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| 12 | Plaintiff, | Assigned for All Purposes to the Honorable Stanford E. Reichert |
| 13 | v. | AGRICULTURAL POOL'S OBJECTION TO |
| 14 | CITY OF CHINO et al., | JURUPA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR |
| 15 | Defendants. | CONTINUANCE OF WATERMASTER MOTION REGARDING 2020 SAFE YIELD |
| 16 | | RESET, AMENDMENT OF RESTATED JUDGMENT, PARAGRAPH 6; DECLARATION OF TRACY J. EGOSCUE |
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OBJECTION TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

The Chino Basin Watermaster Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Committee (Agricultural Pool) hereby objects to Jurupa Community Services District's (JCSD) June 15, 2020 "Joinder to and Request for Continuance of Chino Basin Watermaster Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6" (JCSD Request) to the extent that JCSD is requesting a continuance. There is no good cause for granting a continuance of the hearing.

The Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) filed its "Motion Regarding 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6" (Watermaster Motion) on May 27, 2020. On June 15, 2020, the Agricultural Pool timely filed an opposition to the Watermaster Motion based on the Motion's noncompliance with the Judgment, this Court's April 28, 2017 order, and other court-approved basin management agreements (Agricultural Pool Opposition). The JCSD's filing requests that this Court continue the hearing on the Watermaster's Motion, which is currently scheduled for June 26, 2020, by one month to purportedly provide JCSD and other parties time to review and, if appropriate, respond to the Agricultural Pool Opposition.

The Court should deny JCSD's request for continuance because there is no good cause for a continuance or delay of the hearing on the Watermaster Motion and the request was not made in compliance with California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1332.

Rule 3.1332 requires a party seeking a continuance, whether contested or uncontested or stipulated to by the parties, must make the request by a noticed motion or an ex parte application. (Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 3.1332(b).) The motion or application must be supported by a declaration supporting the circumstances and establishing good cause for the continuance, which are disfavored. (*Id.* at subds. (b), (c).) The "court may grant a continuance only on an affirmative showing of good cause requiring the continuance." (*Id.* at subd. (c).)

The JCSD Request should be denied because it was not properly made pursuant to Rule 3.1332. The continuance request was not made by a noticed motion or ex parte application and JCSD failed to provide a declaration in support of its request. (*Id.* at subd. (b).) Instead, JCSD expects this Court to grant a continuance based on the nine lines provided in its two-page request without the support of any declaration.

Moreover, JCSD failed to establish good cause for its disfavored continuance request; nor can it. JCSD feigns surprise by the arguments and evidence presented in the Agricultural Pool Opposition. The JCSD Request states that the continuance is needed because JCSD "understands that the Agricultural Pool has retained an expert in relation to its Opposition, JCSD will need time sufficient to review the Opposition and respond to the same..." (JCSD Request at p. 2, lines 7-9.) This suggestion that more time is needed is disingenuous. The JCSD and other parties were made aware of the Agricultural Pool's retention of an expert to review documents and evidence produced by Watermaster related to the Watermaster's proposed recalculation of the Safe Yield well in advance of the filing of the Agricultural Pool's Opposition. The Agricultural Pool even provided its expert's opinions and conclusions of that review as early as April 2020. (Declaration of Tracy J. Egoscue (Egoscue Decl.), ¶ 3.)

On April 23, 2020, the Agricultural Pool submitted questions and comments prepared by its expert consultant, GSI Environmental (GSI), in preparation for the Chino Basin 2020 Safe Yield Reset Workshop held on April 29, 2020. (Egoscue Decl., at ¶ 3.) The Agricultural Pool also presented to the Watermaster GSI's preliminary analysis of the proposed Safe Yield reset for consideration in support of a motion from the regular Pool meeting on May 14, 2020. (Egoscue Decl., at ¶ 4.) In its preliminary analysis, which the Agricultural Pool provided to the Watermaster and the Pools on May 14, 2020, GSI made the recommendation that the Agricultural Pool oppose the Safe Yield reset proposed by the Watermaster for the reasons as those set forth in the Agricultural Pool Opposition. (*Id.*, at ¶ 5, Exhibit A: GSI's May 14, 2020 Preliminary Recommendations on Safe Yield Reset Memorandum.) The opinions, recommendations, and conclusions of GSI were again presented to the Appropriative Pool in the Agricultural Pool's evidence brief submitted on June 9, 2020 to the Watermaster for the hearing on the Agricultural Pool's contest of applications for local groundwater storage and water transactions. (*Id.*, at ¶ 6.)

