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18	Petitioner,	Judge: Hon. William F. Highberger			
19	v.	STATUS CONFERENCE REPORT			
20	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, etc., et al.,	Date:         April 19, 2021           Time:         1:30 p.m.           Dept:         SS10			
21 22	Respondents.	Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014 Trial Date: Not Set			
23	CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, etc.,				
24	Cross-Complainant,				
25	v.				
26	DUNCAN ABBOTT, an individual, et al.,				
27	Cross-Defendants.				
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#### STATUS CONFERENCE REPORT

Defendant and Cross-Complainant City of San Buenaventura (City) submits this Status 3 4 Conference Report (Report) in advance of the Status Conference scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. In accordance with the Court's order at the March 15, 2021 Status Conference, the City 5 has made a good faith effort to solicit input from interested parties prior to submission of this 6 Report. Specifically, counsel for the City sent a draft of this Report via email to all counsel of 7 record and to all parties for which the City has an email address on April 6, 2021 and again on 8 April 9, 2021 and invited input. The City has incorporated feedback from the State Water 9 Resources Control Board, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California 10 Department of Parks and Recreation (collectively the "State Agencies"), Santa Barbara 11 Channelkeeper (Channelkeeper), the City of Ojai, the Manfred Krankl and Elaine V. Krankl 12 Living Trust, and Kelton Lee Gibson, Trustee of the Gibson Family Trust, dated June 6, 2006. 13 Cross-Defendants Meiners Oaks Water District and Ventura River Water District join in sections 14 1, 2, and 3 of this Report. The City understands that some parties may submit their own Status 15 Conference Reports. 16

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#### 1. PHYSICAL SOLUTION BRIEF AND RESPONSES

On March 8, 2021, the City, together with Cross-Defendants the Ventura River Water 19 District, Meiners Oaks Water District, the Wood-Claeyssens Foundation, and the Rancho Matilija 20 Mutual Water Company (collectively the "Proposing Parties") filed and served the final version 21 of their brief regarding the law of physical solutions, as well as the request for judicial notice of 22 certain physical solution judgments entered in five California state court water adjudication 23 matters.<sup>1</sup> Cross-Defendants the Casitas Municipal Water District, the City of Ojai, Loa E. Bliss 24

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Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County, et al. v. East San Bernardino County Water District, et al. 28 (Sup. Ct. County of Riverside, April 17, 1969, No. 78426); Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, et al. (Sup. Ct. County of Santa Clara, Jan. 25, 2008, No. CV 1-97-770214). 82470.00018\33784590.6 - 2 -

<sup>26</sup> <sup>1</sup> Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases (Superior Court Santa Clara County, Dec. 23, 2015, No. CV 049053); Orange County Water District v. City of Chino, et al. (Sup. Ct. County of Orange, April 17, 1969, No. 117628); Chino Basin 27 Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al. (Sup. Ct. County of San Bernardino, Jan. 27, 1978, No. 51010);

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discuss these issues with the parties at the March 15, 2021 Status Conference.
 The Proposing Parties will be prepared to discuss the physical solution briefs at the April 19, 2021 Status Conference. At this time, there is no motion pending, and the Proposing Parties are not seeking any tentative or final rulings on substantive issues. However, the Proposing

and David Gilbert, Trustees of the Loa E. Bliss 2006 Revocable Trust, Claude and Patricia

Baggerly, Andrew Whitman, and the State Agencies also submitted briefs related to the law

summarized in the Proposing Parties' brief. Due to time constraints, the Court was not able to

Parties believe that the briefs set forth the basics regarding the physical solution doctrine, and they will be ready to address any questions the Court has regarding that law.

As noted in the Proposing Parties' brief, the Fifth District of the California Court of 11 Appeal has considered several appeals related to the Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases. The 12 Proposing Parties' cited to the first of those decisions in their brief and notified the Court that 13 other decisions were anticipated. (Proposing Parties' Brief, p. 30 and fn. 18.) On March 16, 14 2021, the Court of Appeal issued two additional decisions, both of which uphold the trial court's 15 judgment and physical solution in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases. One of the two cases, 16 Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases (Cal. Ct. App., Mar. 16, 2021, No. F082469) 2021 WL 1301050, reh'g denied (Apr. 6, 2021), was recently ordered published.<sup>2</sup> The second case, Los 17 18 Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 v. Charles Tapia (Cal. Ct. App., Mar. 16, 2021, No. 19 F082492) 2021 WL 978676, is currently unpublished, but a publication request is pending, and 20 the City will update the Court if the status changes.

