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Plaintiff, the Mojave Water Agency, as Watermaster for the Mojave Basin Area ("MWA"), submits this Reply Brief in further support of MWA's motion for leave to file in this action the proposed First Amended Complaint ("FAC").

Introduction

SMR complains about the 14-month delay from August 15, 2022 (when the complaint was filed in this action) to October 3, 2023 (when MWA's first motion for leave to join SMR as an additional defendant was filed). Significantly, SMR makes no attempt to show, and cannot show, that it has been "prejudiced," in any way, by the 14-month delay.

SMR also speculates that MWA intended to deny SMR's "due process" rights when MWA's first motion for leave was not timely served on SMR. As demonstrated below, SMR's speculation is patently not true.

For a variety of reasons, SMR also argues the proposed FAC would be "futile." As demonstrated below, SMR is again mistaken.

SMR's "delay" claim

SMR argues leave to amend should be denied because of the 14-month "delay" from the date the complaint was filed to the date MWA filed its first motion for leave to join SMR as an additional defendant in this action. In support of this claim, SMR cites three appellate court decisions – each of which is clearly distinguishable from the case at bar. In *Leader v. Health Industries of America, Inc.* (2001) 89 Cal.App.4th 603, the action had been pending for more than 6 years before amendment was sought, the trial court had sustained defendant's demurrer to plaintiff's third amended complaint, and plaintiff did not submit a fourth amended complaint within the time allowed under the court's order sustaining the demurrer. *Roemer v. Retail Credit Company* (1975) 44 Cal.App.3d 926, was an libel action commenced in 1965 (i.e., almost 10 years earlier"). At the conclusion of defendant's case during a retrial of the action and prior to the giving of jury instructions, defendant requested leave to amend its answer to plead, for the first time, partial truth of the defamatory statements. In *Rainer v. Community Memorial Hosp.* (1971) 18 Cal.App.3rd 240, 258, the

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 Court of Appeal noted that "plaintiff, without good cause, waited until the third day of trial (. . . which was exactly five years to the date after the action was filed) [before requesting leave to amend] . . . Upon inquiry by the trial court, plaintiff did not then have the evidence ready to prove the issues even if amendment had been permitted." In *Rainer*, it also was demonstrated that the proposed amendment would "prejudice" the defendant.

For the foregoing reasons, the case decisions SMR cites are clearly distinguishable from the case at bar. Additionally, SMR's Opposition makes no showing that it would be "prejudiced," in any way, by the proposed amendment. Nor could it, because no meaningful discovery or dispositive motions have yet been filed or served in this action. Moreover, after SMR is joined as an additional defendant, SMR will have every opportunity to challenge the pleadings, conduct discovery, file dispositive motions, and participate in the trial of its purported defenses. Therefore, SMR will not be "prejudiced."

SMR's "due process" claim

In its Opposition, SMR carelessly speculates that MWA intended to deny SMR's due process rights by not providing SMR with timely notice of MWA's October 3, 2023 motion for leave to join SMR as an additional defendant. That is patently not true. After filing the motion, MWA attempted to serve a copy of the motion at the address for SMR listed on the California Secretary of State's website, i.e., 31581 E. 128th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado 80228. Attached as Exhibit 1 hereto, is a true copy of the listing for SMR on the Secretary of State's website. However, when service was attempted, the person at that address reported that SMR "used to rent space on the property. But they have not been there in years." Exhibit 2 hereto is the Declaration of Non-Service from MWA's process server, reporting the foregoing information, and that the address for SMR listed on the Secretary of State's website is a "bad address."

MWA made reasonable efforts to timely serve a copy of the motion on SMR; its initial effort to do so was unsuccessful only because SMR did not provide the Secretary of State with a valid and current service address. Moreover, after resolving certain procedural

 issues, MWA served a copy of its October 3, 2023 motion on SMR's legal counsel on November 29, 2023, which was seventy (70) calendar days before the date when the motion was eventually heard on February 7, 2024 (see Exhibit 3 hereto).

Therefore, SMR's repeated claim that MWA intended to deny SMR its "due process" rights by not providing to SMR timely notice of the motion is clearly not true.

As to MWA's mistaken filing of a Doe amendment naming SMR, that is fully explained in MWA's original moving papers (Mot., 6:8-7:3; 14:25-15:15). After recognizing the error, on October 3, 2023, MWA filed its first motion for leave to add SMR as an additional defendant. During the hearing on the motion — after the "Doe" amendment naming SMR was noted — the Court denied MWA's October 3, 2023 motion, but did so "without prejudice" to MWA filing a subsequent motion for leave to file a First Amended Complaint naming SMR as an additional defendant. MWA then filed a dismissal, without prejudice, of the "Doe" amendment. Acknowledging this, SMR's Opposition brief concedes, "MWA has now remedied that error by dismissing the Doe amendment" (Opp. 7:16-17). After doing so, MWA filed the pending motion.

