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### TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

The City of Ontario ("Ontario") submits this Supplemental Status Conference Statement in advance of the October 31, 2025 status conference. Unfortunately, the issues and concerns raised by Ontario in its prior Status Conference Statement have not been resolved. Watermaster has made no further progress to amend the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Assessment Packages ("Assessment Packages") to redress the financial harm to Ontario as ordered by the Court of Appeal, nor does it appear that Watermaster has any intention of voluntarily doing so. Instead, Watermaster, Cucamonga Valley Water District ("CVWD"), the Inland Empire Utilities Agency ("IEUA") and Fontana Water Company ("Fontana") (collectively "Opposing Parties") continue on a path to re-open every aspect of the Assessment Packages well beyond what the Court of Appeal ordered. Opposing Parties attempt to avoid any Dry Year Yield ("DYY") storage account balance impacts or resulting financial impacts to CVWD and Fontana from unwinding the prior DYY Program cost-shifting the Court of Appeals determined to be unlawful and injurious to Ontario. To bring order to the chaos that has been sowed by Watermaster, Ontario submits with this Supplemental Status Conference Statement an alternative Proposed Order that is consistent with what the Court of Appeal explicitly directed this Court to do on remand. Ontario's Proposed Order is designed to bring a quick end to what has been a years-long effort by Ontario to obtain relief.

### A. Watermaster's Continued Failure to Comply with the Court of Appeal's Opinion

The Court of Appeal directed this Court to enter new orders granting Ontario's challenges and directing Watermaster to correct and amend the Assessment Packages to compensate Ontario for the economic injuries it suffered as a result of Watermaster's interpretation of the 2019 Letter Agreement and Watermaster's failure to levy assessments on Fontana and CVWD's claimed groundwater production from the DYY Program. (Court of Appeal Opinion ("Op.")<sup>1</sup> at 35-36, 39.) No other amendments or modifications to the Assessment Packages were authorized or directed by the Court of Appeal.

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<sup>1</sup> Chino Basin Mun. Water Dist. v. City of Ontario, No. E080457, 2025 WL 1145065 (Cal. Ct. App. Apr. 18, 2025)

As held by the Court of Appeal, Watermaster erroneously relied on the 2019 Letter Agreement to exempt CVWD's voluntary production of water from the DYY account and Watermaster improperly allowed Fontana, "an entity not governed by a Local Agency Agreement," to "voluntarily produce[] and claim[] 2,500 AF of stored groundwater from the DYY account." (Op. at 15-16.) The failure of Opposing Parties to abide by the Court Orders, Judgment, and Peace Agreement as they relate to the DYY Program served as the limited basis for Ontario's challenges, and caused economic injury to Ontario that the Court of Appeal now has ordered Watermaster to correct. (Op. at 35 ("Ontario suffered a financial injury as a result of the 2019 Letter Agreement.")) As stated by the Court:

To summarize, the DYY Program was created to provide a buffer against drought, allowing Metropolitan to offset water it would otherwise import into the Basin with water stored in the DYY Program storage account. However, in 2018, Metropolitan requested, and was allowed, to put excess water into the DYY Program storage account. It then persuaded the Operating Committee (of which it possessed two votes) to propose the 2019 Letter Agreement. This agreement fundamentally changed the recovery aspect of the DYY Program by allowing voluntary production of water from the storage account regardless of party status or performance criteria. The impact of these voluntary takes materially affected the rights of the Operating Parties and other local agencies when Watermaster interpreted and applied the 2019 Letter Agreement inconsistently with the original DYY Program agreements, the Judgment, and prior court orders when it calculated/approved the FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages. Accordingly, we reverse the orders of the superior court and direct Watermaster to correct and amend the FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages consistent with the original DYY Program agreements, the Judgment, and prior court orders.

(Op. at pp. 38-39 (*emphasis added*.)) Inexplicably, Watermaster has failed to take action to amend the Assessment Packages to correct the unlawful voluntary production of DYY water and corresponding cost-shifting related to the DYY Program. Instead Watermaster has joined with the other Opposing Parties to actively work to circumvent and avoid the Court of Appeal's Opinion and order.

As noted in Ontario's prior Status Conference Statement, and more than three years after Ontario filed its first DYY Challenge, Watermaster has declared open season for parties (including the Opposing Parties) to reopen any and all portions of Assessment Packages – including

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components that have absolutely nothing to do with subject matter of Ontario's DYY Challenges or the resulting Court of Appeal Opinion. Over the past several months, Watermaster has circulated "DYY Decision Trees" and engaged in "workshops". (See attached Exhibit 1, [collectively July 24] and August 13, 2025 emails re workshops and August 13, 2025, Decision Tree].) On Watermaster's invitation, Opposing Parties submitted written comments in advance of the DYY Decision Tree "workshops" in an attempt to re-open issues that have no relation to the DYY Program issues addressed in Ontario's Challenges and the Court of Appeal's Opinion. (See Ewens Decl., ¶ 6, Ex. D [7/17/2025 email], ¶ 8, Ex. G [8/13/2025 email]; Ex. E [8/11/2025 Fontana letter] and Ex. F [8/6/2025 CVWD letter].) Going even further, since the filing of Ontario's last Status Conference Statement, Watermaster has apparently abandoned the "DYY Decision Tree" effort in favor of a multi-columned spreadsheet captioned "Assessment Fee Summary (Revised)" setting forth alternative proposals purportedly based on feedback from the Opposing Parties. (See attached Exhibit 2 [Assessment Year 2021-2022 Fee Summary (Revised)].) And, as recently as this week, CVWD submitted yet another comment letter raising arguments and issues that were never raised during the merits phase of this litigation and that are completely outside of the scope of the Court of Appeal's Opinion. (See attached Exhibit 3 [October 23, 2025, Letter from CVWD].)<sup>2</sup> None of the above proposals and actions were raised by Ontario or any of the Opposing Parties during the course of litigation, or have been preserved, or are properly considered by the Watermaster.<sup>3</sup>

No action has been taken by Watermaster to correct and amend the Assessment Packages to compensate Ontario for its financial injuries relating to the administration of the DYY Program,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although dated on October 23, 2025, and cited in the Opposing Parties' Supplemental Joint Status Conference Statement, Ontario did not receive a copy of this letter until October 28, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As described in Ontario's prior Status Conference Statement, the necessary amendments to correct Ontario's injures relating to the improper cost-shifting caused by CVWD and Fontana's claimed DYY production boil down to a simple adjustment to the Assessment Package's Water Production Summary to reduce CVWD and Fontana's production from the DYY Storage and Recovery Program to zero to reflect both the fact that Fontana does not have a DYY Local Agency Agreement and the years in question were not "call" years and, therefore, CVWD's claimed DYY production was not authorized. (Ewens Decl., ¶ 5, Ex. C.) Anything else is well beyond the scope of the DYY Program challenges and is certainly well beyond the scope of the Court of Appeal's Opinion.

and no action has been taken to actually comply with the Court of Appeal's directives. If Watermaster is permitted to continue on this path, not only will it be contrary to the Court of Appeal's Opinion, it also risks reopening entirely new rounds of challenges to the Assessment Packages by any number of parties – not just Ontario – at a time when this chapter should, per the Court of Appeal's directive, be finally put to rest.<sup>4</sup>

#### В. Ontario's Proposed Order Complies with the Court of Appeal's Opinion

In contrast to the proposed order submitted by Opposing Parties that deviates substantially from the Court of Appeal's Opinion<sup>5</sup>, the Proposed Order submitted by Ontario is based on the Court of Appeal's Opinion, no more and no less. The Court of Appeal's final disposition is as follows:

The November 3, 2022, and August 23, 2023, orders are reversed. The superior court is directed to enter new orders granting Ontario's challenges, and directing Watermaster to correct and amend its FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages. The issues of (1) whether water from the DYY Program is withdrawn (not produced), (2) whether stored and supplemental water are simply two types of ground water, (3) whether all stored and supplemental water in the Basin is categorically exempt from assessment, and (4) the future viability and application of the 2019 Letter Agreement should be resolved by the parties prior to judicial intervention. Ontario shall recover its costs on appeal.