The responses to the Proposing Parties' brief do not, in the view of the Proposing Parties, raise any material objections to the basic summary of the law contained in the brief. Rather, the parties make specific contentions about how that law applies or does not apply to the City's Third Amended Cross-Complaint. The application of the physical solution doctrine to the details of this case was intentionally and expressly not the subject of the brief. The brief was designed to provide the Court with a general overview of the law. The case-specific contentions raised in the responses will need to be addressed by the Court in connection with future motions or during

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<sup>2</sup> Only the Westlaw citation is currently available. <sup>82470.00018\33784590.6</sup>

future phased trials. In its initial draft of this Report, the City proposed language to clarify some 2 of the issues raised in the responses to the Proposing Parties' brief. However, after meeting and 3 conferring with the State Agencies, the City has removed this clarifying language because the 4 City agrees that these case-specific contentions should be reserved for noticed motion practice, 5 evidentiary hearings, and/or phases of trial, not a status conference report. The Proposing Parties 6 respectfully request the opportunity to discuss the substantive issues in their physical solution 7 brief, including replying to the response briefs, at the Status Conference.

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#### 2. THE CITY'S MOTION TO BIFURCATE AND LIFT THE DISCOVERY STAY

10 At the April 19, 2021 Status Conference, the City will ask the Court to set a hearing date 11 for May or June, depending on the Court's availability, for a motion to bifurcate and lift the 12 discovery stay. Recognizing the objections to and the Court's concerns regarding setting a 13 hearing on the proposed physical solution, the City will propose two initial trial phases. The first 14 phase would address basin and watershed boundaries and the interconnection between the basins 15 and the surface water. The second phase would be an evidentiary hearing on the proposed 16 physical solution.

17 The exact parameters of the City's motion will be set forth in its moving papers and 18 related briefs. At this time, however, the City envisions asking the Court to bifurcate the City's 19 Sixth Claim for Relief for Comprehensive Adjudication and Physical Solution, to set a date in 20 November of 2021 for a first phase of trial on watershed boundaries and interconnection, to lift 21 the discovery stay, and to establish a discovery schedule for this first phase. This approach would 22 address multiple concerns expressed by the parties about interconnection, basin boundaries, and 23 the extent and nature of the Watershed. As certain parties have explained, the phasing of legal 24 issues is common in adjudications and consistent with both the Court's inherent powers and with 25 Code of Civil Procedure sections 840(b)(5) and 840(b)(6). This approach would also directly 26 address the legal issues raises by the City of Ojai. Finally, it would be a vehicle to address the 27 concerns raised by counsel for the Whitman parties regarding the boundaries of the Upper Ojai 28 Basin and the boundaries of the Ventura River Watershed, which do not align completely. After 82470.00018\33784590.6 - 4 -

resolution of the extent and interconnectivity of the Watershed, a second phase of trial regarding 2 the proposed physical solution could be set in early 2022. The State Agencies agree that 3 approaching this case in phases is appropriate, do not object to a first phase on basin boundaries 4 and interconnectedness, and will provide their perspective on timing in response to the City's 5 specific relief sought in its motion. Counsel for Cross-Defendants the Manfred Krankl and Elaine 6 V. Krankl Living Trust and Kelton Lee Gibson, Trustee of the Gibson Family Trust, dated June 6, 7 2006 requested that we advise the Court that they do not agree with this proposed process nor the 8 physical solution proposed.

9 The City will be prepared to discuss this motion at the Status Conference and will meet 10 and confer with the parties regarding the motion and the City's proposed schedule.

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#### 3. SITE VISIT VIA VIDEO TOUR

13 On March 23, and on April 6, 2021, the City held Zoom meet and confer sessions, which 14 were open to all parties, regarding a proposed site visit. Due to concerns regarding the existing 15 public health orders and concerns about how to structure a site visit consistent with due process 16 and avoidance of exparte communication, the parties are pursuing the idea of using a drone or 17 other video surveillance device to create or compile a comprehensive video tour of the 18 Watershed. The tentative proposal is to create the video and submit it to the Court for review at a 19 future Status Conference or specially set hearing. The Court would then be able to ask questions 20 of the parties about locations on the video, and all parties would have an opportunity to address 21 the Court's questions. The video would become part of the record of the proceeding and could be 22 used by the parties in future evidentiary hearings as appropriate and subject to proof. The parties 23 who attended the meet and confer sessions appear to have reached a consensus on these basic 24 parameters. Subject to discussion with the Court at the April 19 Status Conference, the parties 25 will work in concert to prepare and submit the video.

