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Since the conclusion of the Phase 3 trial in May 2011, Quartz Hill has participated in every mediation scheduled in this case, except one in July, which have occurred in front of Justice Robie. These mediations occurred in June, August, September, and November 2011.

Quartz Hill has also participated in mediations at the offices of the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency in Palmdale and at the offices of the Los Angeles County department of Public Works.

The other public water suppliers have similarly participated in these mediations. Counsel for Quartz Hill is unaware of any mediation, either in Sacramento with Justice Robie, or elsewhere, that was not attended by multiple Public Water Suppliers.

All the other parties who have significantly participated in this litigation have also participated in these mediations. Even many parties who did not participate much in the last two phases of the trial have participated in these mediations. Due to the efforts of these parties, and the excellent efforts of Justice Robie, it appears that most of the issues that relate management of the basin are amenable to settlement.

Regarding the allocation of the yield of the basin good progress was made initially. Unfortunately, that progress has stalled. The primary issue of dispute between the parties is the allocation of water rights. As the court observed at the last hearing, water rights must be determined prior to the implementation of the physical solution.

Based upon its participation, and the participation of the other parties, in all of above mediations, Quartz Hill respectively requests this court set the trial date for the next phase of trial in May 2012. Quartz Hill also requests this phase of trial relate to allocation of water rights.

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Quartz Hill is hopeful the assignment of a trial date will encourage parties to modify their demands regarding the allocation of water rights. If demands do not change, then a trial is the only other alternative.

Quartz Hill respectively requests this court set a hearing approximately two months prior to the trial date for the purpose of establishing procedures to streamline the introduction of evidence and reduce the length of this trial.

Dated: November 10, 2011

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QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT

By posting the DOCUMENT listed above to the Santa Clara Superior Court website in regard to the Antelope Valley Groundwater Matter:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 10, 2011

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