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13 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
14 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

14 SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER,
15 a California non-profit corporation,

16 Petitioner,

17 vs.

18 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL
19 BOARD, a California State Agency; CITY OF
20 SAN BUENAVENTURA, a California
21 municipal corporation,

22 Respondents.

22 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, a
23 California municipal corporation,

24 Cross-Complainant

25 vs.

26 CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,
27 a California special district, et al.

28 Cross-Defendants.

Case No.: 19STCP01176

CROSS-DEFENDANTS MEINERS OAKS
WATER DISTRICT'S INITIAL
DISCLOSURE

Judge: William F. Highberger
Trial Date: Not Set
Action Filed: September 19, 2014

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Pursuant to the Court's Order for Stay dated August 23, 2019, Cross-Defendant Meiners Oaks Water District ("**MOWD**") makes the following Initial Disclosures.

1. The name, address, telephone number, and email address of the party and the party's attorney:

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2. The quantity of any groundwater extracted from the basin by the party and the method of measurement used by the party for each of the previous 10 years preceding the filing of the complaint.

MOWD extracts water from the Ventura River and/or the interconnected Upper Ventura River Groundwater Basin at four locations identified as Well Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 7. Extractions are measured by meters. MOWD has extracted the following quantities of water for each of the previous 10 years preceding the filing of the cross-complaint:

2009	1,111.83
2010	961.56
2011	837.56
2012*	939.31
2013*	836.64

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1	2014*	509.66
2	2015*	453.27
3	2016*	302.64
4	2017*	672.54
5	2018*	203.95

*Please note that these years do not include water purchased from Casitas Municipal Water District to supplement groundwater that MOWD was unable to pump from its wells in those years.

3. The type of water right or rights claimed by the party for the extraction of groundwater.

MOWD holds pre-1914 appropriative to surface water and subsurface underflow, and appropriative, prescriptive, and overlying rights - held in trust for a portion of its district - in percolating groundwater.

4. A general description of the purpose to which the groundwater has been put.

MOWD provides potable water service to a population of approximately 4,200, through 1,280 service connections.

5. The location of each well or other source through which groundwater has been extracted.

- MOWD extracts water from four wells located as follows:
- Well No. 1: Ventura County Assessor Parcel Number 010-0-050-220
 - Well No. 2: Ventura County Assessor Parcel Number 010-0-050-230
 - Well No. 4: Ventura County Assessor Parcel Number 010-0-030-06
 - Well No. 7: Ventura County Assessor Parcel Number 010-0-030-03

6. The area in which the groundwater has been used.

Water pumped from the wells identified above is used within the boundaries of the MOWD

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shown on the map attached as **EXHIBIT A**.

7. Any claims for increased or future use of groundwater.

MOWD customers have been subject to pumping reductions due to the drought and other constraints, and the district has realized conservation rates of up to 40%. MOWD's pre-1914 appropriative rights entitles it to 263.75 miner's inches (approximately 4,770 acre feet) annually. MOWD claims the right to future use of water pursuant to California Water Code Sections 106.5, 1203, and 1460 through 1464.

8. The quantity of any beneficial use of any alternative water use that the party claims as its use of groundwater under any applicable law, including, but not limited to, Section 1005.1, 1005.2, or 1005.4 of the Water Code.

None at this time.

9. Identification of all surface water rights and contracts that the party claims provides the basis for its water right claims in the comprehensive adjudication.

MOWD holds the following grant deeds from which it received title to the pre-1914 rights described therein, and documented by water notices recorded as early as 1887:

- Grant Deed dated April 5, 1950 from Rancho Ojai Mutual Water Company to Meiners Oaks County Water District recorded February 23, 1951 at Book 983, Page 245 of Official Records.
- Grant Deed dated May 13, 1985 from Ranchitos Mutual Water Company to Meiners Oaks County Water District recorded June 19, 1985 at Ventura County Official Records as document No. 064240.
- Grant Deed dated May 13, 1985 from Ranchitos Mutual Water Company to Meiners Oaks County Water District recorded June 19, 1985 at Ventura County Official Records as document No. 064241.

MOWD also holds a contractual water right with Casitas Municipal Water District.

10. The quantity of any replenishment of water to the basin that augmented the basin's native water supply.

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None at this time.

11. The names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of all persons possessing information that supports the party's disclosures.

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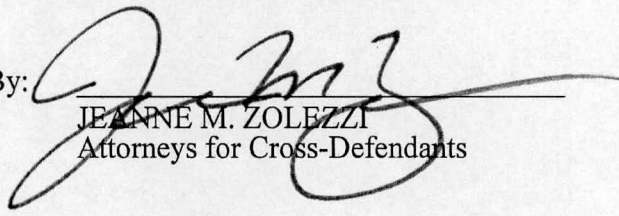
12. Any other facts that tend to prove the party's claimed water right.

