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To All Parties to Exhibit 4
Judgment and Physical Solution
Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication

Re: Santa Clara Case No. 1-05-CV-049053 (Antelope Valley Adjudication)

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF LANDOWNER
REPRESENTATIVES TO WATERMASTER BOARD**

To all parties and counsel:

This is to notify you of the commencement of the nomination and election process for the Landowner Representatives to the Watermaster Board under Paragraph 18.1 of the Physical Solution adopted by the Court in the above-captioned matter.

As you should be aware, the Watermaster Board will have five members, two of whom are to be elected by the Landowner Parties identified in Exhibit 4 to the Judgment and Physical Solution or their successors. Exhibit 4 is attached hereto for your reference. I have agreed to act as a neutral Inspector of Elections for the initial election of the Landowner Representatives.

After public meetings and input from several parties, various Landowner Parties and counsel have negotiated a set of Rules and Procedures for the election of the initial Landowner Party Watermaster Representatives. Those Rules and Procedures are attached hereto. This letter, the Rules and Procedures and the nomination form are also posted on the Court's website. Please read them carefully, as they include time limits that will govern this election. Because the Court has set a hearing regarding the issue of the Landowner Representatives for June 30, 2016, there can be no changes to this schedule.

The first step will be the nomination of potential representatives. The form for nominating a potential representative to the Watermaster Board is attached as Appendix B to the Rules. If you wish to nominate a person, please use this form. The required information to be included in the nomination form is set forth in section F of the Rules. The nomination form must be returned to me and received **no later than noon on June 14, 2016**. The instructions for submitting a nomination are included in the Rules. Email is the best means for returning

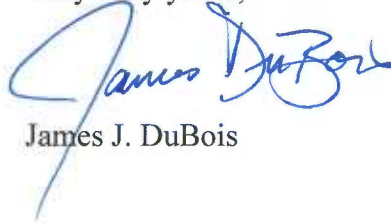
nomination and ballot forms. Please see the Rules for the appropriate "Re:" line to ensure that nominations and ballots are appropriately processed.

Following the close of nominations, I will transmit a ballot to all Landowner Parties with a listing of nominated persons. I anticipate that the final election ballot will be transmitted by email and posted on the Court's website on **June 15, 2016**. The election ballots must be returned to me and received **no later than 6:00 P.M. on June 28, 2016**.

Please note that the email list for the Landowner Parties was compiled some time ago for purposes of circulating the proposed Settlement and Judgment and Physical Solution in this matter. Because emails or successors may change, please review the email listing attached to the Rules. If you are aware of corrections that should be made, or Landowner Parties that may not have received this notice, please advise both me and AVEK by **Friday, June 10, 2016** so that we can correct the notice list and provide appropriate parties with the needed information.

I look forward to helping you finish the selection process for the Landowner Watermaster Representatives.

Very truly yours,



James J. DuBois

Enclosures