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No. 4408	

OPPOSITION TO "AGWA" APPLICATION TO AMEND CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER DATED JANUARY 16, 2013

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# I. THE REQUESTED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING SHOULD NOT BE A SUMMARY JUDGMENT

AGWA's proposed order would effectively turn the Court's pending Order to Show Cause hearing into an evidentiary hearing or even a summary judgment hearing. Apparently, AGWA would have the Court deny discovery on contested material facts at issue in the next phases of trial. AGWA would deny other parties' their statutory rights to discover facts which would prejudice other parties' ability to prepare for trial.

## II. Self-Serving Pre-Trial Declarations Cannot Be Dispositive Motions

The request should be denied on procedural due process grounds. The proposed case management order amendment also seeks to prevent parties from trial cross-examination. The trier of fact could not judge the witness's credibility and parties would be denied the opportunity to present evidence against the declarant's statement.

## III. Good Cause should be Interpreted Liberally

The Public Water Suppliers request the Court deny AGWA's application in whole. If the court is inclined grant the application, the proposed "Good Cause" to be shown should be minimal. Just because a party offers a fact does not make that fact true. The evidence testing that proffer would typically be tested in cross-examination at deposition or trial. Therefore, "Good Cause" to dispute a proposed stipulated fact should established simply by showing no deposition has been taken.

Respectively submitted

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Dated: February 28, 2013

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

I am employed in the aforesaid county, State of California; I am over eighteen years of age and not a party to the within action; my business address is 1031 West Avenue M-14, Suite A, Palmdale, California, 93551.

On February 28, 2013, at my place of business at Palmdale, California, a copy of the following DOCUMENT(s):

### OPPOSITION TO APPLICATION TO AMEND CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

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 February 28, 2103

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