(Op., p. 39.) Accordingly, Ontario respectfully requests that this Court enter Ontario's Proposed Order and direct Watermaster to submit the corrected and amended FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages to this Court for approval without delay.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Watermaster suggests in its Proposed Order that an appropriate path is to revise the "Assessment" Packages in accordance with historical practice ... (and) present the Assessment Packages to the Pool Committees, Advisory Committee, and Watermaster Board." (Watermaster's Proposed Order Re October 3, 2025 Status Conference, p. 2.) This would have the effect of re-opening every line item, every component, and every aspect of the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages instead of simply making the narrow corrections to the Assessment Packages to correct the improper cost-shifting relating to the DYY Program. Under the Judgment and Watermaster Rules, if Watermaster does what it has suggested by way of process, any party then would have ninety days to initiate new challenges to the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages. [Judgment ¶31(c). In short, the parties and the Court would be back to square one.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> By way of example, and without limitation, Watermaster and Opposing Parties' Proposed Order does not even contain language granting Ontario's challenges and reflecting the reversal the November 3, 2022 and August 23, 2023 Orders.

- C. Opposing Parties' Supplemental Joint Status Conference Statement Fails to Appropriately Acknowledge the Conflict of Interest Issues, and Materially Misrepresents the Substance of the Court of Appeal's Decision.
  - 1. Opposing Parties' Failure to Recuse Themselves from Watermaster Closed-Session Deliberations and Decisions Regarding the DYY Program Litigation Continues to Undermine Watermaster's Position as a Neutral Arm of This Court.

Watermaster serves as an arm of this Court and in that capacity must ensure its neutrality – free from conflicts of interest or bias in its decision making. The Opposing Parties fail to recognize this basic tenet that is foundational to the fair handed and impartial management of the Chino Basin. The Court of Appeal's Opinion requires the correction of the improper DYY Program cost-shifting in the Assessment Packages, which will directly impact the financial and other interests of Watermaster member agencies including Fontana and CVWD, each of whom actively joined with Watermaster in vigorously opposing Ontario's DYY Program Challenges. Not only has Watermaster argued on behalf of each of these parties, and IEUA, in open court, including before the Court of Appeal, Watermaster also has presented elaborate alternatives to "comply" with the Court of Appeal's Opinion that are designed to minimize any DYY storage account balance impacts or resulting financial impacts to Fontana and CVWD resulting from the Court of Appeal's Opinion. That is contrary to the Opinion, which directs Watermaster to correct the improper cost-shifting relating to the DYY Program and compensate Ontario for the economic harm it suffered as a result.

Ontario raised these issues in good faith. (See Exhibits 5 [January 22, 2025 Letter] and 4 [July 24, 2025 Letter].) If, as Opposing Parties have made clear, these agencies will not recuse themselves from Watermaster Board decisions relating to the implementation of the Court of Appeal's Opinion, Ontario requests that this Court exercise its continuing jurisdiction over this case to directly implement the Court of Appeal's Opinion or to appoint a neutral special master to assist the Court.

2. <u>Opposing Parties' Supplemental Joint Status Conference Statement Misrepresents the Court of Appeal's Opinion.</u>

Opposing Parties' Supplemental Joint Status Conference Statement also misrepresents the Court of Appeal's Opinion by attempting to conflate the Court of Appeal's instruction for the parties resolve the four identified issues prior to judicial intervention with the clear directive to the

1	"superior court to enter new orders granting Ontario's challenges and directing Watermaster to
2	correct and amend its FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages." The Court of Appeal
3	did not instruct the parties to meet and confer, engage in workshops, and modify the Assessment
4	Packages on issues that were not necessary to the Court of Appeal's resolution of the DYY litigation
5	or, in some instances, were not even the subject of the underlying challenges to the Assessment
6	Packages. Indeed, as noted above, the Court of Appeal held that resolution of these four issues is
7	not a prerequisite to granting Ontario its requested relief through amended assessment packages.
8	(Op. at p. 25.) Instead, the decision unequivocally directs this Court to grant Ontario's challenges
9	and directs Watermaster to correct and amend the Assessment Packages. Ontario respectfully
10	requests that the Court follow this directive and enter Ontario's Proposed Order submitted herewith.
11	Respectfully submitted,
12	Dated: October 29, 2025 STOEL RIVES LLP
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# EXHIBIT 1

From: Ruby Favela Quintero <RFavelaQuintero@cbwm.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 4:14 PM

To: Ruby Favela Quintero < RFavela Quintero @cbwm.org>

Subject: Implementation of Dry Year Yield Appellate Court Ruling - Workshop 1 (Written Comments Due by COB 8/6/25)

Dear Watermaster Stakeholders,

Thank you for your participation in yesterday's DYY Appellate Court Ruling Workshop 1. As discussed, meeting notes will be distributed by next Wednesday.

The session was productive, resulting in a preliminary "decision tree" to be drafted and presented at the next workshop. To incorporate stakeholder input, please submit *written* feedback <u>by COB August 6, 2025</u> to Ms. Anna Nelson at <u>atruongnelson@cbwm.org</u>. Watermaster staff will integrate all comments into the decision tree for presentation at the upcoming workshop, scheduled for August 20, 2025. A formal notice will be issued closer to the workshop date.

For questions, please contact Messrs. Corbin or Tellez Foster directly.

Best regards, Ruby

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From: Ruby Favela Quintero <RFavelaQuintero@cbwm.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 2:59 PM

To: Ruby Favela Quintero <RFavelaQuintero@cbwm.org>

**Subject:** Implementation of Dry Year Yield Appellate Court Ruling - Workshop #2

Dear Watermaster Stakeholders,

This is to inform you that the Watermaster will be hosting Workshop #2 regarding the Implementation of the Court of Appeal's Ruling regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-22 and 2022-23 Assessment Packages to be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 20</u>, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Watermaster's office.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the comments received from parties and the Decision Tree illustration that was provided. Watermaster will not be presenting any proposal as to the manner in which it will implement the Ruling, but aims to ensure that all perspectives from Parties on how it should be implemented is presented. The comments which have been received to date are posted on the Watermaster website <u>link</u>.

For those desiring to join remotely, the Zoom link is provided below:

 Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88188501894?pwd=nllnXTD2A50khOyWqfhY1U8zn7R81p.1

• Join By Phone: +1 (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 881 8850 1894

Passcode: 377698

Best regards, Ruby

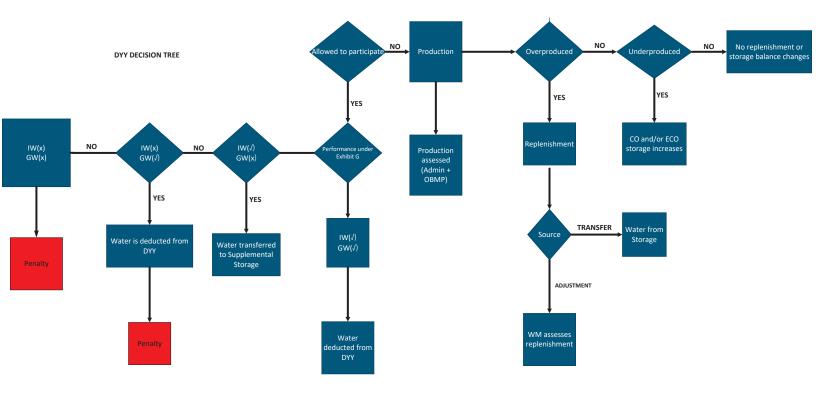
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## EXHIBIT 2



DYY Details										
Party	Total									
CVWD	12,304.333	8,195.667	20,500.000							
-WC	0.000	2,500.000	2,500.000							
	12,304.333	10,695.667	23,000.000							