As to MWA's dismissal of one of SMR's predecessors from the coordinated action in City of Barstow v. City of Adelanto (CIV 208568, hereafter, "City of Barstow"), that dismissal is not an impediment to MWA's current motion for leave to file the FAC, naming SMR as an additional defendant. This is so, because (a) the dismissal of a predecessor of SMR was filed "without prejudice," and (b) SMR is a new owner of the property who admittedly produces more than 10 acre-feet of groundwater annually.

Thus, SMR's arguments and complaints regarding each of the foregoing issues are without merit, and do not justify denial of MWA's motion for leave to amend.

The FAC would not be "futile"

A. Groundwater pumping by non-stipulating parties may be restricted.

MWA, as Watermaster, agrees that the Judgment's "physical solution" cannot be "imposed" on any person who does not stipulate to the judgment. That does not mean,

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however, that the Court is without authority to limit or restrict a non-stipulating party's groundwater production – as SMR also claims. In this regard, SMR mis-reads the Supreme Court's decision in *City of Barstow v. Mojave Water Agency* (2000) 23 Cal.4th 1224, and the resulting Amended Judgment entered in *City of Barstow*. Therein, the Supreme Court explained:

... no one can have a protectible interest in the unreasonable use of water, and holders of water rights must use water reasonably and beneficially.

(Id., at 1242, emphasis added.)

... the rights of all overlying owners in a groundwater basin are correlative, and subject to cutbacks when the basin is overdrafted ...

(Id., at 1252, emphasis added.)

The Court of Appeal directed the trial court to exclude the Cardozo appellants from the judgment and to grant them injunctive relief protecting their overlying water rights to the current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties.

(Id., at 1252-1253, emphasis added.)

As overlying owners, the Cardozo appellants have the right to pump water from the ground underneath their respective lands *for use on their lands*.

d., at 1253, emphasis added.)

Accordingly, the Supreme Court recognized at least three limitations on groundwater pumping by overlying property owners who elect not to stipulate to the Judgment in *City of Barstow* — such as SMR and the Cardozo defendants — to wit: (1) because the Mojave Basin Area is overdrafted, an overlying property owner's "correlative" water right is "subject to cutbacks"; (2) use of groundwater must be "reasonable and beneficial," not wasteful; and (3) groundwater pumped cannot exceed the amount reasonably and beneficially needed for, and used on the "lands" of the overlying property owner.

Therefore, if SMR declines to stipulate to the Judgment's "physical solution," the Court may still limit SMR's use of groundwater to the amount needed for "reasonable and beneficial" uses on SMR's lands and, because the Mojave Basin Area is overdrafted, that amount is "subject to cutbacks" under certain conditions. Following the Supreme Court's

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decision, these same limitations also were recognized in *City of Barstow*'s December 5, 2002, Amended Judgment, as follows:

"As overlying owners, the Cardozo Appellants have the right to pump water from the ground beneath their respective lands for their current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties.

(Amended Judgment, 1:28-2:3, Exhibit 4 hereto; emphasis added.)

As the Supreme Court explained in *Burr v. Maclay Rancho Water Co.* (1908) 154 Cal. 428, 435-437:

Different owners of separate tracts of land, situated over common strata of percolating water, may, each upon his own lands, take by means of wells and pumps from the common strata, such quantity of water as may be reasonably necessary for beneficial use upon his land, or his reasonable proportion of such water, if there is not enough for all; but one cannot, to the injury of the other, take such waters from the strata and conduct it to distant lands not situated over the same water-bearing strata.

Accordingly, after SMR is joined as an additional defendant in this action — like the Cardozo defendants — SMR's use of groundwater will not be allowed to exceed its "reasonable and beneficial need for water on" the lands owned by it (that overly the water source from which SMR pumps groundwater) and, under certain conditions, that amount may be "subject to cutbacks." SMR will not be allowed to make wasteful use of groundwater, or to use the groundwater it pumps other than on its overlying "lands." Therefore, the Court may enjoin SMR's wasteful use of groundwater, or the export of groundwater for use other than on the overlying lands owned by SRM (except as may be specifically allowed under the terms of the Judgment to be entered in this, the San Bernardino action).

B. This action is not subject to the requirements of SGMA or the Streamlined Adjudication Act.

The 2015 Streamlined Adjudication Act (Code Civ. Proc. § 830 et seq.) is intended to implement the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"). Significantly, the Streamlined Adjudication Act expressly declares it "does not apply to . . . An adjudicated area described in subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, of Section 10720.8 of the Water Code . . ." (Code Civ. Proc. § 833(b)(4)). In turn, Water Code Section 10720.8(a)(10) specifically

excludes the "Mojave Basin Area."

