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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

[Sitting As Superior Court of California, County of Kern]

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
 UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR
 EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN,
 OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY

Case No.: BCV-21-101927
 Complex Action

**NOTICE OF ENTRY OF SEPTEMBER 16,
 2026, MINUTE ORDER**

Assigned for All Purposes to:
 The Honorable William F. Highberger
 Spring Street Courthouse – Department 10

DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE
TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD
UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO; DOES
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 THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on September 16, 2026, the Court issued a Minute Order following the September 16, 2026, Ex-Parte Proceedings and Further Status Conference re: Mediation and Pre-Trial Schedule. A true and correct copy of the September 16, 2026, Minute Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Dated: September 22, 2026

Zimmer & Melton, LLP

By: /s/ Richard G. Zimmer

RICHARD G. ZIMMER, ESQ.

WILLIAM T. ZIMMER, ESQ.

Attorneys for Plaintiffs, Bolthouse Land Company,
LLC

Dated: September 22, 2026

LEBEAU THELEN, LLP

By: /s/ Robert G. Kuhs

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ARMAND A. ASH, ESQ.

Attorneys for Plaintiffs Diamond Farming Company,
Lapis Land Company, LLC, and Ruby Land Company,
LLC

EXHIBIT A

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 10

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10:00 AM

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

CSR: Jamie Onuki, CSR #13904
ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiff(s): Christine Marie Carson , via LACC; Richard G. Zimmer, Esq. , via LACC

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

Other Appearance Notes: Mork, Marisol, via LACC, Ash, Armand (via LACC), Moen, Kristen (via LACC), Clifford, Daniel (via LACC), Myhre, Ann (via LACC), Wooster, Jane (via LACC), Marshall, Kristi Danielle (via LACC), Salatino, Morena (via LACC);

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Ex-Parte Proceedings on Dale Sample's Ex Parte Application For An Order Granting Leave To Amend Answer To First Amended Complaint To Substitute Parties And An Order Granting Leave To File Amended Discovery Workbook; Memorandum Of Points And Authorities In Support Thereof ; Ex-Parte Proceedings on Richard and Lisa Clark Ex Parte Application for an Order Granting Leave to Amend Complaint to Substitute Parties and an Order Granting Leave to File Amended Discover Workbook; Further Status Conference Re: Mediation and Pre-Trial Schedule; Hearing on Ex Parte Application of Richard Smith 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, California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, and the stipulation of appearing parties, Jamie Onuki, CSR # 13904, 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 Court Reporter is appearing remotely via LA Court Connect.**

The matters are called for hearing.

Ex Parte Proceedings

The above-captioned ex parte applications are heard.

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

The Ex Parte Application of Richard Smith to Set Aside Court's April 27 & 28, 2026 OSC Ruling Regarding Failure to Submit Phase 3 Form Discovery; filed by Richard Smith on 08/28/2026 is Granted. Richard Smith's water rights are restored.

The Dale Sample's Ex Parte Application For An Order Granting Leave To Amend Answer To First Amended Complaint To Substitute Parties And An Order Granting Leave To File Amended Discovery Workbook; Memorandum Of Points And Authorities In Support Thereof filed by Dale Sample on 09/11/2026 is Granted. The Order Granting Dale Samples Ex Parte Application For An Order Granting Leave To Amend Answer To First Amended Complaint To Substitute Parties And An Order Granting Leave To File Amended Discovery Workbook is signed and filed on this date.

The Court finds that the mode of service on Case Anywhere is sufficient. Richard and Lisa Clark Ex Parte Application for an Order Granting Leave to Amend Complaint to Substitute Parties and an Order Granting Leave to File Amended Discover Workbook; Memorandum filed by Clark Richard/Lisa on 09/14/2026 is Granted. The Court directs Mr. Armand Ash to move the ex parte application of Richard and Lisa Clark served on Case Anywhere from the Document Production Tab into Document View Tab.

Further Status Conference

The Court and counsel confer regarding the status of the case.

The Court sets a briefing schedule for Ms. Hasting's motion and Ms. Wang's motion as follows:

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 is filed and served on 06/25/2026. Joinders to said motion to be filed and served by 09/22/2026. Plaintiff's opposition to be filed and served by 10/16/2026. Defendant's reply to be filed and served by 10/28/2026.

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

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Rights and Joinders is scheduled for 11/04/2026 at 09:00 AM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

Highland Defendants' Notice of Motion and Motion for Determining the Threshold Legal Issue That Equitable Allocation Does Not Require Equal Pumping Reductions is filed and served on 06/26/2026. Joinders to said motion to be filed and served by 09/22/2026. Plaintiff's opposition to be filed and served by 11/09/2026. Defendant's reply is to be filed and served by 11/19/2026.

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 is scheduled for 11/23/2026 at 09:00 AM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

The Court modifies the "PHASE 3 DISCOVERY AND TRIAL ORDER" signed and filed on 08/12/2026 as follows:

The May 3, 2027, PHASE 3 WATER-RIGHTS TRIAL is advanced from 05/03/2026 to 11/4/2026 for the limited purpose of hearing Ms. Hasting's motion and 11/23/2026 for the limited purpose of hearing Ms. Wang's motion. The May trial date remains.

Non-Jury Trial For The Limited Purpose On Matters Presented For Legal Questions is scheduled for 11/04/2026 at 09:00 AM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

Non-Jury Trial For The Limited Purpose On Matters Presented For Legal Questions is scheduled for 11/23/2026 at 09:00 AM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

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 appearances for Defendant(s):
Jeffrey Werner Frey , via LACC
Noah Marc Golden-Krasner , via LACC
Douglas A. Gosling , via LACC

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Stephanie Osler Hastings , via LACC

Greg Regier on behalf of Boyd Hill , via LACC

Derek Hoffman , via LACC

Jacob Metz on behalf of B Tilden Kim , via LACC

Kathleen Patricia March , via LACC

James Lee Markman , via LACC

Nathan A. Metcalf , via LACC

Maya Mouawad , via LACC

Cory Baker on behalf of CRAIG A PARTON , via LACC

Daniel N. Raytis , via LACC

Amy Meredith Steinfeld , via LACC

Wendy Y. Wang

Connie Wetzstein , via LACC

James Anthony Worth , via LACC

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

I, Kristen L. Moen, declare I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county aforesaid; I am and was at the times of the service hereunder mentioned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, and not a party to the within cause. My business address is: 9801 Camino Media, Suite 103, Bakersfield, CA 93311.

On September 22, 2026, I caused to be served the below listed document(s) titled as **NOTICE OF ENTRY OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, MINUTE ORDER** on the interested parties in this action as listed below or on the attached mailing list.

SEE ATTACHED ELECTRONIC SERVICE LIST

XX **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 attached Case Anywhere Electronic Service List.

XX **(STATE)** I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct, and that the foregoing was executed on **September 22, 2026**, in Bakersfield, California.

/s/ Kristen L. Moen

KRISTEN L. MOEN