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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE

[Case originated in Kern County Superior Court]

BOLTHOUSE LAND COMPANY, LLC, a California limited liability company; WM. BOLTHOUSE FARMS, INC., a Michigan corporation;

and

GRIMMWAY ENTERPRISES, INC., a Delaware corporation, DIAMOND FARMING COMPANY, a California corporation; LAPIS LAND COMPANY, LLC, a California limited liability company; RUBY LAND COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A RIGHT TO EXTRACT OR STORE GROUNDWATER IN THE CUYAMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN (NO. 3-013); ALL PERSONS

Case No.: BCV-21-101927
Complex Action
(Complaint filed: 8/17/2021)

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF NOVEMBER 4, 2026 MINUTE ORDER

Honorable William F. Highberger

UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO; DOES 1 THROUGH 5000 and THE PERSONS NAMED AS DEFENDANTS IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBIT D TO THIS COMPLAINT as may be amended from time to time,

Defendants.

TO ALL PARTIES AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 4, 2026, the Court issued a Minute Order after the hearings on Perkins Ranch Tenants' Notice of Motion for Determination of Threshold Legal Issue Re Lessees' Claim to Overlying Water Rights, Non-Jury Trial for the Limited Purpose on Matters Presented for Legal Questions, Ex Parte proceedings of each Eric L. Garcia, Eric A. Fraley and Elisabeth Fraley to Set Aside Court's April 27th and 28th OSC Ruling Regarding Failure to Submit Phase 3 Form Discovery, a true and correct copy is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A."

DATED: November 10 , 2026

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By: _____

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EXHIBIT “A”

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 10

BCV-21-101927 November 4, 2026
BOLTHOUSE LAND COMPANY, LLC, et al. vs ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A RIGHT TO EXTRACT OR STORE GROUNDWATER IN THE CUYAMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN (NO.3-013), et al. 9:00 AM

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger
Judicial Assistant: Esmeralda Muñoz
Courtroom Assistant: La Tia Yarbrough

CSR: Timothy J. McCoy, CSR # 4745
ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiff(s): Samantha Gwen Atherton , via LACC; Christine Marie Carson , via LACC; Robert Garth Kuhs -- See additional appearances below.

For Defendant(s): Jolie-Anne Ansley , via LACC; Jeffrey N. Candrian , via LACC; Jeffrey V. Dunn -- See additional appearances below.

Other Appearance Notes: for the Plaintiff(s): Daniel Clifford ; via LACCfor the Defendant(s): Cory Baker, Greg Regler, Armand Ash, Kristi Marshall, Jacob Metz, Kristen Moen, Jane Wooster ; via LACC

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Hearing on Motion - Other Perkins Ranch Tenants In Common et al.'s Notice of Motion and Motion for Determination of Threshold Legal Issue RE Lessees' Claim to Overlying Water Rights and Joinders; Non-Jury Trial For The Limited Purpose On Maters Presented For Legal Questions; Ex-Parte Proceedings on Highland Defendants' Ex Parte Application For An Order Shortening The Time To Hear Motion For Determining The Threshold Legal Issue That Equitable Allocation; Ex-Parte Proceedings on Notice of Ex Parte Application of Eric L. Garcia to Set Aside Court's April 27 & 28, 2026 OSC Ruling Regarding Failure to Submit Phase 3 Form Discovery; Ex-Parte Proceedings on Ex Parte Application of Eric A. Fraley and Elisabeth To Set Aside Court's April 27 & 28, 2026 OSC Ruling Regarding Failure to Submit Phase 3 Form Discovery

Pursuant to Government Code sections 68086, 70044, and California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, Timothy J. McCoy, CSR # 4745, certified shorthand reporter is appointed as an official Court reporter pro tempore in these proceedings, and is ordered to comply with the terms of the Court Reporter Agreement. The Order is signed and filed this date.

The matters are called for hearing.

The Court's tentative regarding purportedly confidential documents lodged conditionally under seal is electronically served via message board posting on Case Anywhere for the parties to review.

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PERSONS CLAIMING A RIGHT TO EXTRACT OR STORE GROUNDWATER IN THE CUYAMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN (NO.3-013), et al.

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ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

The Court provided the plaintiff's attorney with a copy of the California Rules of Court, Rules 2.550 and 2.551, and proceeded to discuss the deficiencies in the documents conditionally lodged under seal.

Because the documents lodged conditionally under seal were not in compliance with the California Rules of Court, Rules 2.550 and 2.551 , the Court returned the documents to Plaintiff's counsel instead of filing them in the court's case management system. No party objected to the court's action.

Ex Parte Proceedings

The above-captioned ex parte applications are heard.

