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MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT

11 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
12 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE**

13 SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER, )  
14 a California non-profit corporation, )  
15 Petitioner, )  
16 vs. )  
17 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL )  
BOARD, a California State Agency; CITY OF )  
18 SAN BUENAVENTURA, a California )  
municipal corporation, )  
19 Respondents. )  
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Case No.: 19STCP01176  
CROSS-DEFENDANTS' VENTURA  
RIVER WATER DISTRICT AND MEINERS  
OAKS WATER DISTRICT REQUEST TO  
ALLOW LATE FILING OF NOTICE OF  
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE 1  
TRIAL

Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014  
Trial Date: Feb. 14, 2022

21 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, a )  
California municipal corporation, )  
22 Cross-Complainant )  
23 vs. )  
24 DUNCAN ABBOTT, an individual, et al. )  
25 Cross-Defendants. )  
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TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Cross-Defendants Meiners Oaks Water District and Ventura River Water District intend to actively participate in Phase 1 Trial scheduled on February 14, 2022.

On November 29, 2021 the City of San Buenaventura sent out the NOTICE OF RULING from the November 15, 2021 further status conference in the above matter. The NOTICE OF RULING stated the Court’s ruling that “parties who wish to participate in the Phase I Trial shall file a Notice of Intent to Actively Participate in Phase 1 Trial by December 2, 2021.”

The undersigned litigation attorney for Cross-Defendants Meiners Oaks Water District and Ventura River Water District was out of the country from November 24, 2021 through December 6, 2021, and did not receive the NOTICE OF RULING until December 7, 2021. Immediately upon reviewing the NOTICE OF RULING, the undersigned litigation attorney for Cross-Defendants Meiners Oaks Water District and Ventura River Water District filed this request with the court requesting relief from the requirement to file notice by December 2, 2021. Cross-Defendants Meiners Oaks Water District and Ventura River Water District have actively participated in the litigation to date, and do not believe that any party will be prejudiced by filing of this notice 5 days late.

Cross-Defendants Meiners Oaks Water District and Ventura River Water District respectfully request the court to allow late filing of this Notice of Intent to Participate.

Dated: December 7, 2021

HERUM CRABTREE SUNTAG  
*A California Professional Corporation*



By: JEANNE M. ZOLEZZI  
Attorneys for Cross-Defendants  
VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT  
and MEINERS OAKS WATER DISTRICT

1 *Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, et al.*  
2 Los Angeles County Superior Court – Case No. Case No 19STCP01176

3 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

4 I, PEGGY GARCIA, certify and declare as follows:

5 I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. My business address is:  
6 HERUM\CRABTREE\SUNTAG, 5757 Pacific Avenue, Suite 222, Stockton, California 95207.  
On the date set forth below, I served the following document(s):

7 **CROSS-DEFENDANTS' VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT AND MEINERS**  
8 **OAKS WATER DISTRICT REQUEST TO ALLOW LATE FILING OF NOTICE OF**  
9 **INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE 1 TRIAL**

10  **BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION:** Pursuant to Court Order Authorizing Electronic  
11 Service, I provided the document(s) listed above electronically on the **File &**  
**ServeXpress** website for distribution to the SERVICE LIST maintained for this matter.

12  **BY U.S. MAIL** – By enclosing the document(s) in a sealed envelope addressed to the  
13 person(s) set forth below, and placing the envelope for collection and mailing, following  
14 our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for  
15 collecting and processing of correspondence for mailing. On the same day that  
16 correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course  
17 of business with the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope with postage fully  
18 prepaid.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

19  **BY FEDERAL EXPRESS/OVERNIGHT MAIL** in a sealed envelope, with postage  
20 thereon fully prepaid. [Code Civ. Proc., §§ 1013(c), 2015.5.]

The envelope was addressed as follows:

21  **BY PERSONAL SERVICE/HAND DELIVERY.**

22 I certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that  
23 the foregoing is true and correct.



PEGGY GARCIA

Dated: December 7, 2021