Therefore, "the Mojave Basin Area" (which is the area adjudicated in *City of Barstow*, and to be further adjudicated in this, the San Bernardino action) is expressly exempted from the requirements of SGMA and the Streamlined Adjudication Act.

Acknowledging this, in paragraph 37 of his declaration filed in support of SMR's unsuccessful motion to interpret and clarify the Judgment, SMR's expert witness, Tony Morgan, noted: "the majority of the Mojave Basin is adjudicated and therefore exempt from regulations required by the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, commonly known as SGMA."

Moreover, this action (CIVSB 2218461) merely attempts to implement and enforce certain provisions of the Judgment entered in *City of Barstow*, which require (at page 5 lines 1-3) that persons producing in the Mojave Basin Area more than 10 acre-feet of groundwater annually "be made a Party [to the groundwater adjudication] pursuant to Paragraph 12" of the Judgment, and MWA, as Watermaster, "shall bring an action to enjoin any Production that is not pursuant to the terms of this Judgment" (Judgment, page 21, lines 18-20). Therefore, this coordinated action (CIVSB 2218461) is a direct offshoot of *City of Barstow*, and its sole purpose is to implement and enforce the foregoing provisions of the *City of Barstow*'s Judgment regarding water rights in "the Mojave Basin Area." Thus, contrary to SMR's claim, the San Bernardino action is not an "entirely new lawsuit" subject to the requirements of SGMA and the Streamlined Adjudication Act.

Although admitting to now producing significantly more than 10 acre-feet of groundwater annually, SMR contends this provision of the Judgment does not apply to it because neither SMR nor its predecessor wherever "Minimal Producers," i.e., persons producing less than 10 acre-feet of groundwater annually. However, the declaration of Tim Walsh (SMR's "Manager"), filed on November 6, 2023 (in support of SMR's unsuccessful motion to interpret the Judgment), concedes that, "during the period from 2006 until 2019, there was no groundwater pumping on the property" (See Exhibit 5 hereto). This means there was Zero groundwater production for the thirteen (13) years prior to SMR's ownership which commenced in 2017, and during the first two (2) years of SMR's ownership. This also means that SMR thereafter graduated from being a Minimal Producer (i.e., producing less than 10 acre-feet annually) to now producing significantly more than 10 acre-feet annually. Therefore, the referenced provision of the Judgment does apply.

Accordingly, SMR's claim that the FAC would be "futile" because MWA failed to comply with the requirements of SGMA and the Sustained Adjudication Act is clearly without merit.

Based upon subdivision (e) of Water Code section 10720.8, SMR argues (in footnote 7 of its Opposition) that, "Because SMR's rights to extract groundwater have not been determined [in City of Barstow] SGMA applies to SMR." SMR misreads subdivision (e) which merely states, "If an adjudication action has determined the rights to extract groundwater for only a portion of a basin, subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (d) apply only within the area for which the adjudication action has determined those rights." (Emphasis added.) Pursuant to its express terms, the Judgment in City of Barstow adjudicates water rights within the entire Mojave Basin Area; moreover, it is undisputed that SMR's property is located within the area designated in the Judgment as the Mojave Basin Area:

The water supply and water rights of the entire Mojave Basin Area and its hydroponic Subareas extending over 4000 square miles have been brought into issue. Most types and natures of water right known to California law are at issue in the case.

(Judgment, 5:19-23)

This Judgment, and the Physical Solution decreed herein, addresses all [groundwater] Production within the Mojave Basin Area.

(Judgment, 21:11-13)

Accordingly, the Judgment in *City of Barstow* adjudicates groundwater production within the entire Mojave Basin Area, including the portion thereof where SMR's property is located. And, as noted, subdivision (a)(10) expressly excludes from the requirements of SGMA and the Streamlined Adjudication Act, the "Mojave Basin Area." Therefore, for this additional reason, the requirements of SGMA and the Streamlined Adjudication Action "do not apply" to any adjudication of water rights within the Mojave Basin Area (in which SMR's property is located). SMR's claim to the contrary is incorrect.

C. SMR's claim that the water beneath its property is hydrologically disconnected from the rest of the Mojave Basin Area.

