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June 3, 2003

Erin Mahaney, Staff Counsel
 Paul Murphey, Engineering Geologist
 State Water Resources Control Board
 P.O. Box 100
 Sacramento, California 95812-0100

Re: Withdrawal of Water Right Application No. 30942 (Newhall County Water District)

Dear Ms. Mahaney and Mr. Murphey:

We are the attorneys for Newhall County Water District. We have received the withdrawal of Santa Clarita Water Co.'s application no. 29898 and Mr. Baggett's confirming letter dated May 27, 2003. We have also received the notice of hearing on the legal classification of the groundwater pumped by our wells.

As stated in our application no. 30942, it is our position that Newhall County Water District pumps percolating groundwater, which does not require a permit. Our application was filed as a protective application, in case the State Board determined that Santa Clarita Water Co. was pumping water from a subterranean stream. Now that Santa Clarita Water Co. has withdrawn its application, there is no longer a reason for us to maintain our own application. In addition, after our application was filed, the Legislature enacted AB 134, providing for management of the basin under AB 3030. Enclosed is a certified copy of the minutes of Newhall County Water District's board meeting of May 29, 2003, authorizing the withdrawal of our application. Accordingly, we withdraw application no. 30942, and request that you remove our wells from the hearing.

Very truly yours,



Thomas S. Burn III

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cc: Newhall County Water District
 Arthur G. Kidman, Esq.
 David B. Cosgrove, Esq.

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT was held at the District's conference room located at 23655 San Fernando Road, Suite C, Santa Clarita, California 91321, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2003.

The following Directors were present:

Randall Pfiester
Valerie Thomas
Barbara Dore
Joan Dunn
Lynne Plambeck

The following Directors were absent:

None

The following staff were present:

Kenneth Petersen
Karin Russell
Rochelle Patterson
Chris Aldinger
Dustan Campbell
Steve Cole
Tim Gosney, Legal Counsel

Also, present were:

Ed Dunn

DECLARATION OF POSTING

A declaration confirming the posting of the regular meeting agenda next to the front door of the District's office and next to the front door at the District boardroom was presented to the Board president.

AGENDA

- (a) On motion of Director Dore, seconded by Vice-President Thomas, and unanimously carried to Board approved adding a Closed Session item to the agenda to confer with legal counsel Mr. Tim Gosney, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to discuss pending litigation: State Water Resources Control Board #30949.

- (b) On motion of Director Dore, seconded by Vice-President Thomas, and unanimously carried, the agenda for the Special Meeting was approved with additional item as stated above.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Newhall County Water District Current and Future Capital Projects

General Manager, Ken Petersen gave a power point presentation on the District's current and future capital projects for the service areas of Castaic, Pinetree, Newhall and the new service area of Vasquez, and other District-wide improvements.

2. Newhall County Water District Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

Chris Aldinger, Consultant Accountant, gave a District Budget Review for the fiscal year 2003-2004 which included a proposed loan of \$6,000,000 to cover the needed capital projects to be completed over the next three years, as presented and discussed by Mr. Petersen. The final budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 will be presented at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District for consideration and possible approval on June 26, 2003.

CLOSED SESSION

President Pfister declared the meeting in closed session to confer with legal counsel, Mr. Tim Gosney, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to discuss pending litigation (1 case) Application of Newhall County Water District to appropriate State Water Resource Control Board, Application No. 30942.

PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

President Pfister requested that legal counsel, Mr. Tim Gosney, report on the closed session.

Mr. Gosney stated that the Board of Directors met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to discuss pending litigation, (1 case) Application of Newhall County Water District to Appropriate before the State Water Resource Control Board, Application No. 30942. The Board took action by directing legal counsel to withdraw the District application by the following vote:

- AYES: DIRECTORS: Dore, Thomas, Pfister
- NOES: DIRECTORS: Plambeck, Dunn
- ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None
- ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Director Dore, seconded by Vice-President Thomas, and unanimously carried, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



KARIN J. RUSSELL,
Secretary of the BOARD OF
DIRECTORS of the Newhall
County Water District

Approved:

RANDALL PFIESTER, President
of the Board of Directors of the
Newhall County Water District

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.

I, KARIN J. RUSSELL, Secretary of the Newhall County Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 29, 2003, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.



Karin J. Russell, Secretary of the
Board of Directors of
Newhall County Water District

DATED: May 29, 2003

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NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In re:)
Application of NEWHALL COUNTY)
WATER DISTRICT)

Application No.: 30942

**WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION TO
APPROPRIATE WATER**

NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT hereby withdraws the application in the captioned matter. Under express direction and authority of the California State Legislature (AB 134, Stats. 2001, Ch. 929), a groundwater management plan is being prepared for the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin (Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118).

DATED: 3 June 2003

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By: Thomas S. Bunn III

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