¹ A true and correct copy of the Agricultural Pool's April 23, 2020 questions and comments prepared by GSI are available on the Watermaster's public FPT website at https://cbwm.syncedtool.com/shares/folder/e83081106c3072/?folder_id=2398

² True and correct copies of the documents related to the Agricultural Pool's contest are available on the Watermaster's public FPT website at https://cbwm.syncedtool.com/shares/folder/e83081106c3072/?folder_id=1407 including a true and correct copy of the Agricultural Pool's evidence brief at

Additionally, the arguments and conclusions made within the Agricultural Pool Opposition are based on evidence, documents, and other materials produced for or by the Watermaster itself. (*Id.*, at ¶ 7.) The Appropriative Pool also had its own consultant peer reviewing the Watermaster's 2020 Safe Yield Reset reports, participating in the same workshops as GSI and was thus aware of GSI's position. Therefore, there can be no insinuation of surprise or insufficient time to review and respond to the Agricultural Pool Opposition.

The JCSD Request also asserts that "JCSD and many of the other parties are operating with stretched resources as a result of directives related to Covid 19, which creates further challenges responding to the opposition." (JCSD Request at p. 2, lines 9-11.) This argument also rings insincere as the Appropriative Pool has requested—and was granted—a continuance of the Agricultural Pool's contest hearing precisely because "Watermaster and Watermaster parties are preparing for the 2020 SYR Motion that is presently set for Court hearing on June 26, 2020." (Egoscue Decl., at ¶ 8, Exhibit B: June 8, 2020 Appropriative Pool Request for Continuance of Scheduled [Contest] Hearing.) Lastly, the Agricultural Pool Opposition comports with the Code of Civil Procedure, which satisfies JCSD's due process issues with sufficient timing.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Court should deny the JCSD's request for continuance of the hearing on the Watermaster Motion.

Dated: June 19, 2020

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| 21 | upon my own knowledge and experience, I can competently attest to the following facts. | |
| 22 | 2. I am counsel for the Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Committee (hereafter Agricultural | |
| | Pool) and this Declaration is made in support of the Agricultural Pool's Objection to Jurupa | |
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| 24 | 2020 Safe Yield Reset, Amendment of Restated Judgment, Paragraph 6. | |
| 25 | 3. On April 23, 2020, the Agricultural Pool submitted questions and comments prepared | |
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April 23, 2020 questions and comments prepared by GSI are available on the Watermaster's public FPT website at

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4. The Agricultural Pool also presented to the Watermaster GSI's preliminary analysis of the proposed Safe Yield reset for consideration in support of a motion from the regular Pool meeting on May 14, 2020. Minutes of the May 14, 2020 regular meeting are available on the Watermaster's public FPT website at

http://www.cbwm.org/docs/agpoolagendmin/minutes/pdf/20200514%20Minutes%20Agricultural %20Pool%20Meeting.pdf.

- 5. In its preliminary analysis, GSI made the recommendation that the Agricultural Pool oppose the Safe Yield reset proposed by the Watermaster for the reasons identified in the Agricultural Pool Opposition. A true and correct copy of the GSI's May 14, 2020 Preliminary Recommendations on Safe Yield Reset Memorandum is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.¹
- 6. The opinions, recommendations, and conclusions of GSI were presented to the Appropriative Pool in the Agricultural Pool's evidence brief submitted on June 9, 2020 to the Watermaster for the hearing on the Agricultural Pool's contest. True and correct copies of the documents related to the Agricultural Pool's contest are available on the Watermaster's public FPT website at https://cbwm.syncedtool.com/shares/folder/e83081106c3072/?folder_id=2588
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- 7. The arguments and conclusions made within the Agricultural Pool's Opposition to Watermaster's 2020 Safe Yield Reset Motion are primarily based on evidence, documents, and other materials produced for or by the Watermaster itself.
- 8. The Appropriative Pool has requested—and was granted—a continuance of the Agricultural Pool's contest hearing because "Watermaster and Watermaster parties are preparing

