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JOINT RESPONSE OF WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY AND JOINDER TO CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER'S RESPONSE TO WATERMASTER COMPLIANCE WITH DECEMBER 21, 2007 ORDER CONDITIONS 1 THROUGH 4

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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	CHINO BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,  Plaintiff,  Vs.  CITY OF CHINO, et al.,  Defendants.  Defendants.  CASE NO.: RCV 51010  [Assigned for All Purposes to the Hon. Michael Gunn]  DECLARATION OF TOM DODSON IN SUPPORT OF JOINT RESPONSE OF WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY AND JOINDER TO CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER'S RESPONSE TO WATERMASTER COMPLIANCE WITH DECEMBER 21, 2007 ORDER CONDITIONS 1 THROUGH 4
22	I, Tom Dodson, declare and state as follows:
23	1. That I am an environmental specialist and President of Tom Dodson & Associates. I have
24	personal knowledge of the following facts and if called to testify as to them, could and would
25	competently do so.
26	2. I write this declaration on behalf of Tom Dodson & Associates (hereinafter referred to
27 28	as "TDA").

- 3. I have been requested to provide a summary of efforts underway to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (hereinafter referred to as "CEQA") for the proposed Chino Creek Wellfield (related to hydraulic control), Chino Desalter Capacity Expansion, and Basin Re-operation.
- 4. ver the past several months, I have attended many stakeholder meetings (more than five (5) such meetings) to discuss implementation of these three projects and the appropriate environmental documentation to comply with CEQA for each project. Beginning in 1999, TDA was placed under contract with Inland Empire Utilities Agency (hereinafter referred to as "IEUA") as the lead CEQA Agency to assist in complying with the CEQA for several regional water programs.
- 5. TDA prepared and assisted the IEUA to process and adopt environmental documents for many regional water programs and specific projects. This included two program environmental impact reports (certified by the IEUA Board), one subsequent environmental impact report (certified by the Chino Desalter Authority), and more than twenty (20) other environmental determinations for second tier projects designed to implement the Optimum Basin Management Program (hereinafter referred to as "OBMP"), or Peace 1.
- 6. TDA is presently working with the Chino Basin Watermaster (hereinafter referred to as "CBW"), IEUA, Western Municipal Water District (hereinafter referred to as "WMWD") and other stakeholders to implement the three identified projects: Chino Creek Wellfield, Chino Desalter Capacity Expansion and the Basin Re-operation Program. The following text summarizes the current environmental review status for each project.
  - A. The Chino Desalter Capacity Expansion was recently approved by both WMWD (on behalf of local stakeholders) and the State Water Resources Control Board after adoption of a Categorical Exemption by WMWD. This project is now ready for implementation. A copy of the Categorical Exemption, which cites the authority and includes the rationale for the Exemption, was attached as an exhibit to Watermaster's April 1, 2008, Watermaster Compliance with Condition Subsequent Number Four. The Categorical Exemption only addresses internal physical desalter facility equipment modifications.

Associated activities, to include groundwater production, will be addressed as indicated below.

- B. The first step in the Chino Creek Wellfield project is to install test wells with the objective of defining the best location for future production wells that will increase the volume of water delivered to the Desalters and achieve hydraulic control of the Chino Basin in accordance with the adopted OBMP. An Addendum to the OBMP Program Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter referred to as "PEIR") has been drafted for installation of the test wells and adjacent monitoring wells for adoption by the IEUA on behalf of stakeholders. This Addendum will be presented in the near future to the IEUA Board for consideration in conjunction with authorization to proceed with installation of the test and monitoring wells for this project. It is anticipated that this process will be completed within thirty to forty-five (30-45) days.
- C. The second step in the Chino Creek Wellfield project is to install the production well and deliver high salt content water to the Desalter for treatment and subsequent delivery to potable water supply agencies, such as the City of Ontario. The environmental documentation for this phase of the project must await completion of the test wells, related modeling and selection of the locations for installation and operation of the production wells.

At this time, it is envisioned that a Negative Declaration with mitigation measures will be prepared for adoption by the IEUA, as the lead agency, as the appropriate environmental determination for compliance with CEQA. However, all parties understand that once the Initial Study is completed, it may be necessary to prepare a narrowly focused Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter referred to as "EIR") if the Initial Study identifies any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a less than significant impact level, either on a project specific or cumulative impact level.

The appropriate environmental determination will be presented to the stakeholders; the documentation will prepared and processed by IEUA as the lead agency in accordance with mandated CEQA procedural requirements; and then the final package will be approved/certified by the IEUA Board on behalf of stakeholders. After approval of the CEQA environmental documentation, the project can proceed. It is anticipated that, barring any unforeseen delays, this process can be completed in the next six to eight (6-8) months.

- D. The environmental review of the Basin Re-operation program has been initiated and it is anticipated that a Subsequent PEIR, based on the BMP PEIR, will be prepared. A project description that was approved in connection with the Peace II process has been compiled for internal use and the EIR review process will be forthcoming. Since the Chino Creek Wellfield project is a component of the Basin Re-operation program, the new program EIR cannot be completed until that review process is completed or, alternatively, integrated into the Basin Re-operation environmental review process. I anticipate about nine to twelve (9-12) months to complete the process for the Basin Re-operation documentation. We can initiate the review process for the Basin Re-operation documentation in the near future through the issuance of a Notice of Preparation and the hosting of area scoping meetings.
- 7. The above summary of the CEQA environmental review requirements and procedures for these three key projects/programs represents my best understanding of the current status of their CEQA compliance. The estimates presented above reflect my professional estimate and opinion regarding the type of environmental documentation and preliminary schedules for complying with CEQA for these projects.

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Obviously, extraneous factors could alter the above procedural processes and schedules, but in my opinion the estimates provided above are realistic CEQA compliance procedures and reasonable schedules.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 1st day of May, 2008 in San Bernardino, California.

Tom Dodson

Tom Dodson & Associates

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# **PROOF OF SERVICE**

# I declare that:

I am employed in the County of San Bernardino, California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730; telephone (909) 484-3888.

On May 2, 2008 I served the following:

- 1) JOINT RESPONSE OF WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY AND JOINDER TO CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER'S RESPONSE TO WATERMASTER COMPLIANCE WITH DECEMBER 21, 2007 ORDER CONDITIONS 1 THROUGH 4
- 2) DECLARATION OF TOM DODSON IN SUPPORT OF JOINT RESPONSE OF WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY AND JOINDER TO CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER'S RESPONSE TO WATEMASTER COMPLIANCE WITH DECEMBER 21, 2007 ORDER CONDITIONS 1 THROUGH 4

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

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