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# UPDATE RE SERVICE OF THE THIRD AMENDED CROSS-COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ADJUDICATION

The City diligently continues to work to complete service of the Third Amended Cross-Complaint (Cross-Complaint) on all named Cross-Defendants and has completed providing the notice of adjudication and form answer to all overlying landowners within the Ventura River Watershed's groundwater basins. The City continues to make substantial progress on these efforts.

#### A. <u>Notice</u>

9 On February 21, 2021, the City, through its notice vendor JND Legal Administration 10 (JND), completed the mailing and posting required by Code of Civil Procedure section 836(d). 11 The City will file a notice of completion as required by Code of Civil Procedure section 836(e) in 12 advance of the April 19, 2020 Status Conference. As explained in the notice, the City has 13 completed each of the required steps set forth in Code of Civil Procedure section 836(d). By 14 filing the notice, the City has completed the last remaining step required by Code of Civil 15 Procedure section 836(e). Nothing in Section 836 requires additional action by the City, the 16 Court, or the parties.

17 The City wishes to inform that Court that it has received questions from several property 18 owners who received the notice of adjudication packet, and for whom the City has received a 19 return receipt from the United States Postal Service (USPS), but who did not physically sign the 20 return receipt. This situation did not arise for the notices that were sent prior to the onset of the 21 pandemic but did arise in certain cases for the notices that were sent during the pandemic. This 22 situation is a direct result of changes in the policies of USPS related to the processing of return 23 receipts during the pandemic. Under these modified policies, postal workers were authorized to 24 sign return receipts upon verified delivery of the mailing to avoid direct contact with the 25 recipient. As explained in the City's notice of completion, the City has fully complied with the 26 required provisions of Section 836(d). However, the City believes that this explanation of 27 USPS's pandemic policy is important to emphasize in light of the approximately twenty inquiries 28 the City has received regarding the return receipts. 82470.00018\33784590.6

1		В.	Service of Original	Cross-Defendants Named in	the Third Ar	mended Cross-
2			<u>Complaint</u>			
3		As of the last	Status Conference, th	here were 137 unserved Cross	s-Defendants	s out of the
4	over 2,:	500 Cross-De	fendants named in the	e Third Amended Cross-Com	plaint. Since	e then, the
5	City ha	s successfully	served 35 Cross-Def	endants in March and early A	April and is c	ontinuing
6	efforts	to serve the re	emaining 102. Summ	ary tables are provided below	7. The City	will continue
7	to atten	npt to locate a	nd serve these un-ser	ved Cross-Defendants, includ	ling by cond	ucting
8	targeted	d outreach and	l phone calls to and a	dditional researching and trac	king of un-s	erved Cross-
9	Defend	ants.				
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11		Total Cross-	Defendants	2,596		
12		Served Cros	s-Defendants	2,494		
13		Unserved Cr	oss-Defendants	102		
14	Known	details regard	ling categories of un-	served Cross-Defendants are	summarized	in the table
15	below.					
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17		Located beh	ind locked gates		53	
18 19		Evading serv	vice or reattempts to b	be made by process servers	32	
20				ors/Vacant properties	17	
21		requiring fur	ther information from	n Tax Collector		
22		After the last	Status Conference an	d receipt of the Judge's tenta	tive ruling o	n March 15,
23	2021, the City contacted the Ventura County Sheriff's office to inquire whether the Sheriff would					Sheriff would
24	be more successful than a private process server company at personally serving a private					
25	residence located behind fences and gates. During this conversation, the City also inquired					
26	whethe	r the Sheriff h	ad any further power	s to serve such individuals pe	ersonally. Th	ne Sheriff's
27	office explained that they have the same powers and duties under the California Code of Civil					de of Civil
28	Procedu	ure as a privat	e process server. The	ey did not have any further su	ggestions as	to how the
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1	City could lawfully serve a private residence behind fences and gates.				
2	In advance of the April 19 Status Conference, and consistent with the discussion with the				
3	Court at the March Status Conference, the City will submit an application for an order to serve				
4	via pub	lication those 53 Cross-Defendants that are behind fences and gates.			
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6		C. <u>Roes</u>			
7		On March 3, 2021, the City filed and served two amendments to its T	hird Amended	ŀ	
8	Cross-C	Complaint adding newly discovered Roe property owners in the Water	rshed. On Apr	il 8,	
9	2021, C	City filed and served Amendments No. 4 and No. 5 to add Roes 381-4	17. Amendme	nt No.	
10	4 adds a	additional riparian properties for which required further research is re-	quired in order	to	
11	determi	ne both property ownership and corporate status along with further re	esearch to locat	e	
12	physica	l addresses of individuals who were not receiving the tax bills for the	property.		
13	Amend	ment No. 5 adds two individuals that recently purchased a property in	the Watershee	l, the	
14	prior ov	vners of which informed the City after they were served with process.	. A summary o	of	
15	service	status is set forth in the table below.			
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17		Total Roe Cross-Defendants – Amendment Nos. 2-3 (Roes 2-380)	379		
18		Served Roe Cross-Defendants	170		
19		Unserved Roe Cross-Defendants	209		
20		New Roes Amendment Nos. 4-5 (Roes 381-417) (service to	36		
21		commence in April)			
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23	It should be noted that in a large watershed adjudication such as this one, it is typical that				
24	additional parties and parcels are identified for either inclusion or exclusion due to e.g., deaths of				
25	owners, probate transfers, divorce, other changes in ownership, and modification of assessor				
26	parcel r	numbers. This process is ongoing and will continue even after any juc	lgment is enter	red.	
27	The Cit	y is taking steps now to include all known required parties, but the Ci	ty wishes to m	ake	
28		rt aware that additional information will continue to be obtained that	will likely requ	uire	
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1 additional changes even after any judgment is entered.

