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19	SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY; and DOES 1 through 100,	
20	Defendants.	
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23	COMMITTEE, a California non-profit) corporation; DALE FIEBER, an individual;) and WILLIAM H. INGALLS, an individual,)	
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DECLARATIONS

DECLARATION OF EDWARD B. KANG

- I, Edward B. Kang, declare as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney at law admitted to practice before all of the Courts in the State of California and an attorney with the firm Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP, attorneys of record for Intervenors Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee, Dale Fieber and William Ingalls. I have personal knowledge of the following matters, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Court's 09/08/17 Order Specifying Issues for Reference to the State Water Resources Control Board.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of Intervenors' Proposed Answer in Intervention.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 13th day of August 2018, in Los Angeles, California.

Edward B. Kang

EXHIBIT A

Eric N. Robinson, SBN 191781 **ELECTRONICALLY FILED BY** erobinson@kmtg.com Superior Court of California, Hanspeter Walter, SBN 244847 County of Monterey hwalter@kmtg.com Rebecca L. Harms, SBN 307954 On 9/08/2017 rharms@kmtg.com By Deputy: Dalia, Lisa KRONIČK, MOSKOVITZ, TIEDEMANN & GIRARD A Professional Corporation 400 Capitol Mall, 27th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (916) 321-4500 Facsimile: (916) 321-4555 7 Pamela Silkwood, SBN 232333 psilkwood@horanlegal.com 8 HORAN LLOYD 9 26385 Carmel Rancho Boulevard, Suite 200 Carmel, CA 93923 Telephone: (831) 373-4131 Facsimile: (831) 373-8302 11 Attorneys for Petitioner and Plaintiff, SALINAS VALLEY WATER COALITION 12 13 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 14 15 COUNTY OF MONTEREY 16 SALINAS VALLEY WATER COALITION, Case No. 17CV000157 17 Assigned for all purposes to: 18 Petitioner and Plaintiff, Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal 19 v. |PROPOSED| ORDER SPECIFYING ISSUES FOR REFERENCE TO THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; BOARD OF STATE WATER RESOURCES SUPERVISORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY CONTROL BOARD PURSUANT TO 21 WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; BOARD WATER CODE SECTION 2000, ET SEQ. OF DIRECTORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY AND STAY OF LITIGATION 22 WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; COUNTY 23 OF MONTEREY: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF Trial Date: None January 13, 2017 24 MONTEREY; and DOES 1 through 100, Action Filed: inclusive, 25 Defendants. 26 27 28 1599171.1 9202-009

[PROPOSED] ORDER REGARDING ISSUES FOR REFERENCE TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 2000, ET SEQ. AND STAY OF LITIGATION

Respondents and Defendants Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board of Supervisors of Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board of Directors of Monterey County Water Resources Agency, County of Monterey, and Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey ("Defendants") moved this Court for an order for reference to the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Water Board") to investigate and report upon the issue herein involved and, on August 1, 2017, the Court entered an order appointing the State Water Board to investigate and report upon the Fifth, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth Causes of Action of the Plaintiff Salinas Valley Water Coalition's ("Coalition") Verified Second Amended Petition for Writ of Mandamus and Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Injunctive Relief ("Second Amended Petition"). The Court ordered the Parties to stipulate to the issues of fact and law that the State Water Board will report on in connection with the reference and to submit those issues to the State Water Board and the Court on or by August 14, 2017.

The parties were unable to reach agreement on the issues of fact and law that the State Water Board will report on in connection with the reference (each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

The Coalition submitted to this Court its last proposed stipulation specifying the issues of law and fact on which the State Water Board is to investigate and report, while Defendants submitted a proposed order that would have allowed the State Water Board "to investigate and report on the issues of law and fact that it deems proper."