Having electronically reviewed and considered all documents pertaining to the instant ex-parte application, and there being no objections, the Court rules as follows:

The Notice of Ex Parte Application of Eric L. Garcia to Set Aside Court's April 27 & 28, 2026 OSC Ruling Regarding Failure to Submit Phase 3 Form Discovery; Memorandum of Points & Authorities; Declaration of Eric L. Garcia Support Thereof filed by Eric Garcia on 10/30/2026 is Granted. The water rights of Eric L. Garcia is restored.

The Ex Parte Application of Eric A. Fraley and Elisabeth To Set Aside Court's April 27 & 28, 2026 OSC Ruling Regarding Failure to Submit Phase 3 Form Discovery filed by Fraley Eric & Elisabeth on 10/01/2026 is Granted. The water rights of Eric A. Fraley and Elisabeth are restored.

The Highland Defendants' Ex Parte Application For An Order Shortening The Time To Hear Motion For Determining The Threshold Legal Issue That Equitable Allocation filed by Cuyama Community Services District,, E & B Natural Resources Management Corporation,, Highland Vineyard SB, LLC, Rancho Cuyama No. 2, LLC, WRBD II, L.P. on 10/30/2026 is Granted.

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties , the Hearing on Motion - Other Highland Defendants' Notice of Motion and Motion for Determining the Threshold Legal Issue That Equitable Allocation Does Not Require Equal Pumping Reductions and Joinders scheduled for 11/23/2026

is advanced to this date and continued to 01/13/2027 at 01:30 PM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

The parties are to submit a stipulation regarding further briefing schedule.

Status Conference

The Court and counsel confer regarding the status of the minor extractor opt-in and verification form.

The Cout informs counsel that a few minor extractor opt-in and verification forms have been rejected for non-compliance with CRC rule 2.111.

The following parties are to re-submit their minor extractor opt-in and verification forms:

Walking U Ranch LLC;
Emerging Holdings, Inc.;
Hermreck Properties, LLC.

The deadline to file a minor extractor opt-in and verification form is 11/09/2026. The deadline to oppose/object to any minor extractor opt-in and verification form is 12/09/2026.

Further Status Conference is scheduled for 12/21/2026 at 01:30 PM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse. Joint status report is due by 12/14/2026.

Non-Jury Trial=Motion

The matter called for trial.

The Court's comments on Perkins Ranch's motion are reflected in the notes of the court reporter.

The above-captioned motion from Perkins Ranch is heard and argued.

Plaintiff is directed to submit the confidential documents pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 2.550 and 2.551 by 11/12/2026, along with an ex parte application noticed for 11/16/2026

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at 10:00 a.m.

On the Court's own motion, the Hearing on Motion - Other Perkins Ranch Tenants In Common et al.'s Notice of Motion and Motion for Determination of Threshold Legal Issue RE Lessees' Claim to Overlying Water Rights and Joinders scheduled for 11/04/2026, and Non-Jury Trial For The Limited Purpose On Maters Presented For Legal Questions scheduled for 11/04/2026 are continued to 11/19/2026 at 09:00 AM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

No further briefing.

Counsel for Plaintiff is to give notice.

Further details of this proceeding are fully reflected in the notes of the court reporter and incorporated herein by reference.

Additional appearance for Plaintiff(s):
Richard G. Zimmer, Esq.

Additional appearances for Defendant(s):
Erin M Edwards , via LACC
Richard O. Fanning , via LACC
Jeffrey Werner Frey , via LACC
Shawnda M. Grady , via LACC
Stephanie Osler Hastings
Derek Hoffman , via LACC
Kathleen Patricia March , via LACC
James Lee Markman , via LACC
Nathan A. Metcalf , via LACC
Daniel N. Raytis , via LACC
Amy Meredith Steinfeld , via LACC
Wendy Y. Wang
James Anthony Worth , via LACC

PROOF OF SERVICE (C.C.P. §1013a, 2015.5)

Los Angeles County Superior Court Complex Action Case No. BCV-21-101927

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

I am employed in the County of Kern, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 11601 Bolthouse Drive, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93311-8714. On November 10, 2026, I served the Foregoing document(s) entitled:

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF NOVEMBER 4, 2026 MINUTE ORDER

(X) by electronic service (XX) a true copy thereof addressed as follows:

********* SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST**

_X_ **VIA CASE ANYWHERE**: Based on the March 22, 2022 Court Order Authorizing Electronic Filing and Service through Case Anywhere, LLC, I caused said document(s) to be transmitted to the email addresses shown on the attached Case Anywhere Electronic Service List.

__ **BY MAIL: 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 at Bakersfield, California, in the ordinary course of business.**

_ **BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE: By electronically serving the document(s) to the electronic mail address set forth above on this date by or before 11:59 p.m., pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 2.251, and consistent with Code of Civil Procedure § 1010.6(a)(2), (4) and (5).**

X (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on November 10, 2026 at Post Falls, Idaho.

/s/ *Diana Seibert*
DIANA SEIBERT
[31-00015]