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13 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

15 SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER, a  
16 California non-profit corporation,

Case No. 19STCP01176

17 Petitioner,

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger

18 v.

NOTICE OF RULING

19 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL  
20 BOARD, etc., et al.,

Date: November 15, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Dept: SS10

21 Respondents.

Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014

Trial Date: February 14, 2022

22 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, etc.,

23 Cross-Complainant

24 v.

25 DUNCAN ABBOTT, an individual, et al.

26 Cross-Defendants.  
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NOTICE OF RULING

On November 15, 2021, the parties appeared at a further status conference, the Honorable William F. Highberger, Judge presiding. The parties stated their appearances on the record, and/or they are reflected on LA Court Connect records. The Court made the following orders and determinations:

1. The Court granted Matthew Haffner’s Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for Cross-Defendant Susan Moll. Mr. Haffner shall file and serve a Proof of Service of the Court’s signed Order within ten (10) days from November 15, 2021. Mr. Haffner shall give notice to Cross-Defendant Susan Moll.
2. The Court directed the City of Ventura (City) to meet and confer with the parties to discuss a streamlined process to establish the Ventura River Watershed and groundwater basin boundaries. The City shall file and serve a progress report by noon on November 22, 2021 in advance of the further status conference set for November 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. At the further status conference, the Court will consider setting an Order to Show Cause hearing for December 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. as to why the Court should not issue an order establishing (1) the boundaries of the Ventura River Watershed (Watershed), as defined by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset and Watershed Boundary Dataset; and (2) the boundaries of the Watershed’s four groundwater basins, as defined by the California’s Department of Water Resources (DWR) in Bulletin 118, in advance of the Phase 1 Trial.
3. The Court ordered the City to provide Department 10 with two copies of all briefs on the issues of fact and law for Phase 1 Trial by November 18, 2021. The Court continued the discussion on the issues of fact and law for Phase 1 Trial to December 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

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4. The Court ordered that parties who wish to participate in the Phase 1 Trial shall file a Notice of Intent to Actively Participate in Phase 1 Trial by December 2, 2021.
5. The Court advanced the December 20, 2021 further status conference to December 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Joint status reports and/or any unilateral status report shall be filed and served by December 2, 2021.
6. A copy of the Court's Minute Order dated November 15, 2021 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Dated: November 29, 2021

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EXHIBIT A

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Civil Division**

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 10

**19STCP01176**

November 15, 2021

**SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER vs STATE WATER**

1:30 PM

**RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, et al.**

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger

CSR: Ronald L. Cook, CSR# 13928

Judicial Assistant: P. Martinez

ERM: None

Courtroom Assistant: R. Sanchez

Deputy Sheriff: None

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**APPEARANCES:**

For Petitioner(s): Daniel Gordon Cooper (Telephonic)

For Defendant(s): Christopher Mark Pisano

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**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:** Further Status Conference; Hearing on Motion to be Relieved as Counsel by Matthew Haffner as Counsel for Susan Moll, 2800 Maricopa Highway, Ojai, CA 93023

The Order Appointing Court Approved Reporter as Official Reporter Pro Tempore is signed and filed this date. Ron Cook #13928

The matter is called for hearing.

Court and counsel confer regarding the Motion to Be relieved as Counsel for Matthew Haffner as counsel for Susan Moll.

The Court rules as follows:

The Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel filed by Matthew Mark Haffner on 10/08/2021 is Granted.

The Court's Ruling and Attorney's relief as Counsel of record for client is not effective until Proof of Service of the Order signed by the Court upon the client is filed in this action within ten (10) days. Counsel is also to notice the Defendant.

Order Granting Attorney's Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel-Civil is signed and filed this date. On the Court's own motion, the Further Status Conference scheduled for 12/20/2021 is advanced to this date and continued to 12/09/21 at 02:30 PM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

Further Status Conference is scheduled for 11/23/21 at 09:00 AM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

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Parties are to file and serve briefs and provide courtesy copies directly to this department by 11/18/21.

Parties are to serve a progress report by noon on 11/22/21.

Counsel for the City of Ventura is to give notice.

APPEARANCES CONTINUED FROM ABOVE:  
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Scott S. Slater for Wood-Claeysens Foundation  
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Marc N. Melnick for State Water Resources Control Board

(telephonic)

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Carlos Mejia for California Department of Parks and Recreation  
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David Osias for Jeffrey S. Bacon  
Ryan Blatz for Oscar Acosta  
Anthony Francois for Robin Bernhoft

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Gregg Garrison for Rosanna Garrison

Matthew Haffner for Susan Moll