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

15 SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER,
16 a California non-profit corporation,
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18 Petitioner,
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20 v.
21 STATE WATER RESOURCES
22 CONTROL BOARD, etc., et al.,
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24 Respondents.

25 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, etc.,
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27 Cross-Complainant
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29 v.
30 DUNCAN ABBOTT, an individual, et al.
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32 Cross-Defendants.

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Case No. 19STCP01176

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger

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NOTICE OF RULING REGARDING STATUS
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NOTICE OF RULING

On November 21, 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, observations, and instructions.

No party opposed the filing of the Third Amended Cross-Complaint (“3rd Am. Cross-Complaint”) attached to the Joint Status Report with the revisions discussed at the Status Conference. Accordingly, the Court granted the request of Defendant and Cross-Complainant City of San Buenaventura (“City”) to file the 3rd Am. Cross-Complaint, and instructed counsel for City to submit a [Proposed] Order.

No party opposed City’s Motion to Approve Notice of Adjudication and Form Answer (“Motion to Approve”) with the revisions discussed at the Status Conference. The Notice of Adjudication and Form Answer were attached to the Joint Status Report. Accordingly, the Court granted the Motion to Approve, and instructed counsel for City to submit a [Proposed] Order.

No party opposed the Motions to Intervene (“Motions to Intervene”) of Respondent State Water Resources Control Board (“State Board”) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“Department”). However, because the Motions to Intervene were noticed for hearing on December 6, 2019, the Court did not rule on the matter.

City requested a court date in January 2020, to make a technical presentation and legal presentation regarding the consumptive users’ progress to develop a physical solution. Without knowing more details, the State Board expressed concerns regarding a presentation that discussed settlement concepts to the Judge who may try the case. The Court ordered counsel for City to obtain input from the parties and confer with counsel for the State Board and Department on this

1 topic. The Court instructed counsel for City either to post the comments or file a Status
2 Conference Report by December 3, 2019. The parties will discuss this further on December 6,
3 2019, at the hearing on the Motions to Intervene.

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5 Counsel for City was instructed to provide a notice of ruling regarding the November 21,
6 2019 Status Conference.

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8 Dated: November 25, 2019

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