GSI's May 14, 2020 Preliminary Recommendations on Safe Yield Reset Memorandum was also attached to the Agricultural Pool Opposition to Watermaster's 2020 Safe Yield Reset Motion as Exhibit C.

| 1 | for the 2020 [Safe Yield Reset] Motion that is presently set for Court hearing on June 26, 2020." |
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| 2 | A true and correct copy of the June 8, 2020 Appropriative Pool Request for Continuance of |
| 3 | Scheduled [Contest] Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit B. |
| 4 | I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 19th |
| 5 | day of June 2020 in the City of Long Beach and County of Los Angeles, State of California. |
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Exhibit A: GSI's May 14, 2020 Preliminary Recommendations on Safe Yield Reset Memorandum

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Preliminary Recommendations on Safe Yield Reset

GSI Environmental's recommendation to the Agricultural Pool of the Chino Basin is to oppose the Safe Yield reset at this time. The procedures used currently are not reasonable, prudent, stable, responsible, sustainable, or fair, as outlined in the Peace Agreement and within the standard of practice for groundwater basin management. In addition, the current Safe Yield Reset has not been prepared in accordance with the Court Ordered Methodology or the 1999 OBMP which had anticipated model errors or prediction uncertainties and included procedures to address these anticipated errors in future planning. Also, there is no Court-ordered methodology to adjust Storage Accounts later in a Storage Implementation Plan, so it may not be possible to correct errors later if the Safe Yield reset has already been accepted. The supporting bases for this recommendation are discussed below.

1. There is no accounting for actual basin conditions compared to forecasts, thus mis-managing natural basin storage

The Watermaster notes that,

"The 10-year forecast takes into account projected conditions that are expected to occur over the ensuing 10 years. While it is possible to extend the period for additional increments of time, longer forecasting entails further speculation. Historical experience in evaluating trends in the Chino Basin suggests that the projections become less reliable as they extend beyond the 10-year horizon. It is considerably easier to adjust to discrepancies between set expectations over a 10-year period than longer periods of time and consequently there is less risk to the parties and to the basin." (Response to Questions and Comments on the April 2, 2020 Safe Yield Recalculation Report April 23, 2020 Letter from Overlying (Agricultural Pool) re Safe Yield Recalculation for Chino Basin Questions).

This statement is correct, and we agree that expectations should be set over 10-year periods for planning purposes of the Parties within the basin. That is exactly the reason why: (a) the Safe Yield reset should include the actual hydrology of the basin over the last 10-year period; and, (b) the Court-ordered Safe Yield reset methodology prescribed in the 1999 OBMP required such an evaluation.

The probability argument provided by Wildermuth in its response to GSI's April 23, 2020 comments is incorrect. Specifically, the probability of future hydrology is not related in any way to conducting a Safe Yield reset that includes what actually happened over the past 10 years. Future planning should account for the unforeseen natural basin storage that was depleted over these past 10 drought years and allow for that amount to catch up in planning over the next 10 years. Kicking the can down the road for 10 years due to that drought (or 20 years for a 20-year drought) is not fair to future users of the basin and not prudent, responsible, sustainable, or stable as it does not consider the natural storage depletions that have actually occurred. Conversely, if the next 10 years are more wet than current predictions and actual water use was less than or equal to that predicted, then further planning will add that to the future Safe Yield. That way, you close your accounts for the previous 10 years as you plan for the next 10. Finally, as noted by the Watermaster, planning for longer periods is less reliable, so expecting some



wet distant future conditions to balance the recent drought involves speculation and should not be part of a planning process for reasonable, prudent, reliable, responsible, sustainable, and stable management of the basin.

Furthermore, the probability of future wet conditions is not in any way higher because of the recent 20-year drought. Just because a coin toss lands "heads" 10 times, does not mean it will land "tails" the next time; the probability of either heads or tails is still 50% - with a significantly smaller probability of landing on "tails" the next 10 times to average out those unfortunate 10 "heads." Even with granting all that, the predictions of Safe Yield are dependent not only on predictions of average recharge, but also on predictions of water demand and pumping. Inferring that use of an average recharge for the forecasts would balance out the Safe Yield in the long term is further incorrect since pumping plans may not pan out.