As the Court knows -- based upon SMR's unsuccessful motion to clarify and interpret

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in its favor the Judgment entered in City of Barstow -- MWA and others dispute SMR's 2 claim that its water rights should not be adjudicated (because the water sources beneath SMR's property purportedly are hydrologically disconnected from the rest of the Mojave 3 4 Basin Area). When the Court denied SMR's motion to interpret the Judgment in SMR's favor, the Court succinctly noted: 5 6 Further, [SMR's] motion asks the Court to make factual determinations that the Court 7 respectfully suggests may only be made if there were a pending action in which some party - perhaps SMR - brought a claim for declaratory or other relief and that were 8 subject to a trial or a motion for summary judgment. (3/19/2024 Minute Order.) Accordingly, after SMR is joined as a defendant in this action, SMR may pursue this 9 10 purported defense by filing a cross-complaint for declaratory relief or a motion for summary 11 judgment; this discrete issue is inappropriate for determination on this motion. D. The policy of "great liberality" in granting leave to amend is to be applied. 12 13 It is well established that "California courts have 'a policy of great liberality in allowing amendments at any stage of the proceeding so as to dispose of cases upon their substantial merits where the authorization does not prejudice the substantial 14 rights of others.' [Citation.] Indeed, 'it is a rare case in which "a court will be justified in refusing a party leave to amend his [or her] pleading so that he [or she] may properly present his [or her] case." [Citation.]" (Douglas v. Superior Court (1989) 15 215 Cal. App.3d 155, 158 . . .) Thus, absent a showing of prejudice to the adverse 16 party, the rule of great liberality in allowing amendment of pleadings will prevail. 17 (Higgins v. Del Faro (1981) 123 Cal. App. 3d 558, 564) (Board of Trustees v. Superior Court (2007) 149 Cal. App. 4th 1154, 1163.) 18 19 It is error and an abuse of discretion to deny leave to amend where the opposing party is not misled or prejudiced (see Berman v. Bromberg (1997) 56 Cal. App. 4th 936, 945, 946 20 21 ["rules of pleading are conveniences to promote justice and not to impede or warp it"]: 22 Morgan v. Superior Court (1959) 172 Cal.App.2d 527, 530.) And, as noted above, SMR will 23 not suffer any legal prejudice as a result of the proposed amendment. 24 111 25 111 111 26 27

Conclusion

SMR's Opposition attempts to raise issues more appropriate for determination by demurrer, motion for summary adjudication, or at trial.

It is quite significant that SMR makes no attempt to show, and it cannot show, that it would be legally "prejudiced," *in any way*, by the proposed First Amended Complaint which merely seeks to name SMR as an additional defendant in this action. After it is joined, SMR will have every opportunity to challenge the pleadings, conduct discovery, and litigated its purported defenses.

In accord with the policy of "great liberality" in granting motions for leave to amend, it is respectfully submitted that MWA's motion for leave to file the proposed First Amended Complaint should be granted.

Dated: April 8, 2024 BRUNICK, MCELHANEY & KENNEDY PLC

By:___

William J. Brunick'
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SUPPORTING DECLARATION

Leland P. McElhaney declares and states:

- 1. I am an attorney at law, duly licensed to practice in all courts of the State of California, and a principal in the law firm of Brunick, McElhaney & Kennedy, PLC, legal counsel in this action for plaintiff, the Mojave Water Agency. I have personal knowledge of all of the matters set forth below and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit 1 hereto is a true and correct copy of the listing for SMR on the Secretary of State's website.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit 2 hereto is a true and correct copy of the Declaration of Non-Service from MWA's process server, reporting that the address for SMR listed on the Secretary of State's website is a "bad address."
- 13 Attached as Exhibit 3 hereto is a true and correct copy of my November 29, 2023, e-14 mail to SMR's attorneys, to which was attached a copy of MWA's October 3, 2023 motion 15 for leave to add SMR as an additional defendant in this action.
- 16 5. Attached as Exhibit 4 hereto is a true and correct copy of the Court's December 5, 2002, Amended Judgment entered in City of Barstow. 17
 - Attached as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the declaration of SMR's Manager, Tim Walsh, filed in City of Barstow on November 6, 2023.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that his declaration was executed in San Bernardino. California, on April 8, 2024.

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Alison and Christopher:

As agreed, attached please find from the San Bernardin action: the summons; the complaint; and the motion to join SMR as an additional defendant in that action.

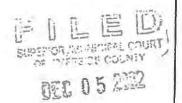
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AMENDMENT TO JUDGMENT AFTER TRIAL ENTERED JANUARY 10, 1996; and ORDER THEREON

Assigned for All Purposes to: Judge E. Michael Kaiser

AND RELATED CROSS ACTIONS

The Judgment After Trial, filed and entered January 10, 1996, in the above-captioned matter, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraphs 19(a) and 19(b) immediately following Paragraph 19 on page 24.

