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19 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, etc., et al.,	ATUS
20   Date: Nov. 1, 2019 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept: SS10	
22 Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014	
23 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, etc., Trial Date: Not Set	
24 Cross-Complainant	
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# NOTICE OF RULING

On November 1, 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 listened to the comments of counsel and made the following orders, observations, and instructions.

The Court would like further briefing on the issue of whether the Third Amended Cross-Complaint ("3rd Am. Cross-Complaint") proposed by Defendant and Cross-Complainant City of San Buenaventura ("City") may proceed based on both in personam jurisdiction and in rem jurisdiction against cross-defendants. City, Cross-Defendant Casitas Municipal Water District ("Casitas") and Cross-Defendant Wood-Claeyssens Foundation ("Foundation") shall serve and

file a joint brief on this issue on or before November 15, 2019. City shall serve drafts on all

parties prior to November 15, 2019.

The Senior Court Administrator provided City with the form of the spreadsheet to list: (1) the new party cross-defendants who own land riparian to the Ventura River and its tributaries ("Riparian Landowners") and who own land that is both riparian to the Ventura River and its tributaries, and overlies one of the Ventura River Watershed's Groundwater Basins ("Riparian and Overlying Landowners"); and (2) the entities subject to notice under the Groundwater Adjudication Statutes who own land overlying the Ventura River Watershed's Groundwater Basins ("Overlying Landowners"). This information will not be filed under seal unless it meets the requirements of California Rules of Court 2.550 – 2.551.

The Court stated that the 3d Am. Amended Cross-Complaint must specifically state in the prayer for relief the limitation on the water rights of parties who will be defaulted and the Overlying Landowners who do not appear in the lawsuit.

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The Court instructed City to submit a revised Notice of Commencement of Groundwater Basin and Watershed Adjudication ("Notice") that: (1) more specifically advises the Overlying Landowners of the potentially adverse consequences if they do not appear in the lawsuit; (2) initial capitalizes the term "Form Answer"; (3) revises p. 5 (vi) to first discuss electronic service of Form Answers and other pleadings, and then discusses filing those pleadings; (4) explains the Courthouse where pleadings are filed is separate from the Courthouse where the case will be heard; and (5) revises p. 6 (vii) to identify the Judicial Council form and related link for indigent parties to seek a fee waiver.

The Senior Court Administrator is checking the Court's phone number listed in the Notice. The Court also asked if any party objected if City does not serve the 3rd. Am. Cross-Complaint with the Notice, and no party objected. Accordingly, the Court informed the City it does not need to include the 3rd Am. Cross-Complaint with the Notice.

The Court further instructed City to revise the Form Answer to have the Overlying Landowners: (1) state his or her name, address, and phone number on the caption if he or she appears in pro per; and (2) state his or her parcel number in the body of the Form Answer.

The Court set the next Status Conference for November 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. The Court ordered City to file a Joint Status Report with Channelkeeper and Casitas on November 19, 2019. City's Motion for Approval of Notice and Form Answer shall trail until the next Status Conference on November 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Counsel for was City instructed to provide a notice of ruling regarding the November 1, 2019 Status Conference.

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