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

Case No. 19STCP01176

17 Petitioner,

Judge: Hon. William F. Highberger

18 v.

STATUS CONFERENCE REPORT

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

Date: December 9, 2021

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Dept: SS10

21 Respondents.

Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014

Trial Date: Feb. 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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STATUS CONFERENCE REPORT

Defendant and Cross-Complainant City of San Buenaventura (City) submits this status conference report (Report) in advance of the status conference scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. On November 30, 2021, the City emailed a draft of this Report to all parties who have appeared and invited input and joinder and subsequently addressed all comments received. Cross-Defendant the Wood Claeysens Foundation joined this Report, as reflected on the signature page. Consistent with the Court’s instructions, some parties may submit their own status conference reports.

1. CASE STATISTICS

Updated key statistics related to the case are summarized for the Court’s consideration:

Total number of named Cross-Defendants	2,763 ¹
Total number of parcels overlying the groundwater basins in the Ventura River Watershed that were provided notice of adjudication per CCP § 836	12,803
Cross-Defendant and noticed parties who have appeared (parties)	297
Parties who have answered	187
Parties who served initial disclosures	75
Parties whose initial disclosures report no current extraction	19
Parties whose initial disclosures report extraction of less than 5 acre-feet per year (AFY)	16
Parties whose initial disclosures report extraction of more than 5 AFY or in an unknown amount	40
Parties who have stipulated to the physical solution	98
Filed stipulations	42
Pending stipulations	56
Dismissals	180
Defaults entered	1680
Defaults pending with the Court	554

2. NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIAL

All parties who intend to participate in Phase 1 Trial must file a notice thereof by December 2, 2021. The City is filing its notice of intent to participate in the Phase 1 Trial

¹ The City is preparing a tenth amendment to include additional Gridley Road Water Users recently identified and will serve these new Roes 439 through 461 as soon as it is filed. 82470.00018\34574593.1

1 concurrently with this Report.

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3 3. OSC RE WATERSHED AND BASIN BOUNDARIES

4 On November 23, 2021, the City filed and served a Notice of Hearing, set for December
5 9, 2021, on an Order to Show Cause (OSC) re Watershed and Basin Boundaries and a proposed
6 Order for the Court’s consideration. The City contends that the Court should issue an order
7 establishing (1) the boundaries of the Ventura River Watershed (Watershed), as defined by the
8 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) and Watershed Boundary
9 Dataset (WBD) as 10-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 1807010101 – Ventura River
10 Watershed and (2) the boundaries of the Watershed’s four groundwater basins, as defined by the
11 California’s Department of Water Resources (DWR) in Bulletin 118, in advance of the Phase 1
12 Trial.

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14 4. DRONE VIDEO

15 The parties have concluded negotiations of the terms of a stipulation regarding the drone
16 video footage of the Watershed. The City emailed the final stipulation to all parties on December
17 1, 2021 and asked the parties to state whether they will stipulate or object by December 7, 2021.
18 The City will file and serve the stipulation once it collects signatures from all the stipulating
19 parties.

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21 5. NOVEMBER 23, 2021 MINUTE ORDER

22 The City believes that the Court’s minute order dated November 23, 2021 contains an
23 error that should be corrected. It states that the discovery cutoff is extended to February 10, 2022.
24 However, the Court considered argument on this issue but ultimately decided not to extend the
25 expert discovery deadline. The City requests that the Court issue an amended minute order that
26 removes the incorrect language.

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6. CONCLUSION

On December 9, 2021, the parties will be prepared to discuss the issues listed below.

1. The Phase 1 Trial issues pursuant to any direction provided by the Court in the message board posting the Court indicated it plans to issue on December 6, 2021.
2. The OSC re Watershed and Basin Boundaries. The City respectfully requests that the Court sign the proposed Order submitted on November 23, 2021.
3. The City respectfully requests that the Court issue an amended minute order that removes the language about the extension of discovery cutoff.

Dated: December 2, 2021

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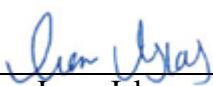
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