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#### D. Extension of Time to File Proofs of Service

On April 1, 2021, the City filed two Ex Parte Applications for Extension of Time to File Proofs of Service, one for the remaining named Cross-Defendants, and another for the Roe Cross-Defendants 2-380. The City respectfully requests that the Court grant the two applications so that the City will have until July 1, 2021 to file the remaining proofs of service for all un-served Cross-Defendants.

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#### E. <u>Defaults</u>

The City is in process of drafting 1,381 requests for entry of default packages in groups of approximately twenty defaults per package. On March 8, 2021, the City submitted five groups of twenty, and one group of 19, totaling 119 defaults. On March 19, 2021, the City received a Notice of Rejection for one request for entry of default as to Cross-Defendant Bernadette King, due to a clerical error of a misspelled name on the proof of service. On April 9, 2021, the City refiled this single Request for Entry of Default. On April 12, 2021, the City submitted another 120 Requests for Entry of Default. Currently, the City has filed 237 requests for entry of default.

Total Defaults		1,381
	Filed Defaults	237
	Remaining Defaults	1,144

#### F. <u>Dismissals</u>

On March 1, 2021, the City filed two sets of dismissals totaling 166 named Cross Defendants. One set of dismissals of twenty-nine parties is for deceased and/or misnamed Cross Defendants. The second set of 134 dismissals is for Cross-Defendants who sold their riparian
 parcel(s) and no longer own any real property interest in the Watershed. The City discovered
 during the personal service process that three additional properties were recently sold and it has
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filed one dismissal as to six individual Cross-Defendants. In addition, the City has filed another set of dismissals for approximately five deceased owners and two who are being dismissed due to no longer owning a portion of real property that the City discovered during the personal service process. These individuals are still listed as record owners on the property ownership records.

5 The City has also contacted the Tax Collector's office for the County of Ventura and is in 6 the process of requesting further payment information for approximately seventeen properties in 7 which the taxes have been paid, property ownership has not been updated, and Tax Assessor records provided to the City show either a PO Box, or a physical address that has been 8 9 unsuccessfully served. The Tax Collector has agreed to assist the City with further information as 10 soon as practicable given that it is the Tax Collector's heavy collection season. The City may 11 need to amend the names of Cross-Defendants for these seventeen properties to include new 12 information as the successors to the properties are identified. A summary of the requests for 13 dismissal is set forth the table below.

Total Dismissals	177
Filed Dismissals	163
Remaining Dismissals	13

#### G. <u>Coordination with Court Staff</u>

20 Counsel for the City and its staff members have been and will continue to work closely 21 with Court staff to ensure items are being filed and party information is being managed in 22 accordance with the Court's requirements and specifications. Court staff has been very 23 accommodating and helpful, and the City will continue to work closely and coordinate with Court 24 staff to facilitate its recordkeeping and case management needs. The City will make every effort 25 to reduce the burden of this large and complicated matter on the Court and its staff. 26 The City has discussed with the Court the idea of hiring an outside vendor to maintain a 27 separate register of actions and document database for ease of searching and finding relevant filed 28 documents by Cross-Defendant name, document type, filing party, and date submitted/accepted 82470.00018\33784590.6