This Court denied Defendants' proposed order and directed the Coalition to submit a proposed order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Parties shall use best efforts to work with the State Water Board to complete the reference proceeding by August 1, 2018.
- 2. The State Water Board shall investigate and report on as many of the following issues as it reasonably can by August 1, 2018.
- 3. By August 1, 2018, the State Water Board will investigate and report on at least items 3(a)-(d) (defined as "Phase I") of this reference proceeding:

- a. Whether the Defendant Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("Agency") has violated the Flow Prescription for Spawning and Rearing Habitat in the Nacimiento River in License 7543 (Application 16124) and Permit 21089 (Application 30532) by releasing less than 60 cubic feet per second ("cfs") of water from Nacimiento Reservoir during the period from June 4, 2014, through May 27, 2015;
- b. If the State Water Board concludes the Agency did not comply with the 60 cfs water release requirement of the Flow Prescription for Spawning and Rearing Habitat in the Nacimiento River, whether such failure reduced recharge that otherwise would have been provided to the Salinas River Groundwater Basin's ("Basin") Upper Valley and Forebay subareas and, if so, whether that recharge reduction reduced water availability (i.e., groundwater elevations and groundwater quality) for any riparian and overlying rights in the Upper Valley and Forebay subareas;
- c. Whether the Agency's appropriative water rights for Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs License 7543 (Application 16124), License 12624 (Application 16761) and Permit 21089 (Application 30532) are junior in priority to any downstream riparian and overlying water rights in the Salinas River and Basin;
- d. To what extent, if any, must water use in other subareas of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin be considered in concluding whether riparian and overlying rights in the Upper Valley and Forebay subareas were injured by the Agency's reservoir operations in 2014 and 2015.
- e. Whether the Agency's operation of Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs in 2014 and 2015 reduced the availability of water (i.e., groundwater elevations and groundwater quality) for use by any downstream riparian and overlying water rights in the Upper Valley and Forebay subareas below the level of natural water availability that would have existed without the

reservoirs and, if so, by how much;

- f. If the Agency's operation of Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs in 2014 and 2015 reduced the availability of water for use by any downstream riparian and overlying water rights in the Upper Valley and Forebay subareas below the level of natural water availability that would have existed without the reservoirs, did the reduction injure such riparian and overlying water rights;
- g. If the Agency's operation of Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs in 2014 and 2015 reduced the availability of water for use by any downstream riparian and overlying water rights in the Upper Valley and Forebay subareas below the level of natural water availability that would have existed without the reservoirs, whether it is necessary to determine whether any Coalition member holds a valid riparian or overlying water right in order to determine (a) whether the Agency is operating the reservoirs in compliance with License 7543 (Application 16124), License 12624 (Application 16761) and Permit 21089 (Application 30532) and (b) whether such riparian or overlying water right were injured by the Agency's reservoir operations;
- h. If it is necessary to determine whether any member of the Coalition holds a valid riparian or overlying water right in order to determine (a) whether the Agency is operating the reservoirs in compliance with License 7543 (Application 16124), License 12624 (Application 16761) and Permit 21089 (Application 30532) and (b) whether such riparian or overlying water right were injured by the Agency's reservoir operations, whether any member of the Coalition holds a valid riparian or overlying water right that was injured by the Agency's diversions of water from San Antonio River and Nacimiento River in 2014 and 2015;

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

September 8, 2017

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California. My business address is 400 Capitol Mall, 27th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On August 22, 2017, I served true copies of the following document(s) described as [PROPOSED] ORDER REGARDING ISSUES FOR REFERENCE TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 2000, ET SEQ. AND STAY OF LITIGATION on the interested parties in this action as follows:

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BY E-MAIL OR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION: Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by e-mail or electronic transmission, I caused the document(s) to be sent from e-mail address twhitman@kmtg.com to the persons at the e-mail addresses listed in the Service List. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.

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

Executed on August 22, 2017, at Sacramento, California.

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		1 ANSWER IN INTERVENTION	

By leave of Court, Intervenors NACIMIENTO REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DALE FIEBER and WILLIAM H. INGALLS (herein collectively "Intervenors") file the instant answer in intervention and thereby intervene in this action.