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Party	Approved FY 2021/22 Assessment Package	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF / DYY Take of : DYY 10,695.7 A	/ FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF DYY Take of DYY 10,695.7 A 85/15 Rule App CDA NOT A	FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF IF Transacted lied (\$500/AF) Assessed	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF DYY Take of DYY 10,695.7 A 85/15 Rule N CDA As: Footnotes	FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF F Transacted OT Applied sessed	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF DYY Take of 1 DYY 10,695.7 A 85/15 Rule App CDA Ass	/ FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF AF Transacted lied (\$500/AF) sessed	DYY Ass CVWD 20,500 AF DYY 23,000 AI 85/15 Rule N CDA NOT /	/ FWC 2,500 AF F Transacted OT Applied Assessed	DYY Ass CVWD 20,500 AF DYY 23,000 AI 85/15 Rule App CDA NOT /	/ FWC 2,500 AF F Transacted Lied (\$500/AF) Assessed	DYY Ass CVWD 20,500 AF DYY 23,000 AI 85/15 Rule App CDA Ass	F / FWC 2,500 AF F Transacted blied (\$500/AF) sessed
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BlueTriton Brands, Inc.	26,513.32	24,644.26	(1,869.06)	24,644.26	(1,869.06)	20,016.37	(6,496.95)	20,016.37	(6,496.95)	22,902.70	(3,610.62)	22,902.70	(3,610.62)	19,056.07	(7,457.25)
CalMat Co. (Appropriative)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chino Hills, City of	281,469.18	256,238.59	(25,230.59)	262,638.21	(18,830.97)	422,716.01	141,246.83	429,128.13	147,658.95	232,856.09	(48,613.09)	263,979.17	(17,490.01)	423,056.25	141,587.07
Chino, City of	543,691.51	494,890.54	(48,800.97)	502,077.89	(41,613.62)	646,197.27	102,505.76	653,398.65	109,707.14	449,532.79	(94,158.72)	484,486.77	(59,204.74)	634,922.97	91,231.46
Cucamonga Valley Water District	565,137.66	1,073,140.24	508,002.58	1,109,361.80	544,224.14	820,679.97	255,542.31	856,606.16	291,468.50	1,732,674.06	1,167,536.40	1,184,466.98	619,329.32	799,912.90	234,775.24
Desalter Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fontana Union Water Company	154,698.57	146,370.87	(8,327.70)	146,370.87	(8,327.70)	125,744.58	(28,953.99)	125,744.58	(28,953.99)	138,599.69	(16,098.88)	138,599.69	(16,098.88)	121,466.02	(33,232.55)
Fontana Water Company	285,003.67	378,067.80	93,064.13	225,862.96	(59,140.71)	141,585.33	(143,418.34)	(10,550.60)	(295,554.27)	277,263.61	(7,740.06)	261,413.30	(23,590.37)	64,912.66	(220,091.01)
Fontana, City of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Golden State Water Company	96,783.31	87,775.70	(9,007.61)	90,571.11	(6,212.20)	68,114.11	(28,669.20)	70,914.98	(25,868.33)	79,440.77	(17,342.54)	93,035.61	(3,747.70)	76,698.44	(20,084.87)
Jurupa Community Services District	1,283,339.04	1,160,267.56	(123,071.48)	1,187,873.14	(95,465.90)	1,504,283.38	220,944.34	1,531,942.86	248,603.82	1,046,119.45	(237,219.59)	1,180,372.65	(102,966.39)	1,524,193.97	
Marygold Mutual Water Company	75,922.34	69,274.96	(6,647.38)	69,274.96	(6,647.38)	52,815.00	(23,107.34)	52,815.00	(23,107.34)	63,079.82	(12,842.52)	63,079.82	VI COLOR	49,399.65	240,854.93
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	16,376.26	15,494.70	(881.56)	15,494.70	(881.56)	13,311.21	(3,065.05)	13,311.21	(3,065.05)	14,672.04	(1,704.22)	14,672.04	(12,842.52)	12,858.29	(26,522.69)
Monte Vista Water District	727,374.74	661,512.15	(65,862.59)	681,086.75	(46,287.99)	516,929.49	(210,445.25)	536,542.31	(190,832.43)	600,546.47	(1,704.22)	695,742.97	(31,631.77)	575,608.25	(3,517.97)
NCL Co, LLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(151,766.49)
Niagara Bottling, LLC	1,747,020.73	1,718,384.34	(28,636.39)	1,718,384.34	(28,636.39)	1,688,500.93	(58,519.80)	1,688,500.93	(58,519.80)	1,691,199.27	(55,821.46)	1,691,199.27	(55,821.46)	1,666,360.66	0.00
Nicholson Family Trust	90.77	85.77	(5.00)	85.77	(5.00)	73.38	(17.39)	73.38	(17.39)	81.10	(9.67)	81.10	(9.67)		(80,660.07)
Norco, City of	4,883.68	4,620.78	(262.90)	4,620.78	(262.90)	57,043.23	52,159.55	57,043.23	52,159.55	4,375.46	(508.22)	4,375.46		70.82	(19.95)
Ontario, City of	1,778,365.74	1,616,881.28	(161,484.46)	1,661,558.29	(116,807.45)	1,712,098.73	(66,267.01)	1,756,862.97	(21,502.77)	1,467,319.32	(311,046.42)		(508.22)	52,873.78	47,990.10
Pomona, City of	853,006.03	775,059.87	(77,946.16)	775,059.87	(77,946.16)	582,049.75	(270,956.28)					1,684,595.44	(93,770.30)	1,805,869.72	27,503.98
San Antonio Water Company	91,144.48	83,846.70	(7,297.78)	85,606.94	(5,537.54)	67,439.31		582,049.75	(270,956.28)	702,410.51	(150,595.52)	702,410.51	(150,595.52)	542,002.13	(311,003.90)
San Bernardino, County of (Shooting Park)	15,183.94	14,885.99	(297.95)	14,930.67			(23,705.17)	69,202.98	(21,941.50)	77,081.20	(14,063.28)	85,641.70	(5,502.78)	72,009.47	(19,135.01)
Santa Ana River Water Company	46,638.04	43,558.93	(3,079.11)	44,015.55	(253.27)	14,592.92 100,049.76	(591.02)	14,637.69	(546.25)	14,604.54	(579.40)	14,821.84	(362.10)	14,578.32	(605.62)
Upland, City of	239,320.57	218,989.94	(20,330.63)				53,411.72	100,507.28	53,869.24	40,697.15	(5,940.89)	42,917.83	(3,720.21)	95,785.02	49,146.98
West End Consolidated Water Co				224,472.11	(14,848.46)	173,829.04	(65,491.53)	179,321.91	(59,998.66)	200,156.74	(39,163.83)	226,817.96	(12,502.61)	189,294.55	(50,026.02)
West Valley Water District	22,932.07 16,068.81	21,697.60 15,229.39	(1,234.47)	21,697.60	(1,234.47)	18,640.01	(4,292.06)	18,640.01	(4,292.06)	20,545.61	(2,386.46)	20,545.61	(2,386.46)	18,005.77	(4,926.30)
			(839.42)	15,229.39	(839.42)	13,150.30	(2,918.51)	13,150.30	(2,918.51)	14,446.07	(1,622.74)	14,446.07	(1,622.74)	12,719.03	(3,349.78)
Western Municipal Water District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	187,560.32	187,560.32	187,560.32	187,560.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	173,302.99	173,302.99
Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool	319,570.34	292,717.38	(26,852.96)	292,717.38	(26,852.96)	226,228.02	(93,342.32)	226,228.02	(93,342.32)	267,696.18	(51,874.16)	267,696.18	(51,874.16)	212,431.25	(107,139.09)
Total	9,190,534.80	9,173,635.34	(16,899.46)	9,173,635.34	(16,899.46)	9,173,648.42	(16,886.38)	9,173,648.42	(16,886.38)	9,158,300.64	(32,234.16)	9,158,300.67	(32,234.13)	9,157,388.98	(33,145.82)
Total Desalter Replenishment Assessment	200,504.62	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	167,679.07	(32,825.55)	167,679.07	(32,825.55)	167,679.07	(32,825.55)
Total Change in Assessments Minus DRO			169.51		169.51		156.43		156.43		(591.39)		(591.42)		320.27
Judgment Administration Assessment / AF	22.27	20.10	(2.17)	20.10	(2.17)	14.71	(7.56)	14.71	(7.56)	10.07	(4.20)	10.07	(4.00)	40.50	(0.00)
OBMP Assessment / AF	48.25	43.53	(4.72)						X-1-1019	18.07	(4.20)	18.07	(4.20)	13.59	(8.68)
	•			43.53	(4.72)	31.86	(16.39)	31.86	(16.39)	39.14	(9.11)	39.14	(9.11)	29.44	(18.81)
Total Assessment / AF	70.52	63.63	(6.89)	63.63	(6.89)	46.57	(23.95)	46.57	(23.95)	57.21	(13.31)	57.21	(13.31)	43.03	(27.49)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on feedback from City of Ontario during Workshop #1.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Based on feedback from Fontana Water Company during Workshop #1.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Based on a hypothetical \$500/AF replenishment, subject to change.