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by the Court for filing. This procedure has been implemented in other water adjudications. As of
 the filing of this report, the Court staff and City staff have been unable to discuss this proposal in
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#### H. <u>Stipulations For Entry of Physical Solution and Judgment</u>

6 Counsel for the City has continued to work closely with the Ryan Blatz Law Firm and 7 other interested parties who wish to stipulate to the physical solution in lieu of filing an answer. 8 The City is working with Mr. Blatz to submit amended and correctly-worded stipulations for the 9 Court's consideration and approval. Approximately 8 new parties have also requested to stipulate 10 to the proposed physical solution, and the City continues its ongoing efforts to identify individual members of erroneously named Cross-Defendant the Gridley Road Water Group who wish to 11 sign stipulations. A chart showing the stipulating parties and status (e.g., filed and approved, to 12 13 be amended, rejected and to be revised, and new and pending requests) of all stipulations is 14 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

I. <u>Case Website</u>

The City continues to maintain and update the neutral adjudication website, available at: https://www.venturariverwatershedadjudication.com.

5. <u>NEWLY APPEARING PARTIES</u>

#### A. <u>Answers</u>

As of April 12, 2021, the following additional parties have filed answers to the City's
Third Amended Cross-Complaint:

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24	1.	William Thacher, filed 1/28/21		
25	2.	Laura R. Shreiner, a.k.a. Laura Rearwin, filed 1/29/21		
26	3.	Amy Hueppe, filed 1/29/21		
27	4.	Paul J. Deneen, filed 1/29/21		
28	5.	Jennifer Carafelli and Robin Schwartzburd, filed 1/29/21		
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1	6. Glenn Bator, filed 1/29/21				
2	7. John Peakes Jr. and Laura M. Peakes, filed 1/29/21				
3	8. Kelsey Klein and Paula Kee, filed 1/29/21				
4	9. 235 N. La Luna Owners, an unincorporated association, filed 2/1/21				
5	10. Harry Anthony and Kristie M. Williams, filed 2/1/21				
6	11. Timothy Mahoney, filed 2/3/21				
7	12. Jeff Bacon, as Trustee of the Villa Nero Trust Dated January 25, 2000,				
8	filed 2/9/21				
9	13. Rebecca C. Collins, filed 3/8/21				
10	14. Thomas M. Collins, Jr., filed 3/8/21				
11	15. Ojai Valley Inn, filed 3/11/21				
12	On March 11, and March 26, 2021, the City provided notice to the twenty newly				
13	appearing parties identified in its Status Conference Report, filed March 8, 2021, and to parties				
14	one through twelve above, that because their answers were filed before March 1, 2021, their				
15	initial disclosures are due by June 1, 2021, pursuant to the Court's order on February 9, 2021.				
16	The City only recently became aware of these answers because none of these parties served the				
17	City with them. The City obtained these answers from the Court's document retrieval portal on				
18	March 9, and 12, 2021.				
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20	6. <u>CHANNELKEEPER NOTICE OF DISMISSAL</u>				
21	In September of 2019, the City and Channelkeeper entered into a settlement agreement				
22	regarding Channelkeeper's Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Petition for Writ of Mandate.				
23	The City is a named defendant in the First Cause of Action in that Complaint. In the settlement				
24	agreement, the City agreed to implement a Pilot Project of flow restrictions at Foster Park and				
25	agreed to take other actions. Channelkeeper released and waived its claims against the City other				
26	than two reserved issues. First, Channelkeeper reserved its "claim after the Pilot Project is				
27	completed but before entry of a stipulated judgment in the adjudication that future pumping and				
28	diversion of water in Reach 4 of the Ventura River is an unreasonable use in violation of the				
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1 California Constitution Article X, Section 2, and the public trust doctrine." Channelkeeper also 2 reserved its claims for unresolved attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$191,075.29. 3 As the Court is aware, at the June 24, 2020 Status Conference, after the time for the Pilot 4 Project had ended, Channelkeeper informed the Court of its plan to bring a motion for interim 5 flow measures at Foster Park. The City and Channelkeeper met and conferred over this issue, and 6 in August 2020, the City and Channelkeeper amended the settlement agreement to address the 7 issue. As part of that amended agreement, Channelkeeper agreed "not to seek other interim relief 8 regarding flow." The amended agreement provided that the "settlement relating to interim flows 9 in no way impacts Channelkeeper's ability to comment on, support, or challenge the physical 10 solution proposed by any party in the Action." The amended agreement therefore leaves only two 11 issues remaining as between the City and Channelkeeper—an unresolved claim for attorney's 12 fees and costs and Channelkeeper's participation in the issues related to the physical solution. All 13 other issues are resolved. 14 On March 16, 2021, Channelkeeper submitted its Request for Dismissal pursuant to the settlement to the Court for filing via the Court's drop box. 15 16 17 7. CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REQUESTS 18 Based on the above Report, the City respectfully requests that the Court consider taking 19 the following actions at the April Status Conference: 20 Discuss and address any general questions raised by the physical solution briefs • 21 and responses, reserving any specific decisions on substantive legal issues for 22 motion practice or trial as appropriate. 23 Set a hearing date in late May or early June for the City's motion to bifurcate and ٠ 24 lift the discovery stay. 25 Grant the City's two ex parte applications to extend the date for filing proofs of • 26 service. 27 Grant the City's application to serve certain Cross-Defendants located behind 28 locked gates by publication. 82470.00018\33784590.6 - 13 -

