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10 VENTURA RIVER WATER DISTRICT and
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.)
20 _____)

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.)
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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

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