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12 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

Case No. 19STCP01176

16 Petitioner,

Judge: Hon. William F. Highberger

17 v.

**NOTICE OF RULING**

18 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL  
19 BOARD, et al,

Date: March 13, 2024  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Dept.: 10

20 Respondents.

21 CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, et al.,

Action Filed: Sept. 19, 2014  
Trial Date: Not Set

22 Cross-Complainant,

23 v.

24 DUNCAN ABBOTT, an individual, et al.,

25 Cross-Defendants.  
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NOTICE OF RULING

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2 On March 13, 2024, the parties appeared at a further status conference, the Honorable  
3 William F. Highberger, presiding. The parties stated their appearances on the record and/or they  
4 are reflected on LA Court Connect records.

5 The Court and counsel conferred regarding mediation status.

6 The Court made the following orders and determinations:

7 1. The Court set an Order to Show Cause hearing for March 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
8 regarding why the current stay which extends to March 30, 2024 should not be further extended  
9 one year to March 31, 2025.

10 a. Papers in support of extending the stay must be filed and served by  
11 March 20, 2024.

12 b. Oppositions must be filed and served by March 25, 2024.

13 c. Reply papers must be filed and served by March 26, 2024.

14 2. The Court appointed the City of San Buenaventura (City) as the party to give  
15 notice to the two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies located in the Ventura River Watershed in  
16 accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 831.5(a).

17 3. The Court authorized the City to remove the address, phone number and other  
18 identifying information of a Cross-Defendant from the City's Court-ordered Adjudication  
19 Website. A letter sent directly to the Court by this Cross-Defendant is attached hereto as **Exhibit**  
20 **A**, with the Cross-Defendant's personal information redacted.

21 4. The Court accepted the City's proposal regarding how the City will address real  
22 property sales involving property in the Watershed owned by named Cross-Defendants during the  
23 pendency of the Action. The City will seek to substitute by stipulation the new property owner  
24 for the seller, but will, as needed, name and serve the new property owner as a Roe Cross-  
25 Defendant and then dismiss the prior owner.


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5. The Court entered a minute order dated March 13, 2024, attached hereto as

**Exhibit B.**

Dated: March 15, 2024

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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MAR 11 2024

SPRING STREET  
DEPT. 10

Case No. 19STCP01176

Ventura River Watershed Adjudication

Santa Barbara Channelkeeper vs. State Water Resources

Dear Judge Highberger.

Can you please help me out? Can you please consider having my personal information removed from internet searches? My personal home address, cell phone and email is listed if someone types my name: "Brigitte Lovell Oak View". My name pops up with the Ventura River Watershed adjudication case. I am a doctor and I feel unsafe with this information accessible. I have patients who know where I live and can now show up at my doorstep, or call my cell phone. This makes me feel very uneasy with the line of work that I do. Patients can be vindictive and threatening. My personal and children's safety could be compromised. Can you please have my personal home address, phone number and email removed from internet searches? I did not choose to be a part of this lawsuit. I reside at this home address. I am also mailing BBK lawfirm as well.

Sincerely,

*Brigitte Lovell* 3/2/24  
Brigitte Lovell D.M.D.

I can be contacted at [REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT B**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Civil Division**

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 10

**19STCP01176**

March 13, 2024

**SANTA BARBARA CHANNELKEEPER vs STATE WATER  
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, et al.**

10:00 AM

Judge: Honorable William F. Highberger  
Judicial Assistant: R. Aspiras  
Courtroom Assistant: R. Sanchez

CSR: Adra L. Pittman, # 13298  
ERM: None  
Deputy Sheriff: None

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**APPEARANCES:**

For Plaintiff(s): No Appearances

For Defendant(s): No Appearances

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**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:** Further Status Conference

**APPEARANCES:**

For Plaintiff(s): Daniel Cooper (via LACourtConnect)

For Defendant(s): Shawn Hagerty

For Defendant(s) (via LACourtConnect): Claude R. Baggerly, Ryan Blatz, Tiernan Dolan, Peter Duchesneau, Noah Golden-Krasner, Brad Herrema, Holly Jacobson, Jeremy Jungreis, Adam Kear, Neil Maguire, Marc N. Melnick, Nathan Metcalf, Brian E. Moskal, Gregory J. Patterson, Laura R. Schreiner, Jeanne Zolezzi

Pursuant to Government Code sections 68086, 70044, and California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, Adra L. Pittman, CSR # 13298, 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 matter is called for hearing.

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

There being no opposition, Mr. Haegerty's request regarding the adjudication website is granted.

Mr. Haegerty's request to appoint City of San Buenaventura as the party to give notice to the groundwater agency is granted.

The Court and counsel discuss the current stay.

Order to Show Cause Re: Why the Current Stay Should Not be Extended a Further 12 Months is

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ERM: None

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Deputy Sheriff: None

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scheduled for 03/27/2024 at 09:00 AM in Department 10 at Spring Street Courthouse.

Any objections to the extension of the stay should be filed and served by 03/25/2024. Reply is to be filed and served by 03/26/2024.

Counsel for City of San Buenaventura to give notice.