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1	• Provide direction to the part	ties regarding the proposal to conduct the site visit
2	through the use of a video to	b be viewed by the Court at a future Status Conference
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12		By: /S/ Jeanne Zolezzi
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## **STIPULATION STATUS**

#### Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al. Case No. 19STCP01176

## I. STIPULATIONS FILED AND APPROVED BY COURT (obtained from Court website)

No.	Date Filed	Stipulating Party Names as Filed w/Court	APNs Included in Filed Stipulation	Status in Case
1.	2/9/21	Chet Hilgers and Mellanie Hilgers	023-0-150-205, 022-0-022-090	Overliers
2.	2/9/21	David Bishop and Sophie Loire	031-0-111-055	Overliers
3.	2/9/21	Stephanie Gustafson	024-0-120-045	Cross-Defendant
4.	3/15/21	Kristi Schoeld and Niel Jorgensen	020-0-080-310	Overliers
5.	3/24/21	Chris E. Platt and Hanh H. Platt	011-0-240-265	Overliers
6.	3/24/21	Deborah Lys Martin Crawford	021-0-072-100	Overlier
7.	3/24/21	Erica J. Abrams, Trustee of the Erica J. Abrams Trust	028-0-130-045	Overlier
8.	3/24/21	Frank Clay Creasey Jr.	024-0-131-015	Overlier
9.	3/24/21	Frederic DeVault	018-0-071-230	Cross-Defendant
10.	3/24/21	Gilbert G. Vondriska and Carolyn J. Vondriska, Trustees of the Vondriska Living Trust		
11.	3/24/21	James P. Robie, Trustee of the Robie Family Trust	011-0-220-295	Overlier
12.	3/24/21	IJohn H. Thacher and Caroline H. Thacher, Trustees of the Thacher Family Trust dated January 2004028-0-070-030, 028-0-070-040Overliers		Overliers
13.	3/24/21	Mandy Macaluso, Trustee of the Living Trust of Mandy Macaluso		
14.	3/24/21	Margot J. Griswold	040-0-220-265	Overlier

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15.	3/24/21	Mark Sutherland, Trustee of the Sutherland Marital Trust014-0-090-825, 014-0-090-835Overlier		Overlier	
16.	3/24/21	Randall Leavitt, Trustee of the Randall B. Leavitt 2010 Trust	020-0-100-080	Overlier	
17.	3/24/21	Raul E. Alvarado and Hildegard M. Alvarado, trustees of the Alvarado Family Trust024-0-131-035Overliers		Overliers	
18.	3/24/21	Sumeet Bhatia and Michael McDonald	Aichael McDonald 014-0-030-290 Cross-Defendants		
19.	3/24/21	Timothy Jerome Murch and Jody Caren Murch, Trustees of the Jodim Family 2007 Trust dated July 31, 2007	017-0-302-065 019-0-092-050		
20.	3/24/21	Wendell M. Mortensen and Laura L. Mortensen, Trustees of the Mortensen Family Revocable Trust	031-0-112-345, 031-0-112-355	Overliers	
21.	3/24/21	Petter Romming and Kimi Romming, 024-0-142-075 Overliers		Overliers	
22.	3/24/21	William Armstrong and April Nardini         010-0-193-055, 010-0-193-325, 010-0-193-315         Overliers		Overliers	
23.	3/24/21	Konrad Stefan Sonnenfeld, Trustee of the Konrad Stefan Sonnenfeld Living Trust			