The response to Ag Pool Member Geoff Vanden Heuvel on the same issue, states that, "as a result of fullness of time, the difference will be offset in future years when wet periods occur." As noted above, that is not the case. There is no comparison being made in this issue between past and present conditions as noted in the response, rather it is a simple issue that *hoping* for "sometime in the future" to compensate for loss of Safe Yield of the previous 10 years involves speculation and is not a reasonable, responsible and prudent management strategy, nor is it fair to current users of the basin. Hope is not a strategy; however, and the Watermaster should follow a strategy that is reasonable and sustainable over the long-term.

To put this issue in an analogy that we all can relate to would be the example of our personal finances. A projected Safe Yield over 10 years is like one's anticipated earnings going into a checking account over the next 10 years. Such a projection helps to plan net spending (pumping) from the checking account over that 10-year planning period. If you earn more than you spend, you put the money into a savings account that is akin to a groundwater storage account. If you earn less than you spend, you pay the extra from your savings account, similar to taking the additional needed water from your groundwater storage account.

If 10 years later, your actual net spending (pumping) was more than your actual net earnings (net recharge) for whatever reason, you are in debt for the difference, regardless of your earlier projected income and spending amounts. To provide a stable planning environment, the bank allows you 10 years of buffering by providing you a line of credit to the checking account. When planning your finances for the subsequent 10 years, you may again project your future earnings and planned spending; you may "recalibrate" your planning according to the actual conditions over the past 10 years; however, you cannot ignore that debt from the earlier 10 years. Either you pay back that amount immediately from your savings account (an immediate adjustment to the groundwater storage account), or you include that debt payment as an earnings deduction in your checking account over the subsequent 10 years (i.e., to include the difference between projected and actual Safe Yield into the next reset). But you cannot move from a planned projection to a subsequent projection without paying for past reduced income or overspending, just by promising to have more accurate and recalibrated estimates of future income and spending. Of course, a consumer would like that, but a bank cannot operate under that condition,

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passing on losses to future generations in the hopes that future spending will not exceed income, or taking a direct loss on its reserves.

2. It is incorrect to say that the Court Ordered methodology does not provide a mechanism for looking backwards at actual basin conditions for the next Safe Yield Reset.

In response to the Ag Pool's comment 1(b) Watermaster states that "[t]he Court-ordered Safe Yield reset methodology does not provide for any retroactive adjustments to Safe Yield or storage accounts." The "no retroactive accounting" provision at paragraph 4.8 is specific to "production years prior to July 1, 2014." This paragraph of the Order contains no language prohibiting a future correction if necessary for managing basin storage. The Language in 4.8 is that "the Watermaster will not in any manner seek to change prior accounting of the prior allocation of safe yield and operating safe yield among the parties to the Judgment for production years prior to July 1, 2014." This does not mean that future Safe Yield resets should not consider historical conditions. Instead, it specifically refers to the 140,000 afy reset to 135,000 afy that occurred in 2015 for the 2010 through 2020 timespan and that value should not be changed to account for the 5,000 afy discrepancy.

The Court-ordered Safe Yield reset methodology in the 1999 OBMP was reasonable and designed to sustainably, stably, responsibly, and prudently manage the basin. It considered that a 10-year planning period timespan was reliable, but that projections may not be accurate, and that models themselves have errors and uncertainties that need to be adjusted over time. Therefore, the 1999 OBMP prescribed that the Safe Yield reset consider what actually happened in the past 10 years and adjust for actual conditions rather than jump from one projection to another knowing that the previous projection was incorrect.

Specifically, under implementation Actions and Schedules in Section 4, the 1999 OBMP clearly states:

In year 2022/23, compute safe yield and storage loss rate for period 2012/13 through 2021/22, and reset safe yield and storage loss rates for the next the next ten-year period 2022/23 to 2031/32. Reassess storage management plan and modify Watermaster UGRR, if needed.

Similar language is used for future resets in 10-year increments up to the year 2051/52. The language clearly states that the past safe yield and storage loss rates should be computed to reset them for the next 10-years. This has not changed in further updates or Court orders. The 2015 Safe Yield Reset Methodology indicates that:

Watermaster's OBMP Implementation Plan called for an initial redetermination of Basin's Safe Yield in 2010/2011, using monitoring data that would be gathered for the first time during 2000/01 through 2009/10. This requirement is additionally carried forward in Section 6.5 of Watermaster's Rules and Regulations, which states that the "Safe Yield shall be recalculated in year 2010/11 based upon data from the ten-year period 2000/01 to 2009/10."

