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Superior Court of California 2 ounty of Los Angeles 3 MAR 22 2022 4 Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court 5 By: Roxanne Arraiga, Deputy 6 7 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** 10 BOLTHOUSE LAND COMPANY LLC, et 11 CASE NO. BCV-21-101927 12 Plaintiff(s). 13 ORDER AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC VS. FILING AND SERVICE- CASE 14 ANYWHERE LLC 15 ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A RIGHT TO Case assigned for all purposes to EXTRACT OR STORE GROUNDWATER Judge Yvette M. Palazuelos IN THE CUYAMA VALLEY 16 GROUNWATER BASIN (NO. 3-013) et al., 17 Defendant(s). 18 19 The Court has deemed this matter to be complex litigation within the meaning of the 20 California Standards of Judicial Administration for Complex Litigation Section 19 and 21 California Rules of Court, rules 3.400 et. seq. As such, this is a case that requires specialized 22 management to avoid placing unnecessary burdens on the Court or the litigants, and to keep costs 23 reasonable. 24 Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §187 and California Rule of Court, Rules 2.253(b) 25 and 3.751 and the stipulation of the parties, the Court makes this Order to reduce the costs of 26 litigation and to facilitate case management, document retrieval, and case organization. The 27 Court finds that entry of this Order is necessary for the just, expeditious, and efficient litigation 28 of this Action and that compliance with the terms herein will not result in unnecessary hardship

ORDER AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC FILING AND SERVICE

or significant prejudice to any of the parties in this matter.

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When a party to this litigation wishes to file or serve a document, that party shall effectuate filing and service of the document by the procedure set forth in this Order:

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1. In order to facilitate case management, document retrieval and case organization, the parties will utilize the services of CASE ANYWHERE LLC and its litigation system (the "System") for providing electronic filing, electronic service, storage and delivery of court-filed and discovery-related documents through a secure website. Each firm of record and unrepresented litigant is required to sign up with CASE ANYWHERE and will be individually responsible for payment of applicable CASE ANYWHERE fees. The Court, at its option, may also use CASE ANYWHERE and its System for these purposes as well to communicate with counsel of record.

#### **SERVICE AND FILING**

2. The System shall apply to the service and filing of documents.

#### SERVICE LIST & SIGN-UP

Within five (5) days of this Order, counsel for Plaintiff(s) shall submit to CASE 3. ANYWHERE a complete and current service list which will contain email addresses. Within five (5) days of this Order, all law firms of record shall provide the following information to CASE ANYWHERE: (i) firm address; (ii) firm telephone number; (iii) firm facsimile number; (iv) identity of attorney(s) of record; (v) list of other firm attorneys to be provided access (if any); (vi) list of firm professional staff to be provided access (if any); (vii) email addresses of all attorneys and professional staff to be provided access; (viii) list of parties represented; and (ix) the name and address of the individual designated to receive billing invoices. Any unrepresented litigants shall provide similar contact information. This information shall be provided to CASE ANYWHERE by email at its support address (support@caseanywhere.com), citing the case title in the subject line, or through the Case Initiation Form located on the Case Anywhere website (https://www.caseanywhere.com/get-started/initiate-a-new-case). Each party is responsible for providing up-to-date contact information for Case Anywhere's service list. Each user is responsible for ensuring that his email account settings will allow receipt of emails from

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### FILING OF DOCUMENTS

4. All documents required to be electronically filed under the Presiding Judge's First Amended General Order re: Mandatory Electronic Filing for Civil, dated May 3, 2019, shall be filed in conformity with that Order, the terms of which are incorporated by reference. The Amended General Order is available at:

http://www.lacourt.org/division/efiling/pdf/GenOrdCivilEfiling.pdf

# SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITE

- 5. When any party wishes to serve a document, that party shall serve the document according to all the requirements and procedures of this Order. All references to "document" in this Order shall be interpreted to include any exhibits or attachments to the document and shall include both pleadings and discovery-related documents (such as interrogatories, requests for production, deposition notices, etc.); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that each party shall determine individually whether to utilize the System to serve document productions and correspondence.
- 5. CASE ANYWHERE shall establish and maintain an Internet website (the "Website") for this litigation. CASE ANYWHERE will post all documents served by the parties to the Website as provided in this Order and shall serve each document on the parties included on the service list provided to CASE ANYWHERE in accordance with the procedures herein. The Website address is <a href="www.caseanywhere.com">www.caseanywhere.com</a>.
- 6. Each party shall serve each document via electronic transfer of the document file to CASE ANYWHERE (in Word, WordPerfect, or PDF format) through the Internet. Each party shall title each document the same as the title of the document on the caption page. Each document electronically served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to have been served under the California Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 7. After CASE ANYWHERE receives a document, CASE ANYWHERE shall convert such document into PDF form (if it is not already uploaded in PDF format) and post it to the Website. Proposed Orders and other documents directed by the Court to be uploaded in native format should not be designated for conversion to PDF format by the uploading user.