DYY Details									
Party Take Transaction Total									
CVWD	17,912.778	0.000	17,912.778						
FWC	1,573.333	3,426.667	5,000.000						
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	1 1	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference
BlueTriton Brands, Inc.	30,365.95	29,641.44	(724.51)	29,641.44	(724.51)	23,694.34	(6,671.61)	23,694.34	(6,671.61)	26,290.53	(4,075.42)	26,290.53	(4,075.42)	21,888.08	(8,477.87)
CalMat Co. (Appropriative)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chino Hills, City of	376,041.19	371,403.79	(4,637.40)	375,822.78	(218.41)	580,675.00	204,633.81	585,093.99	209,052.80	314,644.81	(61,396.38)	355,039.52	(21,001.67)	549,529.40	173,488.21
Chino, City of	721,798.95	707,828.56	(13,970.39)	712,971.96	(8,826.99)	888,764.25	166,965.30	893,907.65	172,108.70	602,123.60	(119,675.35)	649,140.30	(72,658.65)	830,199.96	108,401.01
Cucamonga Valley Water District	1,095,496.55	1,084,949.40	(10,547.15)	1,100,696.58	5,200.03	843,124.89	(252,371.66)	858,872.07	(236,624.48)	2,420,376.72	1,324,880.17	1,758,236.89	662,740.34	1,252,691.23	157,194.68
Desalter Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fontana Union Water Company	205,829.86	202,504.15	(3,325.71)	202,504.15	(3,325.71)	175,205.06	(30,624.80)	175,205.06	(30,624.80)	187,125.69	(18,704.17)	187,125.69	(18,704.17)	166,906.78	(38,923.08)
Fontana Water Company	253,365.74	404,034.65	150,668.91	318,396.54	65,030.80	47,003.72	(206,362.02)	(38,634.39)	(292,000.13)	274,834.64	21,468.90	298,090.30	44,724.56	39,191.61	(214,174.13)
Fontana, City of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Golden State Water Company	73,949.81	72,817.83	(1,131.98)	74,609.79	659.98	45,859.55	(28,090.26)	47,651.51	(26,298.30)	53,262.74	(20,687.07)	69,643.36	(4,306.45)	49,176.35	(24,773.46)
Jurupa Community Services District	1,714,299.56	1,688,025.57	(26,273.99)	1,707,526.89	(6,772.67)	2,092,733.33	378,433.77	2,112,234.65	397,935.09	1,410,683.61	(303,615.95)	1,588,948.27	(125,351.29)	1,997,021.19	282,721.63
Marygold Mutual Water Company	103,809.97	100,749.87	(3,060.10)	100,749.87	(3,060.10)	75,631.54	(28,178.43)	75,631.54	(28,178.43)	86,597.25	(17,212.72)	86,597.25	(17,212.72)	68,001.83	(35,808.14)
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	21,788.98	21,436.92	(352.06)	21,436.92	(352.06)	18,547.06	(3,241.92)	18,547.06	(3,241.92)	19,808.97	(1,980.01)	19,808.97	(1,980.01)	17,668.61	(4,120.37)
Monte Vista Water District	876,017.79	867,379.38	(8,638.41)	879,137.17	3,119.38	680,553.33	(195,464.46)	692,311.12	(183,706.67)	733,470.02	(142,547.77)	840,949.85	(35,067.94)	699,294.23	(176,723.56)
NCL Co, LLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niagara Bottling, LLC	409,787.98	399,457.32	(10,330.66)	399,457.32	(10,330.66)	359,647.54	(50,140.44)	359,647.54	(50,140.44)	350,862.76	(58,925.22)	350,862.76	(58,925.22)	321,392.74	(88,395.24)
Nicholson Family Trust	123.61	121.61	(2.00)	121.61	(2.00)	105.22	(18.39)	105.22	(18.39)	112.38	(11.23)	112.38	(11.23)	100.23	(23.38)
Norco, City of	6,497.83	6,392.85	(104.98)	6,392.85	(104.98)	74,794.88	68,297.05	74,794.88	68,297.05	5,907.36	(590.47)	5,907.36	(590.47)	66,266.38	59,768.55
Ontario, City of	2,009,742.60	1,985,871.88	(23,870.72)	2,010,060.12	317.52	2,142,459.97	132,717.37	2,166,648.21	156,905.61	1,682,186.54	(327,556.06)	1,903,295.10	(106,447.50)	2,095,259.37	85,516.77
Pomona, City of	1,177,222.01	1,142,057.27	(35,164.74)	1,142,057.27	(35,164.74)	853,412.60	(323,809.41)	853,412.60	(323,809.41)	979,425.65	(197,796.36)	979,425.65	(197,796.36)	765,732.57	(411,489.44)
San Antonio Water Company	89,806.79	88,676.22	(1,130.57)	89,352.74	(454.05)	72,726.29	(17,080.50)	73,402.81	(16,403.98)	78,041.82	(11,764.97)	84,226.01	(5,580.78)	72,223.82	(17,582.97)
San Bernardino, County of (Shooting Park)	18,660.00	18,578.86	(81.14)	18,612.18	(47.82)	18,110.31	(549.69)	18,143.63	(516.37)	17,925.51	(734.49)	18,230.05	(429.95)	17,873.71	(786.29)
Santa Ana River Water Company	53,579.33	52,813.48	(765.85)	52,986.87	(592.46)	127,929.50	74,350.17	128,102.89	74,523.56	47,886.55	(5,692.78)	49,471.49	(4,107.84)	116,693.58	63,114.25
Upland, City of	226,473.99	223,859.78	(2,614.21)	226,065.79	(408.20)	180,652.52	(45,821.47)	182,858.53	(43,615.46)	194,141.73	(32,332.26)	214,307.16	(12,166.83)	181,689.82	(44,784.17)
West End Consolidated Water Co	30,511.63	30,018.64	(492.99)	30,018.64	(492.99)	25,971.91	(4,539.72)	25,971.91	(4,539.72)	27,738.98	(2,772.65)	27,738.98	(2,772.65)	24,741.79	(5,769.84)
West Valley Water District	21,289.48	20,954.25	(335.23)	20,954.25	(335.23)	18,202.57	(3,086.91)	18,202.57	(3,086.91)	19,404.14	(1,885.34)	19,404.14	(1,885.34)	17,366.12	(3,923.36)
Western Municipal Water District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244,776.12	244,776.12	244,776.12	244,776.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215,562.48	215,562.48
Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool	284,649.59	275,970.92	(8,678.67)	275,970.92	(8,678.67)	204,733.31	(79,916.28)	204,733.31	(79,916.28)	235,831.96	(48,817.63)	235,831.96	(48,817.63)	183,096.86	(101,552.73)
Total	9,801,109.19	9,795,544.64	(5,564.55)	9,795,544.65	(5,564.54)	9,795,314.81	(5,794.38)	9,795,314.82	(5,794.37)		(32,425.23)	9,768,683.97	(32,425.22)	9,769,568.74	(31,540.45)
Total Desalter Replenishment Assessment	199,422.47	193,877.66	(5,544.81)	193,877.66	(5,544.81)	102 077 00	/E E44 C41	102 077 00	(E.E.4.04)	107 105 01	/00 040 001	407 407 6	100 010 000	407.107.5	100
Total Change in Assessments Minus DRO	100,422.47	130,677.00	19.74	193,677.00	19.73	193,877.66	(5,544.81) 249.57	193,877.66	(5,544.81)	167,405.81	(32,016.66)	167,405.81	(32,016.66)	167,405.81	(32,016.66)
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Judgment Administration Assessment / AF	33.44	32.33	(1.11)	32.33	(1.11)	23.21	(10.23)	23.21	(10.23)	27.19	(6.25)	27.19	(6.25)	20.44	(13.00)
OBMP Assessment / AF	53.24	51.47	(1.77)	51.47	(1.77)	36.95	(16.29)	36.95	(16.29)	43.29	(9.95)	43.29	(9.95)	32.54	(20.70)
Total Assessment / AF	86.68	83.80	(2.88)	83.80	(2.88)	60.16	(26.52)	60.16	(26.52)	70.48	(16.20)	70.48	(16.20)	52.98	(33.70)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on feedback from City of Ontario during Workshop #1.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Based on feedback from Fontana Water Company during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 4}\,\textsc{Based}$  on feedback from Cucamonga Valley Water District during Workshop #2.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Based on a hypothetical \$500/AF replenishment, subject to change.



