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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Chino Basin Municipal Water District, Plaintiff,

Defendants.

Case No. RCV 51010

Assigned for All Purposes to the Honorable Stanford E. Reichert

V. City of Chino et al.,

PROPOSED ORDER REVISING FEBRUARY 19, 1998 RULING APPOINTING A NINE MEMBER WATERMASTER

BOARD

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Having read, reviewed and considered all pleadings filed in support and in response, if any, to the Overlying (Agricultural) Pool's Motion for Revision of 1998 Ruling Appointing a Nine Member Watermaster Board, including the argument of counsel presented at the July 12, 2013 hearing, and good cause appearing therefore:

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I. THE COURT'S 1998 RULING

Ruling"), the Court, as part of its creation and appointment of the Watermaster Board, included provisions as to the composition of the Watermaster Board, which provide for representation by the three wholesale Municipal Water Districts (the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Three Valleys Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District), and the allocation of the

In its February 19, 1998 Ruling appointing a nine-member Watermaster Board ("1998

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remaining six seats on the Watermaster Board among the three Pools - with three positions to

representatives of the Appropriative Pool on a rotating basis, two positions to representatives of the Overlying (Agricultural) Pool ("Agricultural Pool"), and one position to a representative of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool.

The 1998 Ruling additionally included limits as to the service as a representative on the Watermaster Board concurrently with service on a Pool Committee or the Advisory Committee. Pursuant to the Ruling, no person may serve concurrently on the Watermaster Board while serving as a member of a Pool Committee or the Advisory Committee, except that the members of the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool are expressly excepted from this limitation. The 1998 Ruling provides, at page five, lines 7-12, that:

No individual will be allowed to serve concurrently on the Watermaster Board while serving as a member of the Advisory Committee and/or the respective Pool Committee, with the exception of representatives from the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool. This shall not prevent the same member agency or entity with a representative on the Chino Basin Advisory Committee from appointing a different representative to the Watermaster Board.

One of the justifications behind this exception was the fact that the Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool comprises a smaller group of parties under the Judgment in this matter, as compared to the other Pool members.

II. <u>DECLINE IN AGRICULTURAL POOL MEMBERSHIP</u>

At the time of the Judgment, it was anticipated that Agricultural Pool production would diminish as agricultural land was converted for residential development and brought under municipal water service, and the Judgment included detailed procedures to transfer unproduced Agricultural Pool water to the members of the Appropriative Pool providing such service. Currently, as demonstrated in the Motion and accompanying papers, the number of Agricultural Pool members is dwindling, and groundwater production for use by the members of the Agricultural Pool has declined substantially over the last 35 years, from a high of 96,567 acre-feet per year in 1975-76 to 31,342 acre-feet per year in 2010-2011.

The Motion and supporting papers also demonstrate there is presently a relatively small group of active participants in Watermaster matters from the Agricultural Pool, and while there currently is no overlap between Agricultural Pool member service on the Watermaster Board and

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the Pool Committee, a representative on the Advisory Committee is currently a Pool Committee		
member, and alternates on the Watermaster Board have in the past been and continue to be		
members of the Pool Committee. Due to the current trend of declining activity in the Pool, the		
Court finds that it may be difficult to find within the Agricultural Pool's membership a sufficient		
number of representatives to fill all of the positions on the Agricultural Pool Committee, the		
Advisory Committee and the Watermaster Board. Accordingly, the Court will allow individual		
members of the Agricultural Pool to serve concurrently on the Watermaster Board while serving		
as a member of the Advisory Committee or the Agricultural Pool Committee, in order to preserve		
the remaining members of the Pool's ability to be represented themselves in the Watermaster		
process.		
III. <u>ORDER</u>		
IT IS ORDERED THAT:		
1. Page 5, lines 7-12, of the Court's 1998 Ruling are modified to read as follows:		
No individual will be allowed to serve concurrently on the Watermaster Board while serving as a member of the Advisory Committee and/or the respective Pool Committee, with the exception of representatives from the Overlying (Non-Agricultural)		

Pool and the Overlying (Agricultural) Pool. This shall not prevent the same member agency or entity with a representative on the Chino Basin Advisory Committee from appointing a different representative to the Watermaster Board.

Dated: 8.30.13

Her Stanford E. Reichert Judge of the Superior Court

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Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. The City of Chino

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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.

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	WATERMASTER BOARD

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I declar correct	re under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and
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