



1 LOA. E BLISS
2 DAVID A. GILBERT
3 9030 Ojai Santa Paula Rd.
4 Ojai, CA 93023

5 Trustees,
6 Loa E. Bliss 2006 Revocable Trust

7 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
8 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

9 SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER,
10 a California non-profit corporation,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 STATE WATER RESOURCES
14 CONTROL BOARD, etc., et al.,

15 Respondents.

Case No. 19STCP01176

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger

DISCLOSURE

Date: June 1, 2021

Dept: SS10

Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014

Trial Date: Not Set

16 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, etc.,

17 Cross-Complainant

18 v.

19 DUNCAN ABBOTT, an individual, et al.

20 Cross-Defendants.

1 **DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE § 842**

2 (1) Parties: Loa E. Bliss and David A. Gilbert, Trustees of the Loa E. Bliss 2006 Revocable
3 Trust (the “Trust”), 9030 Ojai Santa Paula Road, Ojai, CA 93023. (Upper Ojai)

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6 Attorney—*Pro se*

7 (2) Groundwater extracted: At present there is one well on the parcel, drilled in 2012, to
8 replace old wells not in service and decommissioned. There is no measuring of extractions. No
9 such measurement has ever been required. The basin is not and probably never has been in
10 overdraft.

11 (3) Water rights claimed are at least overlying rights to the Upper Ojai Basin, and riparian
12 rights to Lion Creek. There may be other rights, which are expressly reserved.

13 (4) Use is primarily agricultural and some domestic. Use occurs on the lower 20-25 acres of
14 land of an approximately 110-acre parcel. It is not possible to provide exact quantity of water
15 used, other than to say that over the past 9 years of use of the well, groundwater has supported
16 tomato, chili, corn and various vegetable crops, and a small herd of goats. This agriculture has
17 varied from year to year, not all projects necessarily occurring in the same year. Well/ground
18 water is connected to one of two residences on the parcel.

19 (5) The well is located on the lower 20-25 acres adjoining Highway 150.

20 (6) The well serves the above noted 20-25 acres and a residence.

21 (7) The property is bound by an agricultural contract under the Williamson Act, since 1972.
22 The current dry-farmed orchard crop of walnuts is coming to the end of its useful life. Either a
23 substitute crop, or a new crop of walnuts may be required in the near future, and it is anticipated
24 that irrigation may be required to make any crop economically feasible by supporting a decent
25 yield.

26 (8) Since December 14, 1972 by agreement and recorded document (Book 4045 page 722,
27 Ventura County Recorder land records) four contiguous parcels—originally three—, including
28 that owned by the Loa E. Bliss 2006 Revocable Trust, entered into a shared agreement to use

1 Casitas water (with appropriate easements), approved by Casitas. The amount of water used by
2 each parcel is not measured. Instead, an agreed-on cost-sharing formula among the parties has
3 been used, based on estimated use by each parcel. The Trust share of such use is estimated at
4 15% of total Casitas water used. The Casitas account and records are kept by the final parcel
5 owner in the line of parcels in the agreement, and to date the Bliss Trust does not have complete
6 records available. However, since 2017 the annual allocation of water from Casitas to the parties
7 in the agreement, which has not been exceeded, has been 10,954 units. The Trust share to be paid
8 is 15% of that, regardless of the actual use.

9 (9) The trust has riparian rights to the surface water, if any, in Lion Creek. See deed Ventura
10 County Clerk and Recorder 20120411-00066494-0 1/2.

11 (10) Not applicable.

12 (11) None.

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14 Date: May 28, 2021

Loa E. Bliss 2006 Revocable Trust
Mailing Address:
9030 Ojai Santa Paula Road
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15  _____

16 Signature
17 Loa E. Bliss, Trustee
18 Name—Printed

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20 Signature
21 David A. Gilbert, Trustee
22 Name—Printed

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VERIFICATIONS FOR DISCLOSURES UNDER CCP § 842

I, Loa E. Bliss, declare:
I am a party to this action. I am a Trustee of the Loa E. Bliss Revocable Trust. I have read the foregoing Disclosure and know its contents. The matters stated in the foregoing documents are true of my own knowledge. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed at Ojai, California, on May 28 , 2021.



Loa E. Bliss

I, David A. Gilbert, declare:
I am a party to this action. I am a Trustee of the Loa E. Bliss Revocable Trust. I have read the foregoing Disclosure and know its contents. The matters stated in the foregoing documents are true of my own knowledge. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
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David A. Gilbert