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Party	Approved FY 2023/24 Assessment Package	No DYY TI CDA NOT A		No DYY This Year CDA Assessed Footnotes 1, 2, 4		
		Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	
BlueTriton Brands, Inc.	36,845.39	36,845.39	0.00	28,370.85	(8,474.54)	
CalMat Co. (Appropriative)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Chino Hills, City of	345,403.61	345,403.61	0.00	576,207.95	230,804.34	
Chino, City of	719,171.56	719,171.56	0.00	907,708.06	188,536.50	
Cucamonga Valley Water District	1,532,818.27	1,532,818.27	0.00	1,097,148.03	(435,670.24)	
Desalter Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fontana Union Water Company	201,190.20	201,190.20	0.00	171,496.10	(29,694.10)	
Fontana Water Company	300,180.58	300,180.58	0.00	26,322.48	(273,858.10)	
Fontana, City of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Golden State Water Company	97,329.98	97,329.98	0.00	67,177.72	(30,152.26)	
Jurupa Community Services District	1,269,852.48	1,269,852.48	0.00	1,803,954.41	534,101.93	
Marygold Mutual Water Company	76,188.29	76,188.29	0.00	55,993.68	(20,194.61)	
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	21,297.82	21,297.82	0.00	18,154.43	(3,143.39)	
Monte Vista Water District	739,552.80	739,552.80	0.00	558,033.36	(181,519.44)	
NCL Co, LLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Niagara Bottling, LLC	439,828.43	439,828.43	0.00	396,888.86	(42,939.57)	
Nicholson Family Trust	120.80	120.80	0.00	102.98	(17.82)	
Norco, City of	6,351.37	6,351.37	0.00	81,008.38	74,657.01	
Ontario, City of	1,930,359.16	1,930,359.16	0.00	2,090,645.45	160,286.29	
Pomona, City of	1,280,291.36	1,280,291.36	0.00	915,740.61	(364,550.75)	
San Antonio Water Company	99,410.02	99,410.02	0.00	78,347.69	(21,062.33)	
San Bernardino, County of (Shooting Park)	19,225.71	19,225.71	0.00	18,685.31	(540.40)	
Santa Ana River Water Company	42,224.30	42,224.30	0.00	126,887.51	84,663.21	
Upland, City of	150,950.17	150,950.17	0.00	121,151.92	(29,798.25)	
West End Consolidated Water Co	29,823.85	29,823.85	0.00	25,422.08	(4,401.77)	
West Valley Water District	20,905.88	20,905.88	0.00	17,912.78	(2,993.10)	
Western Municipal Water District	0.00	0.00	0.00	267,148.19	267,148.19	
Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool	305,899.38	305,899.39	0.01	214,135.16	(91,764.22)	
Total	9,665,221.41	9,665,221.42	0.01	9,664,643.99	(577.42)	
Total Desalter Replenishment Assessment	185,682.80	185,682.80	0.00	185,682.80	0.00	
Total Change in Assessments Minus DRO			(0.01)		577.42	
Judgment Administration Assessment / AF	42.39	42.39	0.00	29.06	(13.33)	
OBMP Assessment / AF	55.08	55.08	0.00	37.77	(17.31)	
Total Assessment / AF	97.47	97.47	0.00	66.83	(30.64)	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}\,{\rm Based}$  on feedback from City of Ontario during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^2\,\</sup>mathrm{Based}$  on feedback from Cucamonga Valley Water District during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Based on feedback from Fontana Water Company during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^4\,\</sup>mathrm{Based}$  on feedback from Cucamonga Valley Water District during Workshop #2.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Based on a hypothetical \$500/AF replenishment, subject to change.

## EXHIBIT 3



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John Bosler Secretary/General Manager/CEO

October 23, 2025

Mr. Todd Corbin General Manager Chino Basin Watermaster 9641 San Bernardino Road Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 Email: tcorbin@cbwm.org

Re: Proposed Assessment Package Revisions to Implement the Court of Appeals Opinion

Dear Mr. Corbin,

The Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) appreciates Watermaster's efforts to prepare alternative assessment package revisions reflecting the Parties' input through the collaborative workshop process. CVWD has reviewed the seven options and provided feedback to Watermaster staff on the application of the 85/15 rule, which is triggered in the event of production of groundwater by members of the Appropriative Pool above and beyond their allocated operational safe yield and has been applied to certain assessment scenarios identified by Watermaster. We emphasize that correct application of the 85/15 rule to total overproduction is essential, and mandatory, and we appreciate Watermaster staff's willingness to revise the scenarios to properly apply the 85/15 rule to CVWD's total over-production, which is identified in Attachment 1.

CVWD reiterates the points made in our letter dated August 6, 2025, and strongly maintains that CVWD in good faith proceeded with voluntary takes that were specifically authorized by the 2019 Letter Agreement for the Dry Year Yield Program (DYYP) by shifting importing water purchases to groundwater production. We also underscore the point that CVWD paid the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) at the full Tier 1 treated water rate for the voluntary takes it was asked to make, since DYYP stored water is owned by MWD and is, for purposes of the Judgment, imported water. This means CVWD already paid MWD Tier 1 volumetric rates plus the share of MWD Readiness to Serve (RTS) charges which are factored into the ten-year rolling average calculation. CVWD has accordingly paid MWD a total of \$15 million for water purchased through MWD under the DYYP, plus CVWD's RTS share which has thus far resulted in an additional \$1.3 million with an estimated total of \$5.2 million over the ten-year period. That means the total cost to CVWD for participating during the two years in question is about \$20 million for total DYY production, inclusive of the credit provided by MWD but not factoring in pumping and transmission costs, which is intended to be offset by the MWD O&M credit.

With that stated, and while CVWD believes that Option Four is the most equitable approach which most closely adheres to the plain language and intent of the Judgment, <sup>2</sup> CVWD can support Option Two as presented in Attachment 1. Option Two considers

For production, other than for increased export, within CBMWD or WMWD:

The 85/15 Rule arises out of paragraph 7 in Exhibit H to the Judgment. It reads, in pertinent part:

<sup>(1)</sup> Gross Assessment. 15% of such replenishment water costs shall be recovered by a uniform assessment against all production of each appropriator producing in said area during the preceding year.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net Assessment. The remaining 85% of said costs shall be recovered by a uniform assessment on each acre foot of production from said area by each such appropriator in excess of his allocated share of Operating Safe Yield during said preceding year.

As CVWD has stated in prior comment letters, and as Ontario recently asserted numerous times to the Court of Appeal in the DYY litigation, if all water pumped must be assessed, then there is no legal basis for treating desalter water any differently

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DYY partial performance by CVWD with 8,196 acre-feet considered overproduction in assessment year 2021/22 and no overproduction in assessment year 2022/23. CVWD can agree to pay production assessments on the calculated overproduction if the 85/15 rule is applied, as it must be, in accordance with Exhibit H, Paragraph 7 of the Restated Judgment (Appropriative Pool Pooling Plan). As discussed above, CVWD paid MWD tier 1 volumetric rates plus the MWD RTS rate for the overproduction, which must be considered in the calculation of the 85/15 pro rata share, as paragraph 7 of Exhibit H appears to have been crafted to deal with situations exactly like the one at hand where an appropriator has produced water above its safe yield allocation for use within the Chino Basin. CVWD calculates a total of \$7,308,637 to purchase 8,195 AF of MWD tier 1 untreated water to satisfy the Watermaster calculated over production, with a detailed breakdown included in Attachment 2. CVWD requests that Option Two be updated by Watermaster to accurately consider CVWD's actual water purchase costs.

While CVWD is open to compromise, it is important to highlight that Ontario, as part of their arguments to the Court of Appeal, argued that "all groundwater production should be assessed," among other claims of alleged cost shifting, financial harm, and windfalls. It should be noted that the Chino Basin desalters, which produce groundwater for direct beneficial use to certain parties, are not assessed and there is no reason nor rule that prohibits their assessment. Ontario used a broad argument to apply to one issue: the DYYP. They can't have it both ways. Therefore, CVWD sees the most appropriate scenario that would satisfy Ontario's arguments would also include the desalters being assessed retroactively for the subject assessment packages. However, as it affects parties who did not make the argument, we will forgo recommending this option and reserve our right to compel Watermaster to assess desalter production going forward consistent with the principle of equitable cost allocation and pursuant to Exhibit H, Paragraph 6 of the Restated Judgment.

We appreciate Watermaster's consideration of this request and look forward to finalizing an assessment structure that equitably reflects DYY performance and actual water supply costs.

Sincerely,

John Bosler, PE General Manager/CEO

Cucamonga Valley Water District

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than DYY water. If Ontario truly wants all water assessed, then Watermaster should consider giving them the relief they requested—as memorialized in Option Four of Attachment 1.