ANSWER

- Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations in paragraph 1. 1.
- Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations in paragraph 2. 2.
- 3. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations in paragraph 3.
- Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations in paragraph 4. 4.
- 5. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations in paragraph 5.
- In response to Paragraph 6, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information 6. to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
 - Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations in paragraph 7. 7.
 - 8. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations in paragraph 8.
- 9. In response to Paragraph 9, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

THE PARTIES AND STANDING

- Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 9 as though fully set forth 10. herein; no further response is required.
- In response to Paragraph 11, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or 11. information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- In response to Paragraph 12, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or 12. information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

- 13. In response to Paragraph 13, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 14. Intervenors admit the Agency holds appropriative rights related to the Nacimiento and San Antonio Rivers, and the Agency is responsible for operating the Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs. As to the Agency Act, it speaks for itself and no further response is required. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 14.
- 15. Intervenors admit the Agency Directors annually adopt a schedule controlling releases of water from the reservoirs. As to the Agency Act, it speaks for itself and no further response is required. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 15.
- 16. As to the Agency Act, it speaks for itself and no further response is required. Intervenors admit all remaining allegations of Paragraph 16.
- 17. In response to Paragraph 17, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 17 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 19. As to the Agency Act, it speaks for itself and no further response is required. As to all remaining allegations, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every remaining allegation therein.
- 20. Paragraph 20 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 20.

21. Paragraph 21 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 21.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

22. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.

The Land and Water of the Salinas Valley

- 23. Intervenors admit winter storms cause rain in the Valley, and that the Valley runs approximately 100 miles from south to north, that the Salinas River flows recharge groundwater, and that streams and rivers in the Valley run dry during the dry season. As to all remaining allegations, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 23 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 24. Intervenors admit that winter rains recharge groundwater supply, that the Salinas River has flooded and that salt water has intruded into portions of the Basin. Intervenors have no information or belief that the remaining statements in Paragraph 24 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 25. In response to Paragraph 25, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 26. Intervenors admit dams were constructed on the Nacimiento and San Antonio Rivers and that the Agency planned, built and started operating these reservoirs to capture storm flows and recharge the Salinas Valley's groundwater through reservoir releases. As to all remaining allegations, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 26 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 27. In response to Paragraph 27, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

- 28. In response to Paragraph 28, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 29. In response to Paragraph 29, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 30. In response to Paragraph 30, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 31. In response to Paragraph 31, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 32. Intervenors admit that the authorized purposes for using water collected in Lake Nacimiento includes irrigation, industrial, municipal, recreation and domestic uses. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 32, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 32 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 33. In response to Paragraph 33, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 34. Intervenors admit that the authorized purposes for using water collected in Lake Nacimiento includes irrigation, industrial, municipal, recreation and domestic uses. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 34, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 32 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 35. In response to Paragraph 35, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 36. Intervenors admit that the authorized purposes for using water collected in Lake Nacimiento includes irrigation, industrial, municipal, recreation and domestic uses. As to all

remaining allegations in Paragraph 36, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 36 are true, so Intervenors deny them.

The Agency's Historical Reservoir Operations and Water Supply Benefits to Landowners

- 37. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, the allegations of Paragraph 37.
- In response to Paragraph 38, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or 38. information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- The terms of the 2000 Operations Policy speak for themselves and no further response 39. is required. Intervenors have no information or belief that the remaining statements in Paragraph 39 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- Intervenors admit the Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs have stored and 40. released water for the purposes of, including but not limited to, flood control and groundwater recharge. Intervenors have no information or belief that the remaining statements in Paragraph 40 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- In response to Paragraph 41, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or 41. information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- In response to Paragraph 42, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or 42. information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 43. In response to Paragraph 43, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- In response to Paragraph 44, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or 44. information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

- 45. In response to Paragraph 45, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 46. In response to Paragraph 46, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 47. In response to Paragraph 47, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

Reservoir Drought Operations 1976-1977

- 48. In response to Paragraph 48, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 49. In response to Paragraph 49, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 50. In response to Paragraph 50, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

Reservoir Drought Operations 1987-1992

- 51. In response to Paragraph 51, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 52. In response to Paragraph 52, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

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- 54. In response to Paragraph 54, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

Reservoir Drought Operations 2007-2009

- 55. In response to Paragraph 55, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 56. In response to Paragraph 56, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 57. In response to Paragraph 57, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

The Agency's New Projects to Augment Basin Recharge

- 58. In response to Paragraph 58, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 59. In response to Paragraph 59, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 60. In response to Paragraph 60, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