Paragraph 19(a):

Pursuant to the direction of the California Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, as set forth in the Stipulation for Settlement entered in the Court of Appeal on August 6, 2002, Neil DeVries, Virgil Gorman, Richard Leyerly, Geneva Leyerly, Jerry Osterkamp, David and Elizabeth Daily, Richard (deceased) and Elaine Fitzwater, Robert T. and Barbara T. Older and Steve Older, collectively referred to as the "Cardozo Appellants" are, except as provided in this paragraph, excluded from this Judgment and they are not bound by any of the provisions of this Judgment. As overlying owners, the Cardozo Appellants have the

right to pump water from the ground underneath their respective lands for their current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties

Therefore, the parties who stipulated to this Judgment are hereby enjoined and restrained from interfering with the Cardozo Appellants' ability to exercise their overlying water rights for their current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties.

If parties who stipulated to the Judgment are in full compliance with the Judgment, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the Cardozo Appellants' water rights are not being interfered with.

Each individual Cardozo Appellant shall have the right at any time, by written election filed with the Court and served on the Mojave Water Agency to become a stipulating party to the Judgment. If such an election is made, that party shall be accorded Base Annual Production shown on Table B-1 of Exhibit "B", subject to any rampdown then or thereafter in effect, but shall have no liability with respect to any assessments which were made, or which could have been made, before the date of the election.

The provisions of this paragraph are binding upon and inure to the benefit of not only the Cardozo Appellants, but as well as to the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, lessees, licensees and to the agents, employees and attorneys-in-fact of any of the Cardozo Appellants.

Paragraph 19(b):

Jess Ranch Water Company has stipulated to the Judgment of January 10, 1996, as set forth in the Stipulation and Intervention and Entry of Judgment filed in the Riverside County Superior Court on August 23, 2002.

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ORDER

It is so ordered.

E. MICHAEL KAISER

Dated: DFC: n 5 2002

E. Michael Kaiser Judge of the Superior Court

AMENDMENT TO JUDGMENT AFTER TRIAL ENTERED JANUARY 10, 1996; and ORDER THEREON



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Court of Appeal

FOURTH DISTRICT, DIVISION TWO 3289 TWELFTH STREET RIVENSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92501

JAMES D. WARD ASSOCIATE JUSTICE (908) 246-0925

August 7, 2002

William J. Brunick, Esq. Brunick, Battersby, McElhaney & Beckett P. O. Box 6425 San Bernardino, CA 92412

Re: Mojave Water/Jess Ranch/Cordozo/E029791

Dear Mr. Brunick:

Enclosed is the original Cordozo stipulation for settlement; the order on which I have signed and forward to you herewith for disposition.

My thanks to you for all your efforts in bringing this case to a satisfactory conclusion.

James D. Ward

Enclosure

COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH DISTRICT DIVISION TWO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITY OF BARSTOW, et al.	
ì	E017881 and E018923
Plaintiffs and Respondents,)	(Q
v.)	(Superior Court No. 208568)
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MOJAVE WATER AGENCY, et al.	
Defendants, Cross-Complainants,) and Respondents,	
JESS RANCH WATER COMPANY,	
Cross-Defendant and Appellant.	
MOJAVE WATER AGENCY, et al.,	
Cross-Complainants and)	
Respondents,	E01823 and E018681
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MANUAL CARDOZO, et al.,	
Cross-Defendants and Appellants.)	
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STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF JUDGMENT IN TRIAL COURT AND ORDER THEREON The undersigned parties, each of whom stipulated to the Judgment in the trial Court, hereinafter the "Stipulating Parties" on the one hand, and Niel Devries, Virgil Gorman, Richard Leyerly, Geneva Leyerly, Jerry Osterkamp, David and Elizabeth Daily, Richard (Deceased) and Elaine Fitzwater, Robert T. and Barbara T. Older and Steve Older, collectively referred to as the "Cardozo Appellants" on the other hand, by and through their respective attorneys, do stipulate and agree as follows:

RECITALS

Whereas the Cardozo Appellants are among the Cross-Defendants in the case known as City of Barstow, et al. vs. City of Adelanto, et al., Case No. 208568, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside (the "Action"); and

Whereas the Cardozo Appellants did not stipulate to the Judgment in the Action, and;

Whereas a "Judgment after Trial" in the Action was filed on January 10, 1999, and;

Whereas the Cardozo Appellants appealed from the Judgment, and;

Whereas on August 21, 2000, the Supreme Court of California affirmed the earlier judgment of the Court of Appeal and in so doing stated at pages 31 and 32 of its Opinion:

"Respondents also argue that overlying pumpers in an overdrafted basin should be required to file an Action to adjudicate groundwater rights at the first indication of substantial growth in the area. However, overlying pumpers are not under an affirmative duty to adjudicate their groundwater rights, because they retain them by pumping. (City of San Fernando, supra, 14 Cal.3d at p. 293, fn.100; Hi-Desert County Water Dist., supra, 23 Cal.App.4th at pp. 1731-1732.)

