 11:47:14	
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1	acre feet per year. After which it climbed back	
2	up, you know, into the area of 150- to 170,000 acre	
3	feet per year early after 2000 and has fluctuated	
4	between about 100 and, say, 35 and 155,000 acre feet	
5	per year in time since then.	11:47:44
6	Of those two in round numbers, in recent	
7	times anyway, about a third of that total pumping,	
8	or about 50,000 acre feet per year, is pumped by	
9	municipal or for municipal-type purposes and	
10	about two-thirds or about 180,000 acre feet per	11:48:02
11	year, not a constant number in all years, is pumped	
12	for agricultural-type purposes.	
13	MR. ZIMMER: I will add to the	
14	objection you stopped there Mr. Scalmanini.	
15	I assumed you're finished?	11:48:16
16	Apparently he's finished.	
17	I will add to the objection that the	
18	testimony we're hearing over and over we've	
19	probably heard it four times about the	
20	agricultural pumping going up in the 1940 period	11:48:27
21	to the 1970s and then decreasing over time to about	
22	1990 and then going back up to some degree in 2000	
23	and 2010, it has probably been covered maybe ten	
24	times.	
25	The additional information that	11:48:45
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1	Let's go back to Exhibit No. 67, please.	
2	This is the exhibit labeled "Historical Groundwater	
3	Pumping Antelope Valley Area of Adjudication."	
4	Do you have that before you?	
5	A. Yes. 11:54:53	
6	Q. Okay. Now, Mr. Scalmanini, this shows, I	
7	take it, historical groundwater pumping for the time	
8	periods indicated on Exhibit 67?	
9	A. Yes.	
10	Q. And how is that relevant, historical 11:55:02	
11	groundwater pumping, to the issue of safe yield	
12	and overdraft in this phase of the case?	
13	MR. ZIMMER: Calls for a legal opinion.	
14	THE WITNESS: Well, ultimately to compute	
15	the yield as I tried to go back to, I'll call it, 11:55:21	
16	re-discussing that early exhibit	
17	BY MR. DUNN:	
18	Q. Is that Exhibit 12?	
19	A. Yeah, thanks there needs to be an	
20	estimate of the natural recharge to the groundwater 11:55:49	•
21	basin. And we haven't gotten there yet, but to	
22	estimate natural recharge to the groundwater basin	
23	we undertook collectively; meaning myself and	
24	others, efforts to estimate what that was. And one	
25	of the efforts involves an understanding of how much 11:56:09	
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1	historical pumping is taking place and how much of	
2	that pumping returned to the groundwater basin as	
3	contrasted as to how much of it consumptively, if	
4	you will, exhausted back to the atmosphere.	
5	So the effort to get to pumping which I	11:56:28
6	might note we've only begun to discuss. We haven't	
7	discussed it ten times. We've discussed land use	
8	and things of that type multiple times, but we've	
9	only discussed pumping on this one last exhibit.	
10	Then it is important in part to look	11:56:42
11	at the total, but also importantly to look at the	
12	two components because the two components of	
13	municipal-type use and agricultural-type use	
14	contribute different fractions of return flows to	
15	the subsurface, all of which needs to be factored	11:56:58
16	into estimating at least using one of the methods	
17	that we deployed what the natural recharge to the	
18	groundwater basin is, from natural recharge then as	
19	illustrated in Exhibit 12, but as to be discussed in	
20	greater detail.	11:57:13
21	Then a computation of yield of the basin	
22	under native conditions and later independent of	
23	natural recharge, a consideration of supplemental	
24	recharge which also relies on of course on	
25	knowledge of how much supplemental water was brought	11:57:33
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1	into the basin, but also then fractions of its use
2	by municipal as well as agricultural users and the
3	recharge that derives from that all is relevant to
4	ultimately computing or estimating a safe yield,
5	whether it be native, supplemental or total. 11:57:52
6	Q. Mr. Scalmanini, if I could have you look,
7	please, at the next exhibit marked as Exhibit 68.
8	MR. DUNN: Counsel, this is a substitute
9	for the exhibit packet earlier provided to counsel.
10	I will identify it. It is "Appendix D-7: 11:58:21
11	Table 2 Calculation of Agricultural Groundwater
12	Pumpage, and parenthetically it's it indicates
13	an "(AFY)" for in acre feet a per year.
14	(Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 68 was
15	introduced for identification.) 11:58:39
16	BY MR. DUNN:
17	Q. Mr. Scalmanini, do you have Exhibit 68
18	before you?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Who prepared Exhibit 68? 11:58:49
21	A. Our office did.
22	Q. And the sources of information for
23	Exhibit 68 are what?
24	A. In the second column, historical total
25	agricultural water requirements are derived from the 11:59:10
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1	work which we've explained, you know, in preceding
. 2	exhibits. I can go back to refer to those if you'd
3	like.