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

DYY Details									
Party Take Transaction Total									
CVWD	12,304.333	8,195.667	20,500.000						
FWC	0.000	2,500.000	2,500.000						
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Party	Approved FY 2021/22 Assessment Package	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF / DYY Take of 1 DYY 10,695.7 A	/ FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF DYY Take of DYY 10,695.7 A 85/15 Rule App CDA NOT	/ FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF AF Transacted lied (\$500/AF) Assessed	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF DYY Take of DYY 10,695.7 A 85/15 Rule N CDA As:	/ FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF AF Transacted IOT Applied sessed	DYY Partial P CVWD 8,196 AF DYY Take of DYY 10,695.7 A 85/15 Rule App CDA As:	/ FWC 2,500 AF 12,304.3 AF NF Transacted Lied (\$500/AF) sessed	DYY Ass CVWD 20,500 AF DYY 23,000 AI 85/15 Rule N CDA NOT /	/ FWC 2,500 AF F Transacted IOT Applied Assessed	DYY Ass CVWD 20,500 AF DYY 23,000 AI 85/15 Rule App CDA NOT	/ FWC 2,500 AF Transacted Lied (\$500/AF) Assessed	DYY Ass CVWD 20,500 AF DYY 23,000 AF 85/15 Rule App CDA Ass	/ FWC 2,500 AF F Transacted lied (\$500/AF) sessed
	1 1	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Footnotes 1, 2, 3, 4  Assessment Difference A	Footnotes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  Assessment Difference	Footnote 1 Assessment Difference		Footnotes 1, 4, 5		Footnotes 1, 2, 4, 5			
BlueTriton Brands, Inc.	26,513.32	24,644.26	(1,869.06)	24,644.26	(1,869.06)	20,016.37	(6,496.95)	20,016.37	(6,496.95)	22,902.70	(3,610.62)	22,902.70	(3,610.62)	19,056.07	(7,457.25)
CalMat Co. (Appropriative)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chino Hills, City of	281,469.18	257,633.02	(23,836.16)	279,589.70	(1,879.48)	424,122.94	142,653.76	446,079.61	164,610.43	232,856.09	(48,613.09)	278,514.23	(2,954.95)	437,591.31	156,122.13
Chino, City of	543,691.51	496,456.62	(47,234.89)	521,115.91	(22,575.60)	647,777.37	104,085.86	672,436.66	128,745.15	449,532.79	(94,158.72)	500,810.93	(42,880.58)	651,247.13	107,555.62
Cucamonga Valley Water District	565,137.66	1,040,177.67	475,040.01	708,651.86	143,514.20	787,422.03	222,284.37	455,896.22	(109,241.44)	1,732,674.06	1,167,536.40				
Desalter Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				840,877.99	275,740.33	456,323.91	(108,813.75)
Fontana Union Water Company	154,698.57	146,370.87	(8,327.70)	146,370.87	(8,327.70)	125,744.58	(28,953.99)	125,744.58	0.00 (28,953.99)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fontana Water Company	285,003.67	385,758.38	100,754.71	319,353.61	34,349.94	149,344.82	(135,658.85)	82,940.05			(16,098.88)	138,599.69	(16,098.88)	121,466.02	(33,232.55)
Fontana, City of	0.00	0.00	0.00						(202,063.62)	277,263.61	(7,740.06)	341,576.92	56,573.25	145,076.28	(139,927.39)
Golden State Water Company				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jurupa Community Services District	96,783.31	88,384.80	(8,398.51)	97,975.66	1,192.35	68,728.67	(28,054.64)	78,319.53	(18,463.78)	79,440.77	(17,342.54)	99,384.65	2,601.34	83,047.48	(13,735.83)
	1,283,339.04	1,166,282.63	(117,056.41)	1,260,995.43	(22,343.61)	1,510,352.35	227,013.31	1,605,065.15	321,726.11	1,046,119.45	(237,219.59)	1,243,071.41	(40,267.63)	1,586,892.73	303,553.69
Marygold Mutual Water Company	75,922.34	69,274.96	(6,647.38)	69,274.96	(6,647.38)	52,815.00	(23,107.34)	52,815.00	(23,107.34)	63,079.82	(12,842.52)	63,079.82	(12,842.52)	49,399.65	(26,522.69)
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	16,376.26	15,494.70	(881.56)	15,494.70	(881.56)	13,311.21	(3,065.05)	13,311.21	(3,065.05)	14,672.04	(1,704.22)	14,672.04	(1,704.22)	12,858.29	(3,517.97)
Monte Vista Water District	727,374.74	665,777.32	(61,597.42)	732,936.44	5,561.70	521,232.88	(206,141.86)	588,392.00	(138,982.74)	600,546.47	(126,828.27)	740,201.52	12,826.78	620,066.80	(107,307.94)
NCL Co, LLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niagara Bottling, LLC	1,747,020.73	1,718,384.34	(28,636.39)	1,718,384.34	(28,636.39)	1,688,500.93	(58,519.80)	1,688,500.93	(58,519.80)	1,691,199.27	(55,821.46)	1,691,199.27	(55,821.46)	1,666,360.66	(80,660.07)
Nicholson Family Trust	90.77	85.77	(5.00)	85.77	(5.00)	73.38	(17.39)	73.38	(17.39)	81.10	(9.67)	81.10	(9.67)	70.82	(19.95)
Norco, City of	4,883.68	4,620.78	(262.90)	4,620.78	(262.90)	57,043.23	52,159.55	57,043.23	52,159.55	4,375.46	(508.22)	4,375.46	(508.22)	52,873.78	47,990.10
Ontario, City of	1,778,365.74	1,626,616.10	(151,749.64)	1,779,899.81	1,534.07	1,721,920.79	(56,444.95)	1,875,204.50	96,838.76	1,467,319.32	(311,046.42)	1,786,067.46	7,701.72	1,907,341.73	128,975.99
Pomona, City of	853,006.03	775,059.87	(77,946.16)	775,059.87	(77,946.16)	582,049.75	(270,956.28)	582,049.75	(270,956.28)	702,410.51	(150,595.52)	702,410.51	(150,595.52)	542,002.13	(311,003.90)
San Antonio Water Company	91,144.48	84,230.25	(6,914.23)	90,269.50	(874.98)	67,826.29	(23,318.19)	73,865.54	(17,278.94)	77,081.20	(14,063.28)	89,639.61	(1,504.87)	76,007.38	(15,137.10)
San Bernardino, County of (Shooting Park)	15,183.94	14,895.72	(288.22)	15,049.02	(134.92)	14,602.74	(581.20)	14,756.04	(427.90)	14,604.54	(579.40)	14,923.32	(260.62)	14,679.80	(504.14)
Santa Ana River Water Company	46,638.04	43,658.43	(2,979.61)	45,225.07	(1,412.97)	100,150.15	53,512.11	101,716.79	55,078.75	40,697.15	(5,940.89)	43,954.93	(2,683.11)	96,822.11	50,184.07
Upland, City of	239,320.57	220,184.47	(19,136.10)	238,993.39	(327.18)	175,034.27	(64,286.30)	193,843.19	(45,477.38)	200,156.74	(39,163.83)	239,269.24	(51.33)	201,745.83	(37,574.74)
West End Consolidated Water Co	22,932.07	21,697.60	(1,234.47)	21,697.60	(1,234.47)	18,640.01	(4,292.06)	18,640.01	(4,292.06)	20,545.61	(2,386.46)	20,545.61	(2,386.46)	18,005.77	(4,926.30)
West Valley Water District	16,068.81	15,229.39	(839.42)	15,229.39	(839.42)	13,150.30	(2,918.51)	13,150.30	(2,918.51)	14,446.07	(1,622.74)	14,446.07	(1,622.74)	12,719.03	(3,349.78)
Western Municipal Water District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	187,560.32	187,560.32	187,560.32	187,560.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	173,302.99	173,302.99
Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool	319,570.34	292,717.38	(26,852.96)	292,717.38	(26,852.96)	226,228.02	(93,342.32)	226,228.02	(93,342.32)	267,696.18	(51,874.16)	267,696.18	(51,874.16)	212,431.25	(107,139.09)
Total	9,190,534.80	9,173,635.33	(16,899.47)	9,173,635.32	(16,899.48)	9,173,648.40	(16,886.40)	9,173,648.38	(16,886.42)	9,158,300.64	(32,234.16)	9,158,300.66	(32,234.14)	9,157,388.95	(33,145.85)
Total Desalter Replenishment Assessment	200,504.62	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	183,774.67	(16,729.95)	167,679.07	(32,825.55)	167,679.07	(32,825.55)	167,679.07	(32,825.55)
Total Change in Assessments Minus DRO			169.52		169.53		156.45		156.47		(591.39)		(591.41)	10	320.30
Judgment Administration Assessment / AF	22.27	20.10	(2.17)	20.10	(2.17)	14.71	(7.56)	14.71	(7.56)	18.07	(4.20)	18.07	(4.20)	13.59	(8.68)
OBMP Assessment / AF	48.25	43.53	(4.72)	43.53	(4.72)	31.86	(16.39)	31.86	(16.39)	39.14	(9.11)	39.14	(9.11)	29.44	(18.81)
Total Assessment / AF	70.52	63.63	(6.89)	63.63	(6.89)	46.57	(23.95)	46.57	(23.95)	57.21	(13.31)	57.21	(13.31)	43.03	(27.49)
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on feedback from City of Ontario during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^{2}\,\</sup>mathrm{Based}$  on feedback from Cucamonga Valley Water District during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Based on feedback from Fontana Water Company during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 4}$  Based on feedback from Cucamonga Valley Water District during Workshop #2.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Based on a hypothetical \$500/AF replenishment, subject to change.