As noted, the requirement was to calculate Safe Yield for the next 10 years based upon data from the previous 10 years. The 1999 OBMP also clearly indicated that a Safe Yield should be computed for the historical period to reset the safe yield for the next 10-year period. The Reset Technical Memorandum of 2015 indicates that the 2015 Safe Yield Reset methodology is consistent with the definition of Safe Yield



in the Judgement and the Physical Solution, specifically that "Safe Yield shall be recalculated in year 2010/11 based upon data from the ten-year period 2000/01 to 2009/10". The approach then indicates a model recalibration as noted below:

Use the data collected during 2000/01 to 2009/10 (and in the case of subsequent resets newly collected data) in the re-calibration process for the Watermaster's groundwater-flow model.

The approach does not specifically list the safe yield recalculation detail of the Physical Solution that indicates looking back at the previous 10 years, however, nothing the Court has ordered prevents this action. Rather, the Judgement requires stable basin management and as natural basin storage declines, it is prudent for the Watermaster to act appropriately to set a sustainable Safe Yield for the Basin.

3. There is no transparency in reporting to evaluate model results or possible errors

Model behavior cannot be clearly understood by what is reported in the 2020 Safe Yield Recalculation Final Report. Requests for additional information are not being addressed, and examples of such responses are summarized herein.

Figures in the draft report (Figures 7-6 and 7-7 in draft report) were valuable in understanding future behavior, especially if additional information on precipitation of future conditions was also added (as was shown for historical conditions) as requested. Instead, these figures were removed entirely from the final document. They are not replaced with figures that "more clearly communicate trends in DIPAW" as noted in the May 8, 2020 response to comments #3 to the Ag Pool's April 23rd comments. Comment #10 asked for more information on precipitation and the total water budget, which is a reasonable request to holistically understand water in the basin. This is not more work, but something that should be done as part of the modeling effort that evaluates both surface and subsurface water. GSI's request for a total water budget was denied.

Comment #5a asked about the discrepancy between the statement in the draft document regarding "reduction in net recharge during the 2021 through 2030 period" and the Figure 7-7, which showed a net increase. Instead of a response, the figure was removed and not included in the final report.

GSI comments #6 and #7 were specifically regarding differences between the 2013 model and the 2020 model that are greater in earlier time than in later times. The lengthy response does not address that issue. If the 2020 model update is more accurate, then that would be the case throughout the simulation time period. This was not addressed and request for additional mass balance information that may help understand this issue was also not provided.

The response to Comment #7b indicates that there were errors in the past that were corrected. Model inputs can have errors as noted here. That is why when things do not seem to add up, we request additional information to satisfy ourselves that things are correct. Withholding such information or the model is not helpful or transparent.

Response to Comment #8 is also non-responsive. The comment questions why there is an increase in water levels in the earlier model but a decrease in water levels in the model update. Instead of providing



an answer to our query, the response was focused on the semantics of the comment as to whether it was one model or more models. The additional statement that "the model-estimated storage change for the 2013 model and the 2020 CVM for the period 2000-2018 closely track each other" is not a response to why the models were showing opposite trends between 1978 and 2020. Instead, it raises additional questions regarding the model and its update, since the 2013 model used projected average conditions for recharge, while the 2020 update was operating under an extended drought between 2000 and 2018. Yet, both models are reported to "closely track each other" during that period.

The response to Comment #9 tries to separate the Safe Yield from the Storage Management Plan; however, they are intimately interlinked and depend on each other.

Lack of transparency is also noted in the response to the State of California's comments at the April workshop and their written comments. Uncertainty of the model is not acknowledged, let alone probed. There is uncertainty in model parameters as well as in recharge and pumping projections, which are input to the model for the forecasts. Modeling standards require conducting sensitivity analyses at a minimum to help understand the aquifer better, determine significant data gaps, and improve on a model whether a Court requires it or not. These procedures are outlined in the ASTM D5611 - 94(2016) Standard Guide for Conducting a Sensitivity Analysis for a Groundwater Flow Model Application. Transparency involves addressing stakeholders concerns instead of discussing semantics of one or multiple models, and providing responses to comments that are essentially evasive, even if the Court does not obligate you to do so.

