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12 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

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

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

17 Petitioner,

18 v.

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

21 Respondents.

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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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Case No. 19STCP01176

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger

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NOTICE OF RULING REGARDING STATUS
CONFERENCE

Date: Dec. 6, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dept: SS10

Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014
Trial Date: Not Set

NOTICE OF RULING

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On December 6, 2019, the parties appeared at the Status Conference, the Honorable William F. Highberger, Judge presiding. The parties stated their appearances on the record. The Court reviewed the papers, listened to the comments of counsel, and made the following orders.

No party opposed the Motions to Intervene (“Motions to Intervene”) of Respondents State Water Resources Control Board (“State Board”) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“Department”). After discussion of the forms of the [Proposed] Orders, the Court modified the Orders to require the Water Board and Department to file formal Notices of Appearances in the action only with respect to the issues raised by Defendant and Cross-Complainant City of San Buenaventura’s Third Amended Cross-Complaint (“3rd Amend. Cross-Complaint”) and any answers to the 3rd Amend. Cross-Complaint.

Prior to the Status Conference, counsel for City, Meiners Oaks Water District, Ventura River Water District, State Board, Department, and Santa Barbara Channelkeeper met and conferred by telephone and e-mail several times. They agreed:

1. The presentation should be technical and neutral.
2. The consumptive users currently in settlement discussions (“Settling Consumptive Users”) will provide (i) background materials, (ii) the PowerPoint presentations and outlines of any scripts, and (iii) names of the experts to all parties three weeks in advance of the Court date and file it with the Court three days in advance of the Court date.
3. Settling Consumptive Users, State and Channelkeeper will agree upon the materials in (2) above prior to the presentation.

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4. All parties will agree on the record that statements and questions of experts or attorneys shall not be used as evidence or impeachment in any proceeding in this case.

Based upon this agreement, the Court set the technical presentation for January 30, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., in Department SS10.

The Court also set a status conference for January 30, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Counsel for City is ordered to file a Status Conference Report on January 23, 2020, with other parties who join in the Report.

Dated: December 9, 2019

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