- 8. CASE ANYWHERE shall send an email to all registered users notifying them that the document has been posted to the Website. The email shall contain a hypertext link to the document.
- 9. Electronic service shall be complete at the time of transmission by a party to CASE ANYWHERE, provided any period of notice or any right or duty to do any act or make any response within any period or on a date certain after the service of the document, which time period or date is prescribed by statute or rule of court, shall be extended after service by electronic transmission by two court days, but the extension shall not extend the time for filing notice of intention to move for new trial, notice of intention to move to vacate judgment pursuant to Section 663a, or notice of appeal.
- 10. In the event a document that is to be filed with the Court is rejected by the Court for filing after it has been posted on the Website by CASE ANYWHERE, the rejection was caused by an aspect of the caption of the document, and the party seeking to file the document successfully files it with the Court within two (2) business days of its rejection with revisions to the caption only, then the party filing the document shall promptly submit a notice of successful filing, including the date of the filing and the revised page(s) of the caption, to CASE ANYWHERE for posting on the Website. In all other circumstances in which a document to be filed with the Court is rejected for filing after CASE ANYWHERE has posted it on the Website, the party that caused the document to be posted shall promptly notify CASE ANYWHERE in writing that the document was rejected by the Court for filing. CASE ANYWHERE shall cause a permanent notation to be placed on the Website in conjunction with that document memorializing the fact of rejection.
- 11. All documents posted on the System will be identified by: (a) the name of the serving law firm; (b) the caption(s) of the case(s) to which the document belongs; and (c) the title of the document set forth on its caption.
- 12. The System shall contain an index of all served documents for the litigation that will be searchable and sortable according to methods that are useful.
  - 13. Access to the System will be limited to registered users. Registered users will

consist of authorized Court personnel, Court-appointed special masters and referees, counsel of record and their designated staff members, parties, consultants, and experts. CASE ANYWHERE will provide each registered user with a username and password to access the System and the documents served in the litigation. CASE ANYWHERE personnel will perform all administrative functions for the System, but all initial data as well as additions, deletions or changes to the service list must be provided by the parties. Any disputes regarding initial data, additions, deletions or changes to the service list shall be submitted by CASE ANYWHERE to the Court for resolution.

- facsimile or typographical signature of at least one of the attorneys of record (or, if applicable, the signature of an unrepresented litigant), along with the typed name, address, telephone number and State Bar of California number of such attorney. Typographical signatures shall be treated exactly as personal signatures for purposes of electronically served documents under the California Rules of Civil Procedure. The serving party of any document requiring multiple signatures (e.g., stipulations, joint status reports) must list thereon all the names of other signatories by means of an "s/\_\_\_\_" block for each. By submitting such a document, the serving party certifies that each of the other signatories has expressly agreed to the form and substance of the document and that the serving party has the actual authority to submit the document electronically. The serving party must maintain any records evidencing this concurrence for subsequent production to the Court if so ordered or for inspection upon request by a party.
- 15. Any document transmitted to the System shall certify in the Proof of Service that a true and correct copy was electronically served by transmission to CASE ANYWHERE.
- 16. This Order, and any modifications thereto, shall also apply to any new parties that subsequently enter the action. All such parties must register with CASE ANYWHERE within five days of their first appearance in the case.
- 17. CASE ANYWHERE shall have available to registered users a telephone helpline ((800) 884-3163) and e-mail support (support@caseanywhere.com).
  - 18. Counsel for Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Order on all parties.

## **CONCLUSION OF SERVICE**

- 19. Unless otherwise instructed by the Court, CASE ANYWHERE shall maintain the Website and provide access to registered users until the earlier of the two events: (i) all parties have exhausted their appeals (or all appeal periods have lapsed) or, if the matter is settled as to all parties, all parties have been dismissed from the case; or (ii) the Court instructs CASE ANYWHERE to terminate the service.
- 20. Notwithstanding the above, access for individual law firms will be terminated upon the earlier of the following: (i) all parties represented by that firm have been voluntarily dismissed; (ii) the firm no longer represents any party in the litigation; or (iii) a final judgment for or against each party represented by the law firm has been issued and all appeals therefrom have been exhausted or concluded. Access for unrepresented litigants will be terminated upon the earlier of the following: (i) the party has been voluntarily dismissed; or (ii) a final judgment for or against the party has been issued and all appeals therefrom have been exhausted or concluded. Each law firm and unrepresented litigant is responsible for informing CASE ANYWHERE of the above.
- 21. Each law firm shall notify CASE ANYWHERE if access by any of its registered users shall be terminated for any reason. Upon receipt of such notification, CASE ANYWHERE will terminate access rights for the indicated individual. Access to the Website must be maintained for at least one attorney of record from each firm unless access has otherwise been terminated pursuant to the provisions above.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

YVETTE M. PALAZUELOS

Dated: March 22, 2022

Yvette M. Palazuelos
Judge of the Superior Court