4. There are items in the current Safe Yield Reset that are not entirely clear and may have substantial consequences

The Optimal Storage Requirement (OSR) was estimated at ~ 5.3 million af, which was the estimated storage computed for the state of the basin in 1997. Of that amount, 236,000 af was already in Managed Storage around that time (in 2000). The estimated amount in Managed Storage for End-of-Year 2019 was 503,275 af, as described in the 2020 Safe Yield Reset report. Note that a complete picture of managed storage and basin storage has not been provided in one location, however, adding up these amounts, the total basin storage is about 5.6 million af.

The 2020 Safe Yield report indicates that total groundwater in storage was 12.3 MAF. However, the Safe Yield report does not provide the final values used for specific yield in the model. Only initial estimates are provided, which were changed upon calibration so it is not clear how the total basin groundwater storage is different from the OSR. Did the model "find" this extra water (up to 12.3 MAF) by increasing the specific yield? How does this 12.3 MAF affect the 5.6 MAF OSR and how are the two numbers related? It is not clear how these numbers will be used in the future so accepting the Safe Yield report with such unresolved issues is not advisable at this time.

5. Current basin operations are projected to cause MPI, and unplanned future management of storage accounts can cause MPI

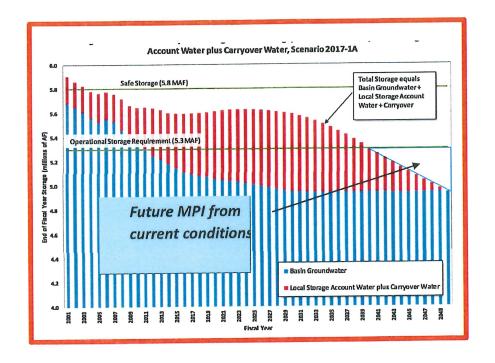
As presented to the Agricultural Pool, current basin operations are projected to cause Material Physical Injury (MPI) in the future (after 2040). Also, unplanned future management of storage accounts can



cause MPI. The figures below indicate both of these possibilities. Of particular concern is the amount of water in Storage Accounts that has already reduced Basin Groundwater amounts to be below the OSR. Without some adjustment that brings Basin Storage back to OSR levels, there will definitely be MPI. It is GSI's opinion, that a management plan would be subject to legal challenges that would likely follow if the Watermaster did not allow removal of water from storage accounts. A "Leave Behind" action should be implemented at this stage to ensure fair and sustainable operation of the basin.

In the analogy of personal finances, not allowing water to be extracted from a valid Storage Account would be akin to a bank plan that would never allow clients to remove money from their savings account because it would be detrimental to the bank to ever do so. If I had vast sums of money in a savings account and the bank said I had every right to it but can never withdraw it, I would consider that as illogical and would sue the bank to get back my money. That is exactly what should be anticipated in the current situation unless rectified by a plan that is executed with basin sustainability in mind.





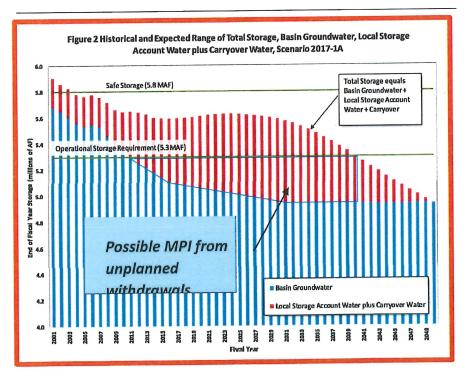


Exhibit B: June 8, 2020 Appropriative Pool Request for Continuance of Scheduled [Contest] Hearing

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Re: In the Matter Of Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Committee's January 2, 2020 Amendment to Its July 12, 2018 Consolidated and Amended Contest to Applications for Storage Agreements and Sale or Transfer; Overlying (Agricultural) Pool Committee's February 18, 2020 Second Amendment to the Amended and Consolidated Contest to Applications for Water Transactions

Appropriative Pool Committee (Applicants) Request for Continuance of Scheduled Hearing

Dear Mr. Kavounas:

Pursuant to Watermaster Rules and Regulations Section 10.15¹, the Appropriative Pool (AP) requests your consideration of a continuance of the scheduled June 16, 2020 Hearing. Good cause exists to continue the Hearing for the following reasons.