- 61. Intervenors admit that steelhead are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 61, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 62. In response to Paragraph 62, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 63. In response to Paragraph 63, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
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- 65. In response to Paragraph 65, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

Assessments for Special Benefits of Water Projects

- 66. In response to Paragraph 66, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 67. In response to Paragraph 67, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 68. In response to Paragraph 68, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 69. In response to Paragraph 69, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

2003 SVWP Engineer's Report

- 70. In response to Paragraph 70, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 71. In response to Paragraph 71, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
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- 76. In response to Paragraph 76, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

The Agency Decides How to Address the Endangered Species Act

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- 80. In response to Paragraph 80, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

Modifications to the Salinas Valley Water Project

- 81. In response to Paragraph 81, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 82. In response to Paragraph 82, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 83. In response to Paragraph 83, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 84. In response to Paragraph 84, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 85. In response to Paragraph 85, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 86. In response to Paragraph 86, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

- 87. In response to Paragraph 87, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 88. In response to Paragraph 88, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 89. In response to Paragraph 89, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 90. In response to Paragraph 90, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 91. In response to Paragraph 91, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 92. In response to Paragraph 92, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 93. In response to Paragraph 93, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 94. In response to Paragraph 94, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 95. In response to Paragraph 95, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

- 96. In response to Paragraph 96, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 97. The Court's statements in *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Ass'n v. City of Salinas* (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1351 speaks for itself and no further response is required. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 97, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 98. In response to Paragraph 98, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

Unlawful Reservoir Operations in 2014 and 2015

- 99. Paragraph 99 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 99.
- 100. Paragraph 100 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 100.
- 101. In response to Paragraph 101, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis denies each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

Unlawful Reservoir Operations in 2016 and 2017

102. Paragraph 102 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 102.

Agency Misappropriation of Funds

103. In response to Paragraph 103, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph

- 104. In response to Paragraph 104, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 105. In response to Paragraph 105, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 106. In response to Paragraph 106, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 107. In response to Paragraph 107, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 108. In response to Paragraph 108, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 109. In response to Paragraph 109, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 110. In response to Paragraph 110, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 111. In response to Paragraph 111, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph

Pre-Litigation Activities

112. In response to Paragraph 112, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.

- 113. In response to Paragraph 113, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 114. In response to Paragraph 114, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 115. In response to Paragraph 115, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
 - 116. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 116.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — Implement Salinas Valley Water Project — As Against All Defendants)

- 117. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 116 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 118. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 118
- 119. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 119
- 120. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 120.
- 121. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 121

- 122. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 122.
- 123. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 123.
- 124. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 124.
- 125. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 125.
- 126. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 126.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — Reassessment of Special Benefits and Appropriate Assessments to Zone 2C Landowners from Current Salinas Valley Water Project — As Against All Defendants)

- 127. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 126 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 128. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each and every allegation.
- 129. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each and every allegation.

- 130. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each and every allegation.
- 131. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 131.
- 132. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 132
- 133. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 133
- 134. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 134.
- 135. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 135.
- 136. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 136.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — Violation of Article XIII D of the California Constitution — As Against All Defendants)

137. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 136 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.

- 138. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 138.
- 139. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each and every allegation.
- 140. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 140.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — Substantive and Procedural Due Process Violation of the California and United States Constitutions — As Against All Defendants)

- 141. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 140 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 142. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 142.
- 143. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each and every allegation of Paragraph 143.
- 144. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 144.
- 145. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 145.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — Comply With Water Rights Terms and Conditions — As Against

Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board of Directors of the Monterey County

Water Resources Agency, and Board of Supervisors of Monterey County Water Resources

Agency)