4	Then successive columns that are labeled
5	"SWP," which stands for state water project imported 11:59:24
6	water "(AVEK)," which is Antelope Valley-East Kern
7	Water Agency, or the next one which is
8	parenthetically "(LCID)"; Littlerock Creek
9	Irrigation District, and then the last is "(PWD to
10	LCID)," which is Palmdale Water Direct to Littlerock 11:59:46
11	Creek Irrigation District, come from records
12	supplied by those respective three state water
13	contractors; AVEK, Littlerock Creek, and Palmdale
14	Water District, for their importation of water
15	that was not treated or delivered as raw water for 12:00:04
16	agricultural purposes.
17	The next column is a sum of those three
18	for total state water project imported water from
19	those sources.
20	The next two columns have to do with local 12:00:18
21	surface water which is diverted off Littlerock Creek
22	by Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, so those
23	data came from Littlerock Creek Irrigation District.
24	The next column is a total of those.
25	WRPs recycled water is the amount of water 12:00:37
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1	reported by the water reclamation plants as having	
2	been delivered to agriculture versus time.	
3	And then there's a total surface and	
4	recycled water which is a summary of local surface	
5	water, imported surface water, and recycled water	12:00:56
6	that was delivered to meet part of the total	
7	agricultural water requirements.	
8	And so arithmetically then groundwater	
9	pumping was estimated to be the difference between	
10	total surface and recycled water and historical	12:01:12
11	agricultural water requirements in the second	
12	column.	
13	And so calculated groundwater pumpage is	
14	the result or the arithmetic difference between	
15	total other all the waters used to meet	12:01:27
16	agricultural water requirements and total	
17	agricultural water requirements.	
18	MR. ZIMMER: Same objections previously	
19	stated, and also nonresponsive.	
20	MR. DUNN: It's noon. We'll take the noon	12:01:40
21	recess. We'll see everybody at 1:30 or actually	
22	before 1:30 so we can start at 1:30.	
23	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end	
24	of tape No. 1 of today's testimony of Joseph	
25	Scalmanini, Volume III.	12:01:52
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1	The time is 12:01 p.m. and we are off the
2	record.
3	(Whereupon, lunch taken from 12:01 p.m.
4	until 1:30 p.m.)
5	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the 13:30:19
6	beginning of tape No. 2 in today's testimony of
7	Joseph Scalmanini, Volume III.
8	The time is 1:30 p.m. We are on the
9	record.
10	BY MR. DUNN: 13:30:29
11	Q. Besides groundwater, what other sources of
12	water are used to meet the water requirements of the
13	Antelope Valley?
14	A. I think we touched on this briefly, but
15	there's local surface waters, off of Littlerock 13:30:43
16	Creek, imported water from the state water project,
17	and though they originate from either groundwater or
18	local surface water or imported water, then there's
19	some treated municipal wastewater or recycled water
20	that's used to meet some of the water requirements. 13:31:02
21	Q. I'd like to show you the next exhibit
22	which has been premarked as Exhibit No. 69. It is
23	labeled "Historical Local Water Use Antelope Valley
24	Area of Adjudication."
25	(Whereupon, Scalmanini Exhibit 69 was 13:31:14
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1	introduced for identification.)	
2	BY MR. DUNN:	
3	Q. Mr. Scalmanini, do you have Exhibit 69	
4	before you?	
5	A. Yes.	13:31:19
6	Q. Who prepared Exhibit 69?	
7	A. Our office did.	
8	Q. And the information that's depicted in	
9	Exhibit 69 comes from what source or sources?	
10	A. It comes from the records of primarily	13:31:32
11	Littlerock Creek Irrigation District, but I think	
12	also partially from Palmdale Water District and	
13	records of diversions off of Littlerock Creek.	
14	Q. What does Exhibit 69 show?	
15	MR. ZIMMER: Same objections.	13:31:52
16	THE WITNESS: It basically shows that	
17	there's been utilization of a small amount, maybe	
18	up to a maximum of about 8,000 acre feet in any	
19	given year, but typically down around, say, 4,000	
20	acre per year of water when it's been available to	13:32:10
21	be diverted directly off Littlerock Creek for local	,
22	uses.	
23	BY MR. DUNN:	
24	Q. And, Mr. Scalmanini, is the water that's	
25	referenced here in Exhibit 69, is that surface	13:32:22
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