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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT

Coordination Proceeding Special Title (Rule 1550 (b))

ANTELOPE VALLEY GROUNDWATER CASES

Included Consolidated Actions:

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County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC 325 201

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[Assigned to The Honorable Jack Komar, Judge Santa Clara County Superior Court, Dept. 17]

Lead Case No. BC 325 201

Santa Clara Court Case No. 1-05-CV-049053

SECOND AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

Judge: Honorable Jack Komar

Antelope Valley Groundwater Litigation (Consolidated Cases) Los Angeles County Superior Court, Lead Case No. BC 325 201 Second Amended Case Management Order

The following proposed First Amended Case Management Order for settlement approval hearings related to settlement of the Small Pumper Class claims and a more global settlement among the majority of parties was proposed by the Small Pumper Class and joined by a number of other parties. The proposed First Amended Case Management Order came before the Court pursuant to an Ex Parte Application to Amend the Case Management Order, entered on November 4, 2014, which was heard at the Case Management Conference on January 22, 2015. The Court, being fully advised, adopts and revises the schedule as follows:

- 1. The deadline for filing Stipulation(s) for Entry of Judgment by the Stipulating Parties shall be February 26, 2015. Upon the filing of the Stipulations, the following procedures are established for the approval of the Small Pumper Class settlement and the Proposed Judgment and Physical Solution.
- 2. The Small Pumper Class Motion for Preliminary Approval of the proposed Small Pumper Class settlement shall be scheduled for hearing on March 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will do the following:
 - a. Preliminary presentation of Settlement, including Physical Solution, to the
 Court;
 - b. Determine the Small Pumper Class membership closing date shall be the date of final approval of the Small Pumper Class settlement, with notice of same to be sent out in the Small Pumper Class notice of settlement;
 - c. Set a deadline of April 6, 2015 for the mailing of the Class notice;
 - d. Determine and Order the Form of Notice to Class;
 - e. Set a deadline of May 15, 2015 for objections to the Small Pumper Class Settlement;
 - f. Set a date of August 3, 2015 for the Fairness/Final Approval hearing to take place at the same date and time as the Court hearing on the approval of the Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution. The hearing will be held in Los Angeles starting at 9:00 a.m.

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3. Subject to the prior Orders of the Court, written statement of objections to the
proposed Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution, and any assertion of claims or rights to produce
groundwater from the Basin by a Non-Stipulating Party, shall be due no later than April 7, 2015. Parties
not part of the agreement are to advise the Court of their desire to separately adjudicate their claims by
no later than April 7, 2015.

- 4. Disclosure of witnesses and exhibits regarding any objections to the Proposed Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution, assertion of claims or rights to produce groundwater from the Basin by Non-Stipulating Parties, the Public Water Suppliers claim of prescription, and the prove-up by the Stipulating Parties for the Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution shall be due no later than April 27, 2015.
- 5. Discovery regarding objections to the proposed Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution, claim of prescription, and any assertion of claims or rights of by Non-Stipulating Parties shall be completed by July 17, 2015.
- 6. Trials or hearings on final approval of the Small Pumper Class Settlement and on prove-up of the Stipulated Judgment and Physical Solution shall commence on August 3, 2015, and continuing through August 7, 2015, and if necessary, August 17 through August 21, 2015. Subject to further orders and scheduling of the Court, such trial or hearings shall include the taking of evidence regarding the following subjects:
 - a. Prescription by the Public Water Suppliers;
 - b. Prove-up by Stipulating Parties;
 - c. Proof of claim to produce groundwater by Non-Stipulating Parties;
 - d. Prove-up of defaults;
 - e. Prove-up of Physical Solution;
 - f. Fairness and final approval of the Small Pumper Class Settlement.
- 7. Within thirty (30) days of the final approval by the Court of the Small Pumper Class Settlement, the Small Pumper Class shall file with the Court either:
 - a. A stipulation providing for payment of attorneys' fees and expert fees and costs;

A petition for payment of attorneys' fees and expert fees and cost. Dated: Judge of the Superior Court .17

Antelope Valley Groundwater Litigation (Consolidated Cases) Los Angeles County Superior Court, Lead Case No. BC 325 201 Second Amended Case Management Order