- 146. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 145 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
 - 147. Intervenors admit the allegations of Paragraph 147.
- 148. The terms of License Nos. 7543 and 12624, and Permit No. 21089 speak for themselves and no further response is required. As to all remaining allegations of Paragraph 148, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 149. The terms of License Nos. 7543 and 12624, and Permit No. 21089 speak for themselves and no further response is required. As to all remaining allegations of Paragraph 149, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 150. The terms of License Nos. 7543 and 12624, and Permit No. 21089 speak for themselves and no further response is required. As to all remaining allegations of Paragraph 150, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 151. Paragraph 151 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 151.
- 152. Paragraph 152 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 152.
- 153. In response to Paragraph 153, Intervenors are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein, and on that basis deny each and every allegation in this Paragraph.
- 154. Intervenors admit that water flowing in the Nacimiento and San Antonio Rivers flows into the Salinas River and recharges the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 154 regarding the Coalition's members'

beneficial interest, land ownership, or location are true, so Intervenors deny them. The terms of License Nos. 7543 and 12624, and Permit No. 21089 speak for themselves and no further response is required. As to all remaining allegations of Paragraph 154, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

- 155. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 155.
- 156. Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 156 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 157. Paragraph 157 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 157
- 158. Paragraph 158 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 158.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Injunctive Relief — Unlawful Diversion of Water and Injury to Senior Water Rights — As

Against Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board of Directors of the Monterey

County Water Resources Agency, and Board of Supervisors of Monterey County Water

Resources Agency)

- 159. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 158 as though fully set herein; no further response is required.
- 160. Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 161. Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 162. Paragraph 162 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

- 163. Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 164. Intervenors admit that the Agency holds appropriative water rights, the terms of which speak for themselves. Paragraph 164 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 164.
- 165. The water the Agency may store under its rights is governed pursuant to the terms of License Nos. 7543 and 12624, and Permit No. 21089, the terms of which speak for themselves. Paragraph 165 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 165.
- 166. Paragraph 166 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 167. Paragraph 167 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 167.
- 168. Paragraph 168 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 168.
- 169. Paragraph 169 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each remaining allegation of Paragraph 169.
- 170. Paragraph 170 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

- 171. Paragraph 171 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 172. Intervenors have no information or belief as to the allegations about the Coalition's use of water or water rights, so Intervenors deny them. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 172, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation.
- 173. Paragraph 173 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 174. Paragraph 174 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 175. Paragraph 175 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 176. Paragraph 176 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 176, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation.
- 177. Paragraph 177 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 177, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 177.
- 178. Paragraph 178 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. As to all remaining allegations in Paragraph 178, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 178.
 - 179. Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 179.
- 180. Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

- 181. Paragraph 181 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 182. Paragraph 182 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 183. Paragraph 183 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Injunctive Relief — Unlawful Assessments — As Against All Defendants)

- 184. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 183 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 185. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 185.
- 186. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph.. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 186 are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 187. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 187are true, so Intervenors deny them.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief — Proposition 218 — As Against All Defendants)

188. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 187 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.

- 189. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 187are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 190. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements in Paragraph 187are true, so Intervenors deny them.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief — Water Rights and Obligations — As Against Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board of Directors of Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and Board of Supervisors of Monterey County Water Resources Agency)

- 191. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 190 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 192. Paragraph 192 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. As to all remaining allegations of Paragraph 192, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them
- 193. Paragraph 193 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 193.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — Misappropriation of Funds in Violation of Proposition 218 — As Against All Defendants)

- 194. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 193 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 195. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a

Intervenors deny them.

196. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's

response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so

- 196. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 197. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 198. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's proposition 218 claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — Violation of the California Public Records Act, Gov. Code section 6250 et seq. — As Against Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and Board of Supervisors of Monterey County Water Resources Agency)

- 199. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 198 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 200. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's Public Records Act claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 201. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's Public Records Act claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

- 202. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's Public Records Act claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 203. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's Public Records Act claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 204. Intervenors do not intervene in this action with respect to any of Petitioner's Public Records Act claims and therefore no response is required to this paragraph. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Writ of Mandate — To Implement Steelhead Flow Condition in Reservoir Water Rights —
As Against Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board of Directors of the Monterey
County Water Resources Agency, and Board of Supervisors of Monterey County Water
Resources Agency)

- 205. Intervenors incorporate by reference Paragraphs 1 through 204 as though fully set forth herein; no further response is required.
- 206. The terms of License Nos. 7543 and 12624, and Permit No. 21089 speak for themselves and no further response is required. Paragraph 206 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors have no information or belief that the statements are true, so Intervenors deny them.
- 207. Paragraph 207 contains statements and conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Intervenors deny, on information and belief, each allegation of Paragraph 207