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## II. FILED AND APPROVED STIPULATIONS TO BE AMENDED

No.	Date Filed	Stipulating Party Names as Filed w/Court	APNs Included in Filed Stipulation	Status in Case
1.	3/24/21	Diane Syvertson, Trustee of the Diana Syvertson Living Trust	024-0-072-705	Cross-Defendant Note: Additional APNs owned as Cross-Defendant: 024-0-072-715 024-0-072-695 APNs owned as an Overlying landowner: 024-0-072-685 Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz.
2.	3/24/21	Marilyn Wallace, Trustee of the Marilyn Wallace Separate Property Trust	022-0-051-290	Cross-Defendant Note: Additional APNs owned as Cross-Defendant: 011-0-220-035 Amended stipulation to be proposed to Ms. Wallace.
3.	3/24/21	William Erickson	031-0-101-045	Named Cross-Defendant <b>Note:</b> Additional APNs owned as Cross-Defendant - 031-0-223-125 Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz.

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## **III. REJECTED STIPULATIONS TO REVISE**

No.	Stipulating Party Names as Filed:	APNs Included in Stipulation	Name as Appears on Caption/Overlier Spreadsheet	Status in Case
1.	Paul Lepiane and Bengtson Bo	032-0-010-065	Paul Lepiane and Bo Bengtson	Cross-Defendants Note: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendant.
2.	James S. Bennett and Carolyn D. Bennett, Trustees of the Bennett Family Trust	030-0-200-075	James and Carolyn Bennett	Overliers <b>Note:</b> James S. Bennett and Carolyn D. Bennett, Trustees of the Bennett Family Trust (erroneously identified in the Court's overlier listing as James and Carolyn Bennett) Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Overliers.

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3.	Thomas D. Carver and Cynthia L. Carver	018-0-111-245	Thomas and Cynthia Carver	Cross-Defendants <b>Note:</b> Stipulation incorrectly identifies them as overliers; they are Cross-Defendants Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.
4.	Edward C. Leicht and Jacqueline M. Leicht, Trustees of the Leicht Family 2013 Revocable Trust dated March 1, 2013	034-0-260-135	Edward C. Leicht and Jacqueline M. Leicht, individually as Trustees of the Leicht Family 2013 Trust Revocable Trust	Cross-Defendants <b>Note:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.
5.	Daniel J. McSweeney and Yoko McSweeney	024-0-133-075	Daniel and Yoko McSweeney	Cross-Defendants Note: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.
6.	Kevin Rainwater and Marianne Ratcliff	040-0-010-215 040-0-010-125	Overliers	Overliers <b>Note:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Overliers.

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7.	Debra Joy Reed, Trustee of the Debra Joy Reed Revocable Trust dated November 3, 1994	024-0-033-100	Overliers	Overlier Note: Her name does not appear in the overlier list. Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Overliers. City to give the Court an updated overlier spreadsheet to correct this issue
8.	Michael D. Robertson and Kimberly A. Robertson, Trustees of the Robertson Family Trust	028-0-120-105 028-0-112-130	Michael and Kimberly Robertson	Cross-Defendants Notes: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.
9.	William D. Rusin, Sr., Trustee of the William D. Rusin Sr. Revocable Trust	029-0-081-105 019-0-082-025	William Rusin	Cross-Defendant <b>Notes:</b> meet and confer with Attorney Blatz regarding revising stipulation.
10.	Brian S. Stafford and Janice M. Thomas, individually as Trustees of the Stafford Thomas Family Trust	019-0-030-300	Brian S. Stafford and Janice M. Thomas, individually as Trustees of the Stafford Thomas Family Trust est., March 22, 2019	Cross-Defendants Notes: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.

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11.	Richard Aaron Carlson, Trustee of the Richard Aaron Carlson Trust and Michelle Larson, Trustee of the Michelle Larson Family Trust	011-0-230-035	The Michelle Larson Family Trust; Trust Of Richard Aaron Carlson,	Overliers <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Overliers.
12.	Dive Deep L.L.C.	009-0-070-110 009-0-070-190 009-0-070-200	Dive Deep, LLC	Overliers <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Overliers.
13.	Robert Erickson, Trustee and Ronald Wilson	024-0-141-035	Robert Erickson and Ronald Wilson	Cross-Defendants Notes: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.
14.	Douglas Roy Parent and Ann Marie Parent	060-0-270-195 060-0-270-220 060-0-270-240	Douglas and Ann Parent	Cross-Defendants (060-0-270-220) and Overliers (060-0-270-195, 060-0-270-240) <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants and Overliers.
15.	Ojai Jackman L.L.C.	028-0-120-225 029-0-014-060 029-0-081-040	Ojai-Jackman, LLC	Cross-Defendant <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants and Overliers and adding APNs 023-0-160-105, 028- 0-073-050, and 029-0-140-060.