"As overlying owners, the Cardozo appellants have the right to pump water from the ground underneath their respective lands for use on their lands. The overlying right is correlative and is therefore defined in relation to other overlying water rights holders in the basin. In the event of a water supply shortage, overlying users have priority over appropriative users. (City of Pasadena, supra, 33 Cal.2d at p. 926.) The Court of Appeal properly recognized that the Cardozo Appellants retained their overlying rights by pumping, and that no claim of prescription had been asserted to reduce those retained overlying rights."

And further, at page 30 of the Opinion, stated:

"The Court of Appeal directed the trial court to exclude the Cardozo appellants from the judgment and to grant them injunctive relief protecting their overlying water rights to the current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties."

Whereas on February 28, 2001, the Court of Appeal issued a second Opinion in the Action, this one not to be published, in which the Court stated at page 8:

"The Cardozo appellants are to be excluded from the stipulated judgment, they are not bound by any provisions of the stipulated judgment, and any payments made

by them under the assessment provisions of the stipulated judgment are to be ordered refunded to them.

"Although it is clear that the Cardozo appellants are not included in the stipulated judgment, an issue is raised as to their water rights. The Cardozo appellants cite the disposition ordered in our superseded opinion: "[T]he trial court is directed to enter its order..., based on the evidence previously submitted, [which grants] the Cardozo Appellants injunctive relief to protect their riparian and overlying water rights to the current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective parties. (Tehachapi-Cummings County Water Dist. V. Armstrong) [1975] 49 Cal.App.3d 992, 1001.)" Since this portion of the disposition was affirmed by the Supreme Court, it stands, and should be followed by the trial court on remand."

And further at page 13, the Court states:

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"As the only party (other than Jess Ranch) that proved any water rights at trial, the Cardozo appellants are entitled to full protection of those rights. As we said in our previous disposition, the Cardozo appellants are entitled to "injunctive relief to protect their riparian and overlying water rights to the current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties. (*Tehachapi-Cummings County Water Dist. v. Armstrong, supra*, 49 Cal.App.3d 992, 1001.)" (Fn. omitted.) Since that portion of our judgment was affirmed, the trial court should follow this mandate on remand.", and;

Whereas, on remand, the Action was reassigned to the Honorable J. Michael Kaiser, Judge of the Superior Court; and

Whereas, following that assignment, the Cardozo Appellants filed a peremptory challenge against Judge Kaiser under Code of Civil Procedure §170.6; and

Whereas the peremptory challenge was denied; and

Whereas the Cardozo Appellants filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate in the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two where it is now pending; and

Whereas the Action has been referred to the Court of Appeals Settlement Conference program in the course of which the parties have participated in extensive settlement discussions under the guidance of the Honorable James D. Ward, Associate Justice of this Court, and

Whereas the parties have now arrived at a settlement which they believe is in the best interest of the parties hereto as well as the majority of other parties in the Mojave River Basin.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The Stipulating Parties shall deposit in Covington & Crowe LLP's client trust account, in such amounts as they shall among themselves determine, the total sum of \$500,000.00 to be distributed to the Cardozo Appellants as hereinafter provided.

- 2. Said sum of \$500,000.00 shall be divided among the Cardozo Appellants in such proportions as they shall determine.
- Covington & Crowe LLP shall distribute said sum of \$500,000.00 to the
 Cardozo Appellants upon Justice Ward approving this Stipulation for Settlement.
- 4. Upon distribution of said sum of \$500,000.00, to the Cardozo Appellants, they shall cause their pending Petition for Writ of Mandate regarding the disqualification of Judge Kaiser to be dismissed.
- 5. The judgment after trial, filed January 10, 1996, shall be amended, paragraph 19(a) thereto to read as follows:

Special Provisions for the "Cardozo Appellants"

Pursuant to the direction of the California Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, Niel DeVries, Virgil Gorman, Richard Leyerly, Geneva Leyerly, Jerry Osterkamp, David and Elizabeth Daily, Richard (Deceased) and Elaine Fitzwater, Robert T. and Barbara T. Older and Steve Older, collectively referred to as the "Cardozo Appellants" are, except as provided in this paragraph, excluded from this Judgment and they are not bound by any of the provisions of this judgment. As overlying owners, the Cardozo Appellants have the right to pump water from the ground underneath their respective lands for their current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties.

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Therefore, the parties who stipulated to this Judgment are hereby enjoined and restrained from interfering with the Cardozo Appellants' ability to exercise their overlying water rights for their current and prospective reasonable and beneficial need for water on their respective properties.

If parties who stipulated to the Judgment are in full compliance with the Judgment, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the Cardozo Appellants' water rights are not being interfered with.