DYY Details									
Party Take Transaction Total									
CVWD	17,912.778	0.000	17,912.778						
FWC	1,573.333	3,426.667	5,000.000						

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		COA Inter	pretation	Option 2	2			Option 4	4						
Party	Approved FY 2022/23 Assessment Package	DYY Partial Performance FWC 3,427 AF DYY Takes of 19,486.1 AF DYY 3,426.7 AF Transacted		DYY Partial Performance FWC 3,427 AF DYY Take of 19,486.1 AF DYY 3,426.7 AF Transacted 85/15 Rule Applied (\$500/AF) CDA NOT Assessed Footnotes 3, 4, 5		DYY Partial Peformance FWC 3,427 AF DYY Take of 19,486.1 AF DYY 3,426.7 AF Transacted 85/15 Rule NOT Applied CDA Assessed Footnotes 1, 2, 3, 4		DYY Partial Performance FWC 3,427 AF DYY Take of 19,486.1 AF DYY 3,426.7 AF Transacted 85/15 Rule Applied (\$500/AF) CDA Assessed Footnotes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5		DYY Assessed CVWD 17,913 AF / FWC 5,000 AF DYY 22,912.8 AF Transacted 85/15 Rule NOT Applied CDA NOT Assessed Footnote 1		DYY Assessed CVWD 17,913 AF / FWC 5,000 AF DYY 22,912.8 AF Transacted 85/15 Rule Applied (\$500/AF) CDA NOT Assessed Footnotes 1, 4, 5		DYY Assessed CVWD 17,913 AF / FWC 5,000 AF DYY 22,912.8 AF Transacted 85/15 Rule Applied (\$500/AF) CDA Assessed Footnotes 1, 2, 4, 5	
		Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference	Assessment	Difference
BlueTriton Brands, Inc.	30,365.95	29,641.44	(724.51)	29,641.44	(724.51)	23,694.34	(6,671.61)	23,694.34	(6,671.61)	26,290.53	(4,075.42)	26,290.53	(4,075.42)	21,888.08	(8,477.87)
CalMat Co. (Appropriative)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chino Hills, City of	376,041.19	371,403.79	(4,637.40)	375,822.78	(218.41)	580,675.00	204,633.81	585,093.99	209,052.80	314,644.81	(61,396.38)	363,123.43	(12,917.76)	558,870.76	182,829.57
Chino, City of	721,798.95	707,828.56	(13,970.39)	712,971.96	(8,826.99)	888,764.25	166,965.30	893,907.65	172,108.70	602,123.60	(119,675.35)	658,549.42	(63,249.53)	841,072.67	119,273.72
Cucamonga Valley Water District	1,095,496.55	1,084,949.40	(10,547.15)	1,100,696.58	5,200.03	843,124.89	(252,371.66)	858,872.07	(236,624.48)	2,420,376.72	1,324,880.17	1,579,991.69	484,495.14	1,087,494.88	(8,001.67)
Desalter Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fontana Union Water Company	205,829.86	202,504.15	(3,325.71)	202,504.15	(3,325.71)	175,205.06	(30,624.80)	175,205.06	(30,624.80)	187,125.69	(18,704.17)	187,125.69	(18,704.17)	166,906.78	(38,923.08)
Fontana Water Company	253,365.74	404,034.65	150,668.91	318,396.54	65,030.80	47,003.72	(206,362.02)	(38,634.39)	(292,000.13)	274,834.64	21,468.90	348,480.10	95,114.36	56,644.68	(196,721.06)
Fontana, City of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Golden State Water Company	73,949.81	72,817.83	(1,131.98)	74,609.79	659.98	45,859.55	(28,090.26)	47,651.51	(26,298.30)	53,262.74	(20,687.07)	72,921.49	(1,028.32)	52,964.40	(20,985.41)
Jurupa Community Services District	1,714,299.56	1,688,025.57	(26,273.99)	1,707,526.89	(6,772.67)	2,092,733.33	378,433.77	2,112,234.65	397,935.09	1,410,683.61	(303,615.95)	1,624,623.13	(89,676.43)	2,038,245.26	323,945.70
Marygold Mutual Water Company	103,809.97	100,749.87	(3,060.10)	100,749.87	(3,060.10)	75,631.54	(28,178.43)	75,631.54	(28,178.43)	86,597.25	(17,212.72)	86,597.25	(17,212.72)	68,001.83	(35,808.14)
Monte Vista Irrigation Company	21,788.98	21,436.92	(352.06)	21,436.92	(352.06)	18,547.06	(3,241.92)	18,547.06	(3,241.92)	19,808.97	(1,980.01)	19,808.97	(1,980.01)	17,668.61	(4,120.37)
Monte Vista Water District	876,017.79	867,379.38	(8,638.41)	879,137.17	3,119.38	680,553.33	(195,464.46)	692,311.12	(183,706.67)	733,470.02	(142,547.77)	862,459.03	(13,558.76)	724,149.16	(151,868.63)
NCL Co, LLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Niagara Bottling, LLC	409,787.98	399,457.32	(10,330.66)	399,457.32	(10,330.66)	359,647.54	(50,140.44)	359,647.54	(50,140.44)	350,862.76	(58,925.22)	350,862.76	(58,925.22)	321,392.74	(88,395.24)
Nicholson Family Trust	123.61	121.61	(2.00)	121.61	(2.00)	105.22	(18.39)	105.22	(18.39)	112.38	(11.23)	112.38	(11.23)	100.23	(23.38)
Norco, City of	6,497.83	6,392.85	(104.98)	6,392.85	(104.98)	74,794.88	68,297.05	74,794.88	68,297.05	5,907.36	(590.47)	5,907.36	(590.47)	66,266.38	59,768.55
Ontario, City of	2,009,742.60	1,985,871.88	(23,870.72)	2,010,060.12	317.52	2,142,459.97	132,717.37	2,166,648.21	156,905.61	1,682,186.54	(327,556.06)	1,947,544.00	(62,198.60)	2,146,391.18	136,648.58
Pomona, City of	1,177,222.01	1,142,057.27	(35,164.74)	1,142,057.27	(35,164.74)	853,412.60	(323,809.41)	853,412.60	(323,809.41)	979,425.65	(197,796.36)	979,425.65	(197,796.36)	765,732.57	(411,489.44)
San Antonio Water Company	89,806.79	88,676.22	(1,130.57)	89,352.74	(454.05)	72,726.29	(17,080.50)	73,402.81	(16,403.98)	78,041.82	(11,764.97)	85,463.60	(4,343.19)	73,653.92	(16,152.87)
San Bernardino, County of (Shooting Park)	18,660.00	18,578.86	(81.14)	18,612.18	(47.82)	18,110.31	(549.69)	18,143.63	(516.37)	17,925.51	(734.49)	18,291.00	(369.00)	17,944.14	(715.86)
Santa Ana River Water Company	53,579.33	52,813.48	(765.85)	52,986.87	(592.46)	127,929.50	74,350.17	128,102.89	74,523.56	47,886.55	(5,692.78)	49,788.68	(3,790.65)	117,060.11	63,480.78
Upland, City of	226,473.99	223,859.78	(2,614.21)	226,065.79	(408.20)	180,652.52	(45,821.47)	182,858.53	(43,615.46)	194,141.73	(32,332.26)	218,342.72	(8,131.27)	186,353.11	(40,120.88)
West End Consolidated Water Co	30,511.63	30,018.64	(492.99)	30,018.64	(492.99)	25,971.91	(4,539.72)	25,971.91	(4,539.72)	27,738.98	(2,772.65)	27,738.98	(2,772.65)	24,741.79	(5,769.84)
West Valley Water District	21,289.48	20,954.25	(335.23)	20,954.25	(335.23)	18,202.57	(3,086.91)	18,202.57	(3,086.91)	19,404.14	(1,885.34)	19,404.14	(1,885.34)	17,366.12	(3,923.36)
Western Municipal Water District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244,776.12	244,776.12	244,776.12	244,776.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215,562.48	215,562.48
Overlying (Non-Agricultural) Pool	284,649.59	275,970.92	(8,678.67)	275,970.92	(8,678.67)	204,733.31	(79,916.28)	204,733.31	(79,916.28)	235,831.96	(48,817.63)	235,831.96		183,096.86	
Total	9,801,109.19	9,795,544.64	(5,564.55)	9,795,544.65	(5,564.54)		(5,794.38)	THE RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS.	(5,794.37)	9,768,683.96	(32,425.23)	9,768,683.96	(48,817.63) (32,425.23)	9,769,568.74	(101,552.73) (31,540.45)
Total Desalter Replenishment Assessment	199,422.47	102 077 00	/E E / 4 D / 1	102 077 00	/E E / 4 D / 1	100.077.00	/E E 4 4 0 C \	100.077.00	/E E 4 0 0 0	107.107.01	(00.045.05)	407.467.51	100 000 000	40-14-31	
Total Change in Assessments Minus DRO	199,422.47	193,877.66	(5,544.81) 19.74	193,877.66	(5,544.81)	193,877.66	(5,544.81)	193,877.66	(5,544.81)	167,405.81	(32,016.66)	167,405.81	(32,016.66)	167,405.81	(32,016.66)
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Judgment Administration Assessment / AF	33.44	32.33	(1.11)	32.33	(1.11)	23.21	(10.23)	23.21	(10.23)	27.19	(6.25)	27.19	(6.25)	20.44	(13.00)
OBMP Assessment / AF	53.24	51.47	(1.77)	51.47	(1.77)	36.95	(16.29)	36.95	(16.29)	43.29	(9.95)	43.29	(9.95)	32.54	(20.70)
Total Assessment / AF	86.68	83.80	(2.88)	83.80	(2.88)	60.16	(26.52)	60.16	(26.52)	70.48	(16.20)	70.48	(16.20)	52.98	(33.70)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}\,{\rm Based}$  on feedback from City of Ontario during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Based on feedback from Cucamonga Valley Water  $\dot{\rm D}$ istrict during Workshop #1,