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16.	Thomas Lann Harper and Jadona Collier-Harper	018-0-071-280	Thomas and Jadona Coller Harper	Cross-Defendants <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross-	
17.	Brian C. Haase and Marie Haase, Trustees of the B&M Haase Trust dated October 8, 2019	010-0-180-490	Brian and Marie Haase	Defendants. Cross-Defendants Notes: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.	
18.	Jan Stephen Granade and Priscilla K. Granade, Trustees of the Granade Family Revocable Living Trust	018-0-071-260	Jan and Priscilla Granade	Cross-Defendants <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.	
19.	Robert Levin and Lisa Solinas, Trustees of the Levin Family Living Trust	019-0-020-210	Robert Levin and Lisa Solinas	Cross-Defendants <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants.	
20.	Heidi C. Kurtz, Trustee of the Kurtz Family Trust dated January 19, 2019	017-0-180-610	Heidi C. Kurtz, Trustee of the Gunild Walsh Seadrift Qprt FBO Heidi C. Kurtz Gunild Seadrift	Cross-Defendant Notes: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendant.	

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21.	Dana Ceniceros, Trustee of the Dana and Dawn Ceniceros Revocable Living Trust	009-0-070-090	Dana Ceniceros	Cross-Defendant <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendants (adding property owner Dawn Cencineros) and adding APN 009-0-070-090.
22.	Gelb Enterprises L.P.	009-0-060-065 090-0-070-160	Gelb Enterprises	Cross-Defendant <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendant.
23.	Giannetti Living Trust	024-0-120-035	Stephen & Brooke Giannetti	Overliers <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Overliers.
24.	Marc Saleh, Trustee of the Saleh Family Trust	028-0-040-110	Mark Saleh	Cross-Defendant <b>Notes:</b> meet and confer with Attorney Blatz regarding revising stipulation.
25.	Francis Longstaff and Shauna Longstaff, Trustees of the Longstaff Trust dated October 11, 2018	011-0-250-085	Francis and Shauna Longstaff	Cross-Defendants <b>Notes:</b> Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendant.

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26.	John Joseph Broesamle and Katharine Sue Broesamle, Trustees of the Boresamle Family Trust	014-0-100-390	John and Katharine Broesamle	Cross-Defendants Notes: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendant.
27.	Keith M. Nightingale and Victoria V. Nightingale, Trustees of the Nightingale Family Trust	029-0-032-020 029-0-032-195	Keith and Victoria Nightingale	Cross-Defendants Notes: Amended stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz correcting naming of Cross- Defendant.
28.	Gridley Water Group			Notes: City will meet and confer with Gridley Water Group representative regarding revising stipulations with these parties.

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## **IV. OTHER/NEW STIPULATIONS**

No.	Stipulating Party Names	APNs Included in Stipulation	Status in Case	Stipulation filed with Court by Cross- Defendant and/or Overlier?
1.	Big Black Dog, LLC	063-0-140-405	Cross-Defendant City provided its executed stipulation on 4/1/21 to counsel for Big Black Doc, LLC	
2.	Ventura Unified School District	063-0-131-045; 068-0-040-045; 063-0-140-605; 063-0-140-615; 068-0-052-255; 068-0-082-135; 068-0-101-150; 069-0-030-030; 069-0-030-110; 071-0-040-160; 071-0-052-020; 071-0-095-010	Cross-Defendant City provided its executed stipulation on 4/1/21 to counsel for Ventura Unified School District.	
3.	The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, a sole corporation	017-0-210-470	Cross-Defendant City provided its executed stipulation on 2/24/21 to counsel for The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles.	
4.	Samuel Rufus Williams and Paytre Ruth Topp	009-0-080-020 009-0-090-020	Cross-Defendant <b>Notes:</b> Stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz	

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5.	Floyd Dee Fitzgerald and Charlene D. Fitzgerald, Trustees of the Fitzgerald Family Trust	018-0-111-275 018-0-111-255 (well property) 018-0-102-395 018-0-102-405	Cross Defendants and Overliers <b>Notes:</b> Stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz	
6.	Scott Williams and Rebecca Williams	011-0-270-095 011-0-270-085	Cross-Defendants (Roe 374 and 375) <b>Notes:</b> Stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz	
7.	Aubrey Balkind	010-0-180-470	Cross-Defendants <b>Notes:</b> Stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz	
8.	Janice Kanellis	034-0-040-220	Cross-Defendant (Roe 306) <b>Notes:</b> Stipulation to be proposed to Attorney Blatz	