Each individual Cardozo Appellant shall have the right at any time, by written election filed with the Court and served on the Mojave Water Agency to become a stipulating party to the Judgment. If such an election is made, that party shall be accorded that Base Annual Production shown on Table B-1 of Exhibit "B", subject to any rampdown then or thereafter in effect, but shall have no liability with respect to any assessments which were made, or which could have been made, before the date of the election.

The provisions of this paragraph are binding upon and inure to the benefit of not only the Cardozo Appellants, but as well to the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, lessees, licensees and to the agents, employees and attorneys-in-fact of any of the Cardozo Appellants.

6. This Stipulation for Settlement may be executed in counterparts. Each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original. All counterparts shall constitute but a single Stipulation for Settlement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement this 19th day of July, 2002.

STIPULATING PARTIES	CARDOZO APPELLANTS By
State of California	COVINGTON & CROWE, LLP
Victor Valley Water District	Repert E. Dougherty Attorneys for Cross-Defendants and Appellants Niel Devries, Virgil
Southern California Water Company	Gorman, Richard Leyerly, Geneva Leyerly, Jerry Osterkamp, David and Elizabeth Daily, Richard (Deceased) and Elaine Fitzwater, Robert T. and
Hesperia Water District	Barbara T. Older and Steve Older
Apple Valley Ranchos	
Mojave Water Agency	
Silver Lakes Association	
Cemex	
Mitsubishi Cement	

ORDER

The foregoing "STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT . . ." is hereby approved. Pursuant to the stipulation:

- 1. The Stipulating Parties shall immediately deposit in the client trust account of Covington & Crowe, LLP, in such amounts as they shall among themselves determine, the total sum of \$500,000.00 to be distributed among the Cardozo Appellants as they shall among themselves determine.
- 2. Upon the deposit of the \$500,000.00 in the trust account, Covington & Crowe, LLP, on behalf of the Cardozo Appellants shall serve and file with the clerk of this court a request to dismiss the petition for writ of mandate filed in case No. E029791, entitled Neil Devries et al. v. Riverside County Superior Court (Mojave Water Agency et al.), thereby permitting the Hon. E. Michael Kaiser, Judge of the Riverside County Superior Court, to complete the superior court proceedings in the underlying case pursuant to the parties' stipulations.
- 3. Upon the filing of the order dismissing the petition in case No. E029791, a judgment shall be prepared incorporating the provisions of paragraph 19(a) as set forth in the "STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT" If it approves the judgment, the Riverside Superior Court shall execute and enter the judgment.

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Hon, James D. Ward

Associate Justice, Court of Appeal Fourth District, Division Two

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW 300 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 9007] BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY WALSH

I, Timothy Walsh, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a Manager of the Principal Investor of Shadow Mountain Ranch, LLC ("SMR") and I am the Manager at SMR. I make this declaration in support of SMR's special appearance in the above-captioned adjudication for the sole purpose of filing the motion to interpret and clarify the scope of the January 10, 1996 Judgment and Physical Solution ("Judgment") (collectively, "Motion"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, could competently testify to all matters set forth herein.
- 2. On November 20, 2017, a group of investors, including a company in which I am an owner, purchased SMR. SMR owns a 631-acre piece of property located on the northeast side of the Harper Dry Lake basin, and just to the south of Black Mountain, which is an outcropping of basalt ("SMR Property"). The SMR Property is about 15 miles to the north and west of the City of Barstow.
- 3. The SMR Property was historically used as an alfalfa farm. I understand that the prior owner of the SMR Property operated the alfalfa farm from approximately 1980 until 2006, and that this operation produced about 6,000 tons of hay per year, using 4 center-pivot irrigation systems. I understand that this owner reported pumping approximately 8,000 to 10,000 acre feet ("AF") of water per year ("AFY") from five onsite groundwater wells for its farming operations. I understand that the farming operations ceased in 2006, and that thereafter the land returned to a dry and fallow state until 2019, after the current owners had purchased the property, and when the current owners restarted alfalfa farming operations. I understand that during the time period from 2006 until 2019, there was no groundwater pumping on the SMR Property.
- 4. I further understand that the predecessor owners of the SMR Property were Curt Jahnke and Ace Exploration & Water Drilling Company ("Ace"), which was a company that was owned by Mr. Jahnke. I understand that Ace was named as a party to Mojave Water Agency's ("MWA") cross-complaint in the adjudication that led to the entry of the Judgment in this action, however, MWA dismissed Ace as a cross-defendant, and neither Ace nor Mr. Jahnke are parties to the Judgment. Thus, while the SMR Property is within the boundaries of the Centro Subarea of

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the Judgment, SMR is not a party to the Judgment.