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Based on feedback from Fontana Water Company during Workshop #1.

 $<sup>^{4}\,\</sup>textsc{Based}$  on feedback from Cucamonga Valley Water District during Workshop #2.

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  Based on a hypothetical \$500/AF replenishment, subject to change.

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

### **CVWD DYY Certified Purchases FY 2020/21**

FY2020/2021	DYY Take AF	Tier 1 Rate	Total Paid	WM Claimed Overproduction	Eligible for 85/15	
July-2020	-	\$755	\$-			
August-2020	5,200	\$755	\$3,926,000	5,200	\$3,926,000	
September-2020	2,500	\$755	\$1,887,500	2,500	\$1,887,500	
October-2020	2,500	\$755	\$1,887,500	495	\$373,725	
November-2020	1,500	\$755	\$1,132,500			
December-2020	2,000	\$755	\$1,510,000			
January-2021	-	\$777	\$-			
February-2021	-	\$777	\$-			
March-2021	-	\$777	\$-			
April-2021	2,000	\$777	\$1,554,000			
May-2021	2,600	\$777	\$2,020,200			
June-2021	2,200	\$777	\$1,709,400			
Subtotal FY20/21	20,500		\$15,627,100	8,195	\$6,187,225	
RTS Estimate	\$1,121,412					
<b>Total Cost to Purc</b>	\$7,308,637					

## EXHIBIT 4

July 24, 2025

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Re: Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Ontario (E080457, E082127) (Dry Year Yield Program Litigation) – Renewed Request for Recusal

Dear Chino Basin Watermaster Board,

As you are aware, the Court of Appeal (COA) issued its final decision in the Dry Year Yield Program (DYY Program) litigation and ruled in favor of the City of Ontario (Ontario). The COA directed the superior court to enter new orders (1) granting Ontario's challenges and (2) directing Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) to correct and amend its FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 Assessment Packages (Assessment Packages). As previously addressed in Ontario's January 22, 2025 letter to Watermaster, attached, the correction and amendment of the Assessment Packages in a manner that is consistent with the COA opinion stands to directly impact the financial and other interests of Fontana Water Company (Fontana), Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD), Inland Empire Untilities Agency (IEUA), and Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD). Each agency was a party to the DYY Program litigation, each opposed Ontario's challenges, and representatives appointed by each of these agencies currently serve as members of the Watermaster Board.

Watermaster serves as an arm of the court and in that capacity must ensure its neutrality - free from conflicts of interest or bias – in its decision making. Fontana, CVWD, and IEUA zealously opposed Ontario in the DYY Litigation and have substantial pecuniary and other interests that stand to be affected by the amendment of the Assessment Packages. As an arm of the court, Watermaster cannot credibly maintain its neutrality while allowing interested Board members to participate in closed session conferences on matters regarding the DYY Program litigation and implementation of the COA decision. For this reason, Ontario renews its request that the conflicted Board members representing Fontana, CVWD, IEUA, and TVMWD recuse themselves from any and all closed sessions relating to the DYY

Program litigation and also abstain from votes, if any, concerning the correction and amendment of the Assessment Packages.

Ontario reserves its rights to seek appropriate relief with the trial court under its continuing jurisdiction if these issues are not resolved. Ontario appreciates Watermaster's consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Courtney Jones, P.E.

Deputy General Manager

City of Ontario

cc: City of Ontario City Council Members

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Encl.: January 22, 2025, City of Ontario Letter to Chino Basin Watermaster "Re: *Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Ontario* (E080457, E082127) (Dry Year Yield Program Litigation)"

## EXHIBIT 5

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1/22/2025

Re: Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Ontario (E080457, E082127) (Dry Year Yield Program Litigation)

Dear Mr. Corbin,

As Watermaster is aware, the Court of Appeal recently issued a tentative opinion in the Dry Year Yield Program (DYY Program) litigation. Final resolution of the appeal, including Watermaster's ultimate implementation of a final order or negotiation of potential compromise solutions, is of considerable import to Ontario and others throughout the basin. Indeed, while there undoubtedly is a financial component to the DYY Program issues involved, these issues also encompass the structure and operation of a significant storage and recovery program as well as foundational procedural processes required to be utilized by Watermaster in the conduct of its business.

Given the import of the issues before Watermaster, Ontario urges Watermaster to conduct its discussions concerning the DYY Program in open session. Fundamentally, given Watermaster's position as an arm of the court, it is critically important that Watermaster preserve its neutrality and act in an open and transparent manner. Accordingly, Ontario requests that Watermaster reconsider its decision to deliberate on matters impacting the future of the DYY Program, and/or the interpretation or compliance with a final Court order, in closed session.

Alternatively, representatives of parties to the DYY Program litigation who also serve on the Watermaster Board should recuse themselves from all closed session discussions and otherwise abstain from any other Watermaster actions or decisions involving the DYY Program. Specifically, as parties to the DYY Program litigation, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana Water Company, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency have financial and other interests in the outcome of the litigation and implementation of a final order. In short, it is foreseeable that Watermaster recommendations or actions relating to the DYY Program litigation, and any future orders stemming from that litigation, will have a material impact on the individual interests of these agencies. Accordingly, the best course to protect and preserve the neutrality of the Watermaster Board is for these parties to recuse themselves.

Ontario appreciates Watermaster's consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Courtney Jones

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Deputy General Manager

City of Ontario

cc: Scott Slater, Watermaster Counsel

Scott Burton, City of Ontario Utilities General Manager

## **CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER**

Case No. RCVRS 51010

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

## **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 action within. My business address is Chino Basin Watermaster, 9641 San Bernardino Road, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730; telephone (909) 484-3888.

On October 29, 2025, I served the following:

1.	CITY OF ONTARIO'S SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT AND OBJECTION TO WATERMASTER'S PROPOSED ORDER
/ <u>X</u> /	BY MAIL: in said cause, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed with postage thereon fully prepaid, for delivery by the United States Postal Service mail at Rancho Cucamonga, California, addresses as follows:  See attached service list: Mailing List 1
//	BY PERSONAL SERVICE: I caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the addressee.
/ <u> </u> /	BY FACSIMILE: I transmitted said document by fax transmission from (909) 484-3890 to the fax number(s) indicated. The transmission was reported as complete on the transmission report, which was properly issued by the transmitting fax machine.
<u>/ X_</u> /	BY ELECTRONIC MAIL: I transmitted notice of availability of electronic documents by electronic transmission to the email address indicated. The transmission was reported as complete on the transmission report, which was properly issued by the transmitting electronic mail device.  See attached service list: Master Email Distribution List

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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.

Executed on October 29, 2025, in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

By: Ruby Favela Quintero Chino Basin Watermaster PAUL HOFER 11248 S TURNER AVE ONTARIO, CA 91761

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