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Restated Judgment to conform with current Watermaster and Ag Pool policy and practice, which supports continued participation of the Ag Pool members in the Pool and Advisory Committees. As the Watermaster notes, the filing of the Watermaster's motion was approved by the members of the Watermaster Board at the Board's October 24, 2019 regular meeting. (Watermaster Motion, 6:19-23.)

The Watermaster Motion requests that the court approve an amendment to Paragraph 36 of the Restated Judgment to "conform the Restated Judgment to longstanding practices as to Watermaster Pool and Advisory Committee member compensation for attendance at events at the Committee's direction." (Watermaster Motion, 3:6-9.) Paragraph 36 currently allows for compensation to Pool or Advisory Committee members in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each meeting of such Pool or Advisory Committee attended and restricts total annual compensation to three hundred dollars (\$300). The Watermaster Motion proposes that Paragraph 36 be amended to allow for compensation of Pool or Advisory Committee members for attendance at meetings, workshops, and hearings in an amount "established by the respective pooling plan or Committee rules and regulations, but not to exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)" and to remove the \$300 annual cap. (Watermaster Motion, 5:12-18.)

The Ag Pool supports this proposed amendment to Paragraph 36 in order to reconcile the Restated Judgment with the compensation practice of the Watermaster and Ag Pool for the past decade. Additionally, the Court has acknowledged—in its August 30, 2013 Order that allowed individual members of the Ag Pool to serve concurrently on the Watermaster Board while serving as a member of the Advisory Committee or the Ag Pool Committee—that there has been a declining trend of activity in the Ag Pool as more agricultural land is converted to urban use. The Court's August 30, 2013 Order has been vital to the promotion and protection of the interests of the agricultural landowners in the Basin by allowing the more modest number of active Ag Pool members to serve concurrently on the Watermaster Board while serving as a member of the Advisory Committee or the Ag Pool Committee. Likewise, this amendment to Paragraph 36 of the Restated Judgment, allowing Committee members to continue to be compensated as they have been for the past decade and removing the compensation cap, helps to ensure that the Ag Pool's

declining membership continues to have active participation in the Watermaster process.

At the October 10, 2019 regular meeting, the Ag Pool Committee voted to amend its Committee rules and regulations to provide that members be compensated for meeting attendance in the amount of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) to conform with Ag Pool practice and policy, contingent on the Court's approval of the Watermaster Motion, and to direct counsel to prepare and file this Joinder to the Watermaster Motion. (Declaration of Tracy J. Egoscue (Egoscue Decl.), ¶¶ 3 and 4.) The Ag Pool Committee also approved a related amendment to its Pooling Plan and directed counsel to prepare the necessary filings for the Court, the motion for which was filed concurrently with this Joinder. (Egoscue Decl., ¶ 5.) The allowance of an increase in compensation and the elimination of the annual compensation cap allows for individual Ag Pool members to be appropriately compensated for attendance at all meetings, workshops, and hearings, and ensures that the declining membership continues to have active participation in the Watermaster process.

Accordingly, the Ag Pool respectfully requests that the Court grant the Chino Basin Watermaster's Motion for Court Approval of Amendments to Restated Judgment Regarding Compensation of Watermaster Pool and Advisory Committee Members.

Dated: October 31, 2019

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# CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER

# Case No. RCVRS 51010

Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al.

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- 2. DECLARATION OF TRACY J. EGOSCUE IN SUPPORT OF AG POOL'S JOINDER TO WATERMASTER'S MOTION FOR COURT APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO RESTATED JUDGMENT REGARDING COMPENSATION OF WATERMASTER POOL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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