None at this time. MOWD will supplement such facts pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 842(d).

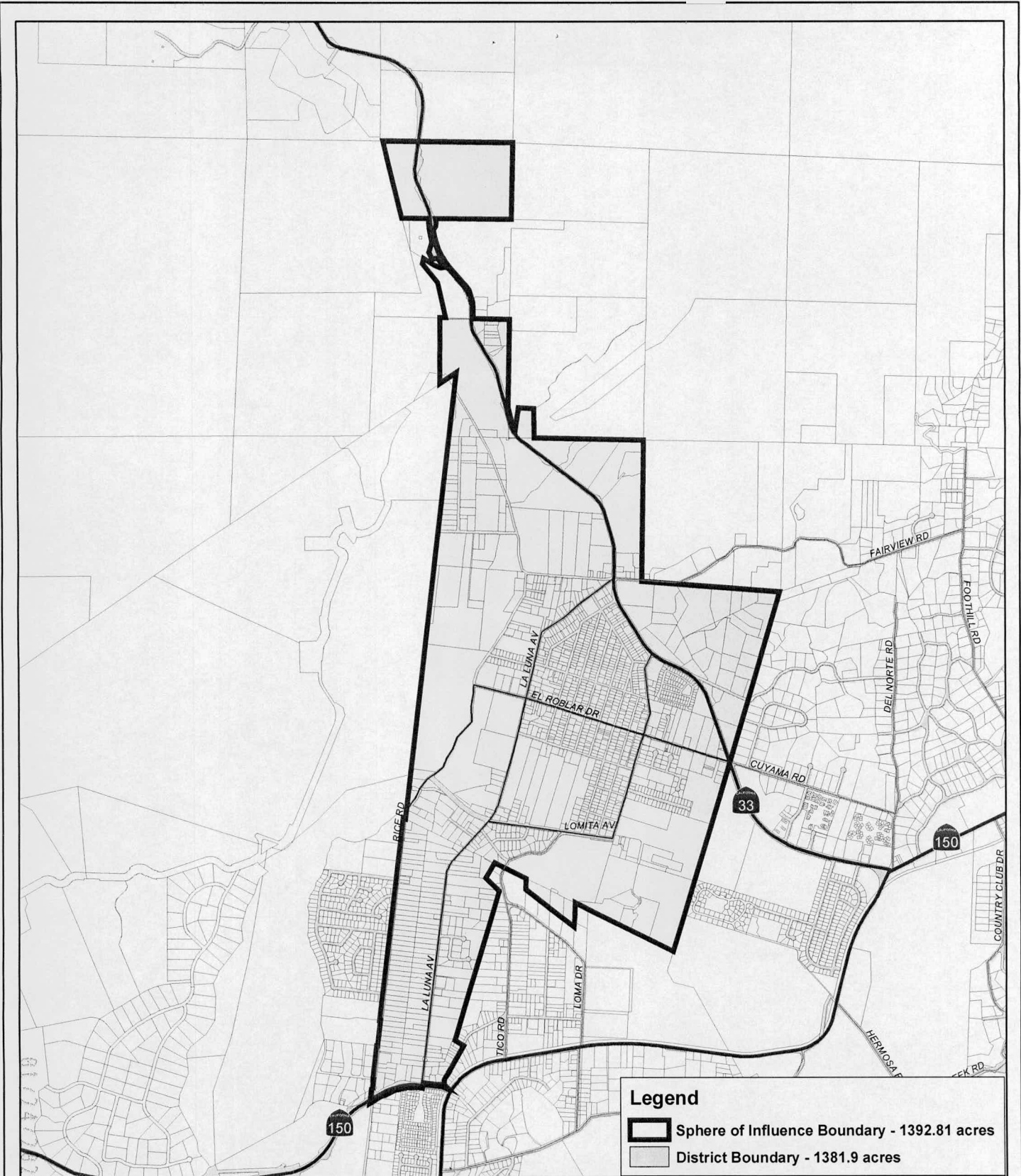
MOWD's initial disclosures are based upon information currently reasonably available, and will be updated with new information.

DATED: November 18, 2019

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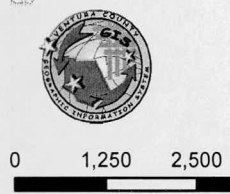
- Sphere of Influence Boundary - 1392.81 acres
- District Boundary - 1381.9 acres

Meiners Oaks Water District

Sphere of Influence

As Reviewed by the Ventura LAFCO - January 21, 2009

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 State Plane Coordinate System California Zone V - NAD 27
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