1. Over the last several months, the AP has focused its attention and resources on Watermaster Board approval of the 2020 Storage Management Plan, related Optimum Basin Management Plan Implementation Plan for Program Elements 8 and 9 (OBMP IP), and 2020 Safe Yield Reset/Recalculation (2020 SYR) rather than the Contest. This is because the AP understood until very recently that Watermaster Board approval of the 2020 Storage Management Plan with at least the AP's distribution of the OBMP IP would render the Ag Pool contest irrelevant². The 2020 Storage Management Plan was approved by the Watermaster Board at its May 28, 2020 meeting. The Watermaster Board adopted a resolution at its May 22, 2020 special meeting approving the 2020 SYR and has accordingly filed a motion with the Court that is set for hearing on June 26, 2020. The AP should not be prejudiced concerning adequate time to prepare for the Contest by its focus on and extensive efforts to reach consensus concerning the 2020 Storage

^{1 &}quot;An Applicant or Contestant may request an extension of time to file a Contest and Answer or for a continuance of a scheduled hearing and the request may be granted by Watermaster staff where good cause exists."

2 Indeed, Ag legal counsel stated in a March 28, 2020 email to the Hearing Officer that approval of the Storage Management Plan "would render the Ag Pool contest irrelevant".

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Management Plan, OBMP IP and 2020 SYR because of its good faith reliance on Ag's representations.

- 2. The Ag Pool's May 14, 2020 closed session reportable action stated: "the Ag Pool opposes the 2020 Storage Management Plan due to deficiencies in the interrelated Safe Yield Recalculation in addition to the lack of a storage implementation plan." As it appears Ag is conflating storage management and the 2020 SYR, the AP requires additional time to prepare for the Contest given the substantial amount of documents and materials that must be reviewed and analyzed not only regarding storage management but the 2020 SYR.
- 3. Given Ag's recent conflation of storage management and SYR, it is expected that Watermaster will be required to devote substantially more time to the Contest³.
- 4. With the AP's May 27, 2020 distribution of the OBMP IP, solicitation of comments from Watermaster and Watermaster parties and upcoming discussions concerning the negotiation process, extensive time and resources are required to complete the OBMP IP.
- 5. Watermaster and Watermaster parties are preparing for the 2020 SYR Motion that is presently set for Court hearing on June 26, 2020⁴. This competes with time and resources required for the Contest hearing. If, as Ag contends, storage management and Safe Yield Recalculation are interrelated, it appears enabling Watermaster and the parties to focus on the SYR hearing may be important for purposes of the Contest.
- 6. Based on the AP's March 27, 2020 email to Hearing Officer Mr. Berchtold noting circumstances related to the COVID-19 virus, it appears his decision to set the Contest hearing date in June instead of May as originally proposed was in part based on the possibility that COVID-19 protocol may no longer be in place in June. It is preferable for purposes of efficiency, practicality and promoting the efficacy and integrity of the proceeding to conduct the hearing in-person.
- 7. Continuance of the Contest hearing is without prejudice to the Ag Pool. It is AP members who are affected by the pendency of the Contest.
- 8. There is no exigency requiring the Contest to immediately proceed.
- 9. The AP waives completion of the Contest hearing and related actions within 180 days as otherwise required by Watermaster Rules and Regulations Section 10.25(g).

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³ Watermaster Rules and Regulations Section 10.24(h), for example, provides in part: "Watermaster staff and consultants may participate in the hearing as appropriate, using their technical knowledge and experience for the primary purpose of developing a full, fair and accurate record, including the questioning of any witness or the agents for any party to the proceeding." This provision suggests Watermaster's preparation for and participation in the Contest requires substantial time and resources.

⁴ Several other Watermaster items are on the Court's June 26^{th} calendar, requiring time for preparation by Watermaster, the AP and AP members.

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With respect to the continued Contest hearing date, the later of 60 days or Watermaster's determination of its available resources considering the circumstances cited above is requested.

Sincerely,

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Appropriative Pool Counsel

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