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15	SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER,	Case No. 19STCP01176
16	a California non-profit corporation,	Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger
17	Petitioner,	NOTICE OF RULING
18	v.	Date: November 16, 2020
19	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, etc., et al.,	Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept: SS10
20	Respondents.	Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014
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	CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, etc.,	
23	Cross-Complainant	
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On November 16, 2020, the parties appeared at a further Status Conference, the Honorable William F. Highberger, Judge presiding. The parties stated their appearances on the record. The Court reviewed the papers and made the following orders and determinations:

- 1. The Court denied with prejudice the non-party Media Organization Downhome Publishing, LLC's Ex Parte Application for Order Allowing Ojai Valley News to Attend Court Proceedings via Remote Video Access, filed November 16, 2020 because it has physical access to the Court to attend its proceedings.
- 2. The Court held a discussion regarding its inquiry to the parties as to whether it should have access to the "Proposed Physical Solution," which is subject to further revisions resulting from the meet and confer process, and the Court determined that it does not need a copy of the Proposed Physical Solution at this time.
- 3. Counsel for Defendant and Cross-Complainant City of San Buenaventura ("City") discussed a potential site visit for the Court and will meet and confer with the parties about a proposal.
- 4. The Court granted the City's request that Cross-Defendants may elect to file a Stipulation for Entry of Physical Solution and Judgment ("Stipulation"), in lieu of filing an answer, requiring a \$20 stipulation fee, rather than a \$435 first appearance fee. The current deadline to file this Stipulation, a stipulation for disclaimer, an answer, or other responsive pleading in response to the City's Third Amended Cross-Complaint is January 29, 2021.
- 5. The Court heard from representatives of the Loa E. Bliss 2006 Revocable Trust, Loa E. Bliss and David A. Gilbert, Trustees ("Bliss Trust") regarding the Upper Ojai Basin and whether it is connected to the Ventura River Watershed. The City stated that the connection between the Upper Ojai Basin and the Ventura River Watershed will be demonstrated as part of the Court's future consideration of the

1	Proposed Physical Solution. Parties will have the opportunity in that process to	
2	seek to demonstrate a lack of connection. The City also offered to meet and confer	
3	with the representatives of the Bliss Trust to address this and other issues raised in	
4	their letter attached to the Joint Status Conference Report	
5	6. The Court set a further Status Conference for February 9, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. and	
6	ordered that a joint report, and if necessary, unilateral reports, be filed and served	
7	by February 2, 2021.	
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9	Dated: November 24, 2020 BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP	
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