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BACKGROUND

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On September 30, the court set a hearing for October 28, 1999, to discuss the possible role of the Chino Basin Watermaster and this Court with respect to a petition filed by Orange County to revise the declaration of fully appropriated streams regarding the Santa Ana River. This memorandum is filed based on the court's order for hearing, and on

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the Chino Basin Watermaster Board and Advisory Committee recommendations to the court from their October 14, 1999 meetings regarding the petition

In summary, the State Board plans to hold a hearing on December 7, 1999, to consider lifting its existing declaration of fully appropriated stream for the Santa Ana River. Orange County estimates as much as 500,000 acre-feet ("AF") is available for appropriation. The allegedly surplus water consists of storm water and recycled water. Chino Basin is connected to Orange County physically and legally. The Chino Basin watershed is tributary to the Santa Ana River. Western and Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) have a joint obligation under the judgment in Orange County Water District v. City of Chino (OCSC No. 117628) ("Orange County case") to deliver 42,000 AF/Y of base flow in the Santa Ana River at Prado Dam for use by Orange County.¹

In December, the State Board will also consider a separate petition (Western petition) by Western Municipal Water District ("Western") and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (San Bernardino) to remove the existing declaration of fully appropriated stream for the Santa Ana River. San Bernardino must provide 15,250 AF/Y of base flow to the River at Riverside Narrows pursuant to the Orange County case. The Western petition and application do not seem to affect the Chino Basin.

The Optimum Basin Management Program ("OBMP") anticipates more intensive use of water in the Chino Basin watershed, including water tributary to the Santa Ana River.

The OBMP could be adversely impacted if the SWRCB grants the petition to remove the declaration.

THE ISSUES

The Orange County petition presents a factual issue: whether there is surplus water in the Santa Ana River which is available for new appropriation. The Orange County petition may include water needed to implement the OBMP that is subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the court and previously adjudicated in the Orange County case. Orange

¹ The Orange County case requires a minimum flow of 34,000 AF/Y of base flow from the upper area to the lower area, which is met by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Western Municipal Water District at Prado Dam.

County representatives have indicated their petition and application are not intended to affect the use of water in the Chino Basin or the rights and obligations adjudicated under the Orange County case, but the documents in support of the petition and application are not clear. The question is whether these petitions and applications could interfere with the Watermaster's basin management programs.

Assuming the petitions will result in appropriation of water in derogation of the OBMP, they also present a legal issue: whether the State Board has jurisdiction to grant the petitions in derogation of this Court's continuing jurisdiction.

ANALYSIS

Factual Issues

Resolving the meaning of the Orange County petition is difficult because of the volume of materials submitted to the State Board. A case can be made Orange County does not intend to interfere with Chino Basin management but the opposite case can also be made. The meaning of the Orange County petition cannot be resolved at this time. The testimony of Orange County and the testimony of Inland Empire Utilities Agency ("IEUA") and Western as responsible parties under the Orange County case will be important. Fortunately, Orange County, Inland Empire and Western are parties to this judgment and can be summoned to give testimony.

Legal Issues

The Judgment reserves "continuing jurisdiction" to this court over "all matters contained in the judgment". The court reserved the power to make further orders "necessary or appropriate for interpretation, enforcement or carrying out" the Judgment. On this basis, the court ordered the preparation of the OBMP. The court will order the implementation of the OBMP under this provision. The court could invoke this provision to order the increased diversion of storm water or the increased use of recycled water. Such increased diversion, while wholly contemplated in the Orange County case, may be contrary to the petition submitted to the State Board by Orange County.

² Paragraph 15.

1	The court (and by extension the Watermaster) may not necessarily be authorized to			
2	appear before the State Board. However, the State of California is a party to the instant			
3	action. This court may order the State to appear and show whether the State Board should			
4	be permitted to act in a manner inconsistent with the Judgment.			
5	RECOMMENDATION			
6	Based on the foregoing, the Watermaster recommends the court:			
7	1. Order Orange County Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency and Western			
8	Municipal Water District to appear on November 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. to clarify			
9	their respective positions with respect to the petitions to revise the declaration of			
10	fully appropriated streams regarding the Santa Ana River; and			
11	2. Order the State of California to show cause on November 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.,			
12	or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, why a preliminary injunction			
13	should not issue to prevent the State Water Resources Control Board from			
14	holding a hearing to consider revising the declaration of fully appropriated			
15	streams for the Santa Ana River which could adversely affect the management of			
16	the Chino Basin.			
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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