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14	Los Angeles County Waterworks District	SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE RITTER FAMILY TRUST				
15	No. 40 v. Diamond Farming Co., Superior	Date: September 4, 2015				
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22		the Ritter Family Trust (hereinafter "Ritter Family				
23		e Management Conference Statement as follows:				
24		er, and his father, Edgar C. Ritter, were formerly the				
25	Trustees of the Ritter Family Trust. Accord	ding to the attorney for the Antelope Valley Ground				
26	Water Agreement Association ("AGWA"), Michael T. Fife, the Ritter Family Trust was				
27	approached about becoming involved as a pa					
28	While Mark Ritter does not know what exactly happened, as both his father Edgar and					

mother Paula are now deceased, undersigned counsel searched the court's docket and determined that an answer and cross complaint was filed by Mr. Fife's office on behalf of Edgar C. Ritter, Paula E. Ritter, and Paula E. Ritter as Trustee of the Ritter Family Trust, with the answer being filed January 2, 2007 and a first amended cross-complaint of the AGWA being filed January 26, 2007. Mark Ritter was unaware of these filings until undersigned counsel located them just prior to a meeting with Mr. Ritter on August 14, 2015. Thereafter, Mr. Ritter engaged undersigned counsel to represent him in this case.

Counsel for the AGWA has indicated that nothing was done on behalf of the Ritter Family Trust, despite the fact that Mr. Fife's firm continues as counsel of record for the Ritter Family Trust, and now the Ritter Family Trust finds it in a position where it's counsel of record did not take steps to represent its client nor did it not substitute out of said representation. All of these actions occurred prior to the time Mark Ritter was successor trustee and prior to the time Mark Ritter ever even knew about this particular litigation.

The Ritter Family Trust does pump groundwater every year and primarily grows alfalfa. Records are currently being obtained as to its water production which has occurred for many years in the past.

In fairness to the Ritter Family Trust, undersigned counsel would request that the court sever it from the upcoming trial in September 28, 2015, and allow it the opportunity to produce documents as to its water usage and to conceivably be included in a settlement or at least allow at the opportunity to prove up its use at a subsequent hearing.

Counsel does not want to unduly delay the issues, but because of the representation issue referenced above and now the obvious need of the Ritter Family Trust to protect his own interests and obtain its own counsel, this request is being made in fairness. Undersigned counsel will also request that Mr. Fife's office formally execute a substitution of attorneys substituting in Brumfield & Hagan in place of Mr. Fife's firm. Accordingly, the Ritter Family Trust requests that it be allowed time to gather such documents and evidence as may be necessary to support its claims in these cases and to present that to the court at a later time.

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Edgar (Pete) Ritter, co-owner of Ritter & Godde Ranch in Lancaster, has died in Lancaster. He was 61.

A lifelong Antelope Valley resident, Ritter died Thursday of a heart attack, said his wife, Paula Ritter.

Born in Palmdale, Ritter worked on his family's ranch in Leona Valley during his childhood. After graduating from Antelope Valley High School in 1949, Ritter became business partners with Forrest Godde. The pair ran local alfalfa ranches and, in 1959, purchased 1,000 acres in west Lancaster that they named Ritter & Godde Ranch. Ritter worked on the alfalfa ranch until the time of his death.

He was a member of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau and the Lancaster Elks Club.

In addition to his wife of 37 years, Ritter is survived by his son, Mark Ritter of Lancaster; daughter, Andria Mayfield of Quartz Hill; brothers, Ralph Ritter of Phelan, Calif., and John Ritter of Yerington, Nev.; sister, Susie Tatum of Burden, Kan., and six grandchildren.

Visitation is planned for noon today, with a 1 p.m. funeral at Halley-Olsen Funeral Chapel, 44802 N. Date Ave., Lancaster. Burial will follow at Lancaster Cemetery. Donations can be made in Ritter's name to the Antelope Valley 4-H Council, in care of Dana Ritter, 51201 90th St. West, Lancaster 93536.



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RITTER, PAULA ELAINE

RITTER, Paula Elaine Age 76, passed away November 30, 2010, in Lancaster, California. She was born April 30, 1934, in Elmhurst, Illinois and has lived in the Antelope Valley since 1945. In 1954, Paula married Pete Ritter of the Ritter family who pioneered the Antelope Valley. She and her husband were longtime Westside farmers here in the Antelope Valley. Paula enjoyed reading, painting, and cross stitching. She is survived by one daughter and one son, Andria Mayfield of Antelope Acres, Mark Ritter and his wife Dana of Lancaster, six grandchildren, Paul Mayfield of Antelope Acres, Kenny Mayfield and his wife Coryanne of Alameda, Marissa Larson and her husband Jake of Ft. Drumm, N.Y., Bonnie Schaefer and her husband Chris of Rosamond, Annie and Pete Ritter both of Lancaster, four greatgrandchildren, Vincent, Connor and Alexis Mayfield and Gracie Schaefer. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at Halley-Olsen- Murphy, Lancaster Chapel. Interment to follow at Lancaster District Cemetery. www.homlancaster.com

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