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EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Petitioner's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of laches.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Petitioner's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Petitioner suffered no harm.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Petitioner's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by preemption.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

With respect to the Fifth, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth Causes of Action, in the factual context of this litigation the purported uses of water and/or methods of diversion of water of the members of the Salinas Valley Water Coalition violate Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution in that such uses of water and/or methods of diversion of water are unreasonable.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

With respect to the Fifth, Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth Causes of Action, in the factual context of this litigation the purported uses of water and/or methods of diversion of water of the members of the Salinas Valley Water Coalition violate the public trust doctrine.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Petitioner's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because any dispute between the parties is not ripe for adjudication.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Petitioner's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Petitioner lacks standing to assert them.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Petitioner's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because the alleged conduct of Intervenors was not a proximate cause of the loss or damage, if any, to Petitioner or any purported member of Petitioner.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Petitioner's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by prior release.

considered before any of Petitioner's alleged water rights as demanded in this action, if any, can be adjudicated.

RESERVATION OF ADDITIONAL AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Intervenors reserve the right to assert other applicable affirmative defenses as may become available or apparent during this action. Intervenors further reserve the right to amend their Answer and/or affirmative defenses accordingly, and/or delete affirmative defenses that they determine are not applicable during the course of subsequent discovery and proceedings.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Trial by jury is hereby demanded on any matters where such a trial is available.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Intervenors pray that judgment be entered as follows:

- That Petitioner's Second Amended Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and 1. Complaint for Declaratory Relief be denied with prejudice;
 - That Petitioner take nothing by reason of this action; 2.
- That Intervenors be awarded their costs of suit incurred as a result of the Petitioner's 3. action; and

By:

That Intervenors be granted such other and further relief as this Court deems proper. 4.

Dated: August 13 2018

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is 500 South Grand Avenue, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

On August 13, 2018, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled:

[PROPOSED] ANSWER IN INTERVENTION

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DECLARATION OF DALE FIEBER

I, Dale Fieber, declare as follows:

- 1. I make this declaration in support of Defendants' Motion for Leave to Intervene. I have personal knowledge of the following matters, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. I am a property owner within the community of Heritage Ranch which is located on Lake Nacimiento (the "Lake") and have lived within the Heritage Ranch community for approximately 4 years.
- 3. Heritage Ranch's only source of water is from the Lake Nacimiento. Heritage Ranch has four contracts with the County of San Luis Obispo totaling 889 Acre Feet (290 million gallons) per year from the Lake. Heritage Ranch accesses this water via a pump station on the southerly bank of the Nacimiento River, some 3,000 feet downstream from the reservoir.
- 4. Water from the Nacimiento Reservoir is treated, stored, and delivered to residential units, businesses, and greenbelts. This is made possible with six pumping stations, a treatment plant with a capacity of two million gallons per day, five storage tanks, and approximately 16 miles of pipeline. Water is pumped uphill almost 700 total feet in elevation then gravity fed downhill through seven pressure zones to homes that are spread over a range of 350 feet in elevation.
- 5. As such, I rely on water from the Lake for my basic daily needs as it is my only source of water. Any additional water releases from the Lake, or a determination Petitioner's are entitled to fixed flows of water regardless of the condition or water levels of the Lake could adversely affect my rights to the water that I rely on and thus any determination of Petitioner's water rights must also consider my own rights with respect to water from the Lake.
- 6. Additionally, I am also concerned that additional water releases or fixed flows could further adversely affect water levels on the Lake as it pertains to recreation. Water levels are already too low for most boat ramps to be used, and the low water levels create hazardous situations on the Lake as previously submerged rocks, tree stumps and islands have now emerged. Some of these hazards are also still submerged but close enough to the surface of the water where it creates additional hazards. Any determination as to water releases from the Lake must also take into account the effect

such releases will have on recreational uses as it not only makes recreation more difficult, but dangerous as well.

7. I only learned of this lawsuit and that my water rights would not be adequately represented by any of the existing parties to the lawsuit just recently.

