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SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Coordination Proceeding
Special Title (Rule 1550(b))

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER
CASES

RICHARD A. WOOD, an individual, on
behalf of himself and all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40; et
al.

Defendants.

Judicial Council Coordination
Proceeding No. 4408

Lead Case No. BC 325201

Case No.: BC 391869

**RICHARD WOOD'S STATUS
CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

Date: September 5, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: Telephonic

1 The parties to the global settlement have not made any progress on the
2 issue of class counsel fees and costs. The position of the two sides remains the
3 same as explained to the Court in recent hearing, namely, that District 40 and the
4 other remaining defendants to *Wood v. Los Angeles County Waterworks et al.*
5 insist that all other parties to the consolidated proceedings bear potential
6 exposure to class counsel's fees and costs. The other parties to the litigation
7 demand agreement they will not be exposed to those fees and costs.

8 There is a simple way avoid this logjam, and put the question of the fees
9 and costs directly to the Court. If District 40 and the non-settling defendants in
10 *Wood* settle the class case on terms entirely consistent with the now fully
11 negotiated global settlement, the issue of allocation of attorneys' fees and costs
12 will come before the Court. Once that issue is removed from the equation, one
13 could reasonably expect that the global settlement will be completed.

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