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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, a
16 California non-profit corporation,

17 Petitioner,

18 v.

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

21 Respondents.

22 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, etc.,

23 Cross-Complainant

24 v.

25 DUNCAN ABBOTT, an individual, et al.

26 Cross-Defendants.
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County of Los Angeles

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By: Kristina Vargas, Deputy

Case No. 19STCP01176

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger

NOTICE OF RULING

Date: July 6, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Dept: SS10

Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014

Trial Date: February 14, 2022

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1. The Court granted the City of San Buenaventura's (City) request to continue the order to show cause (OSC) hearing regarding service by publication of remaining unserved Cross-Defendants to the July 19, 2021 status conference. The City shall provide notice of the OSC and submit the required paperwork to the Court to request the approval of an order for service by publication on July 19, 2021.
2. The Court authorized the City, together with Cross-Defendants the Ventura River Water District, Meiners Oaks Water District, the Wood-Claeysens Foundation, and the Rancho Matilija Mutual Water Company (Proposing Parties), to lodge the public review draft of the proposed physical solution, dated May 17, 2021, on July 12, 2021. The Court instructed that the proposed physical solution clearly indicate that it is a draft document and that the Section 8 Findings be redacted. The Court further instructed that the lodged document be made available to all parties via File & Serve Xpress and that a notice of lodgment be filed with the Court on July 12, 2021. Written objections to the proposed physical solutions may be filed and served by other parties. Objections are limited to six (6) pages of the text (without the caption, attachments, declarations, or exhibits) and must be served by 4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2021 and filed by July 16, 2021. Any reply must be served by noon on July 19, 2021 and filed by the time of the hearing. The reply is limited to 50% of the total number of opposition pages.

- 1 3. The Court instructed the City to file a brief on the discovery plan and pretrial
2 schedule for Phase 1 trial, specifically regarding the issue of mutual exchange of
3 expert disclosures and timing, by July 9, 2021. Objections must be served by 4:30
4 p.m. on July 14, 2021 and filed with the court by July 15, 2021. Replies must be
5 served by 4:30 p.m. on July 16, 2021 and filed with the Court by July 19, 2021.
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7 4. The Court granted the City leave to file a supplemental opposition to the motion to
8 appoint a scientific advisor by July 8, 2021, in light of the papers filed by Cross-
9 Defendants Rosanna Garrison and Gregg Garrison. Replies must be filed and
10 served by July 9, 2021.
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12 5. The Court instructed the City to provide an update on the default process and
13 status in the report for the July 19, 2021 status conference.
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15 6. The Court determined that parties who have stipulated to the proposed physical
16 solution need not serve (or work on drafting) Initial Disclosures until after March
17 1, 2022, when the Court will reconsider the issue.

18 Dated: July 12, 2021

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