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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM H. INGALLS

- I, William H. Ingalls, declare as follows:
- I make this declaration in support of Defendants' Motion for Leave to Intervene. I have personal knowledge of the following matters, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. I am a property owner with approximately 500 acres of land directly adjacent to Lake Nacimiento (the "Lake") and have lived on the Lake for over 40 years.
- 3. My only source of water is from Lake Nacimiento. I have installed infrastructure that allows me access to the Lake's water and rely on such water for my everyday needs. I also use this water to support vegetation on my land, as well as for the raising of cattle.
- 4. As such, I rely on water from the Lake for both my basic daily needs, as well as for agricultural purposes (i.e., cattle) as it is my only source of water. Any additional water releases from the Lake, or a determination that fixed flows of water must be released from the Lake regardless of the condition or water levels of the Lake could adversely affect my rights to the water that I rely on and thus any determination of Petitioner's water rights must also consider my own rights with respect to water from the Lake.
- 5. I only learned of the instant lawsuit and that my water rights would not be adequately represented just recently.

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William H. Ingalls

DECLARATION OF WILLIAM CAPPS

- I, William Capps, declare as follows:
- 1. I make this declaration in support of Defendants' Motion for Leave to Intervene. I have personal knowledge of the following matters, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. I have been a board member of the Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee ("NRWMAC") for approximately eleven years and am currently the treasurer of NRWMAC. I have been a resident of Lake Nacimiento (the "Lake") for approximately 35 years.
- 3. NRWMAC was formed in the late1980's to represent Lake Nacimiento property owners, visitors and enthusiasts in dealing with Monterey County's management of Lake Nacimiento. During its tenure, NRWMAC has fought to maintain a consistent and appropriate water level to support recreational uses on Lake Nacimiento for all Lake users. This issue is one of substantial public interest as in just one month of the summer of 2017 alone, the Lake supported over 5000 unique visitors for recreation.
- 4. Recently, Monterey County has stated that a Lake level of 730 feet msl is sufficient to sustain recreational uses on Lake Nacimiento. In my personal experience that is simply not true. A water level of 730 msl feet represents 25% of the storage capacity of the Lake and at that level, nearly all of the launch ramps along the Lake are rendered unusable. A water level of 730 msl feet also creates substantial safety issues as at that level it renders certain areas of the Lake too narrow for boats to pass one another, as well as exposes previously submerged tree stumps, rocks and islands which pose hazards to boating. It is NRWMAC's position, based on personal experience, that under current conditions, and based on the high volume of visitor traffic on the Lake, a minimum water level of 748 msl feet is necessary to support recreational uses between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year.
- 5. NRWMAC only learned of the instant lawsuit in early July 2018 and has spent the past month obtaining filings and documents relating to the lawsuit, as well as the administrative proceeding currently pending before the State Water Resources Board. It was only when this review was complete that NRWMAC determined that: (1) its water rights were at issue in this litigation in that the current action will determine flow rates and water releases from Lake Nacimiento; and (2) that the

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2	existing parties to this litigation would not be able to adequately represent NRWMAC's interests in
3	ensuring sufficient water levels to support recreational uses on Lake Nacimiento. As a result,
4	NRWMAC determined that it must intervene in this action so that it can safeguard its water rights as it
5	pertains to water levels on the Lake.
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7	true and correct. Executed this day of August 2018, in Los Angeles, California.
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DECLARATION OF DON BULLARD

- I, Don Bullard, declare as follows:
- 1. I make this declaration in support of Defendants' Motion for Leave to Intervene. I have personal knowledge of the following matters, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- 2. I have been a board member of the Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee ("NRWMAC") for approximately seven years and have been the president of NRWMAC since July 2017. My family has owned property on Lake Nacimiento (the "Lake") since the late 1960's and I have been a permanent resident of the Lake since 2011.
- 3. NRWMAC was formed in the late1980's to represent Lake Nacimiento property owners, visitors and enthusiasts in dealing with Monterey County's management of Lake Nacimiento. During its tenure, NRWMAC has fought to maintain a consistent and appropriate water level to support recreational uses on Lake Nacimiento for all Lake users. This issue is one of substantial public interest as in just one month of the summer of 2017 alone, the Lake supported over 5000 unique visitors for recreation.
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I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is 500 South Grand Avenue, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

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