- 5. It is my understanding that groundwater pumping on the SMR Property does not impact the groundwater levels in the area of the Mojave Basin that was adjudicated in the Judgment. For example, while Mr. Jahnke and Ace pumped groundwater for alfalfa farming both before and after the Judgment was entered, I am not aware of any claim of well interference that any pumper in the Mojave Basin had against Mr. Jahnke and Ace.
- 6. After our new ownership group took over the SMR Property, we revitalized the alfalfa farming operations, and we began pumping groundwater again to support those farming operations. SMR has been pumping groundwater from the shallow aquifer beneath the SMR Property since 2019, including for the reasonable and beneficial use of growing alfalfa. SMR pumped approximately 631 AF of groundwater in the 2019-20 water year, and nearly 1,000 AF of groundwater in the 2020-21 water year. Again, while we have resumed groundwater pumping in recent years, there has been no claim of well interference by anyone in the Mojave Basin against SMR that I am aware of.
- 7. In early 2018, SMR's new ownership group also embarked on a comprehensive plan to evaluate the aquifers and groundwater pumping potential underneath the SMR Property. When we purchased the SMR Property, we were aware that Mr. Jahnke and/or Ace had commissioned analyses of the potential safe yield of the groundwater under the SMR Property, and that several technical reports¹ suggest that a safe yield for pumping the shallow aquifer under the SMR Property could be anywhere from 5,000 AFY to 24,000 AFY. These studies suggested that there is a considerable amount of water available directly under the SMR Property that could be pumped. At that time, there also were reports of exploratory drilling that suggested that there might be a deep alluvial aquifer below the basaltic layers under the shallow aquifer.
- 8. The new SMR ownership wanted to get a better sense of the geology and groundwater availability under the SMR Property. In January 2019, we retained Daniel B. Stephens & Associates ("DBS&A") to undertake this investigation. As part of this investigation,

¹ Among other materials that have been prepared over the last two decades, this specifically included analyses from Neblett & Associates (2008) and Stetson Engineers (2012).

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in 2022, we funded a deep exploratory well to drill through the shallow alluvial layer and the basaltic layers underneath in order to verify the existence of the separate deep alluvial aquifer that we understood existed, and to get an understanding of the nature of this deep aquifer and the groundwater that is within it, including determining whether the deep aquifer is hydrologically disconnected from the shallow aquifer and/or the rest of the Mojave Basin. DBS&A oversaw this drilling, and the findings of their work are discussed in the declaration of Tony Morgan of DBS&A, which is filed concurrently with this declaration and the Motion.

- 9. Since 2018, the new ownership group of SMR has invested approximately \$2 million in the drilling, testing, and analyses of the aquifers and groundwater beneath the SMR Property. Again, the results are discussed in Mr. Morgan's declaration, but it appears that the groundwater beneath the SMR Property is separate from the water that was adjudicated in the Judgment, and thus this water is essentially supplemental water that, if pumped, could be put to a beneficial use without causing harm or otherwise impacting the Judgment's safe yield allocations. Moreover, it appears that the water in the deep aquifer has never previously been pumped from the SMR Property to extract groundwater (other than the recent extractions that we did for testing purposes).
- 10. SMR intends to pump groundwater from both of the aquifers underlying the SMR Property as a source of supplemental water, and sell that supplemental water to other user(s) so that this water can be put to beneficial use.
- 11. In August of 2023, I discussed the potential to sell this water to Mojave Water Agency with Mojave Water Agency's General Manager, Adnan Anabtawi. When I explained the substantial work and investigations we have conducted with DBS&A, as well as our plan to pump this supplemental water and sell it, Mr. Anabtawi indicated that he was interested, but that we should secure Court approval before Mojave Water Agency would consider purchasing the water from us. As a result, we now bring this Motion.

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

Executed this 1st day of November, 2023, at Lake Forest, IL

Timothy Walsh

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I, Vanessa Guillen-Becerra, declare:

I am a citizen of the United States and employed in San Bernardino County, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within-entitled action. My business address is 2855 E. Guasti Road, Suite 400, Ontario, California 91761. On November 6, 2023, I served a copy of the within document(s):

DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY WALSH IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERPRET AND CLARIFY THE JUDGMENT

	by transmitting via facsimile the document(s) listed above to the fax number(s) set forth below on this date before 5:00 p.m.		
	by placing the document(s) listed above in a sealed envelope with postage the fully prepaid, the United States mail at Ontario, California addressed as set for below.		
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I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

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Executed on November 6, 2023, at Ontario, California.



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Mojave Basin Water Cases JCCP5265

I am employed in the County of the San Bernardino, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 1839 Commercenter West, P.O. Box 13130, San Bernardino, California 92423-3130.

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