

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF GROUNDWATER BASIN ADJUDICATION

THIS NOTICE IS IMPORTANT. ANY RIGHTS YOU CLAIM TO PUMP OR STORE GROUNDWATER FROM THE BASIN IDENTIFIED IN THIS NOTICE MAY BE AFFECTED BY A LAWSUIT INITIATED BY THE COMPLAINT SUMMARIZED BELOW.

A copy of the complaint may be obtained by contacting the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney identified in this notice. If you claim rights to pump or store groundwater within the basin, either now or in the future, you may become a party to this lawsuit by filing an answer to the lawsuit on or before the deadline specified in this notice. You may file an answer by completing the attached form answer, filing it with the court indicated in this notice, and sending a copy of the form answer to the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney.

Failing to participate in this lawsuit could have a significant adverse effect on any right to pump or store groundwater that you may have. You may seek the advice of an attorney in relation to this lawsuit. Such attorney should be consulted promptly. A case management conference in this groundwater basin adjudication proceeding shall occur on the date specified in this notice. If you intend to participate in the groundwater adjudication proceeding to which this notice applies, you are advised to attend the initial case management conference in person or have an attorney represent you at the initial case management conference.

Participation requires the production of all information regarding your groundwater use. You must provide this information by the date identified in this notice.

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Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basin (No. 4-006) (collectively, the "Basins") and allege six causes of action. The First Cause of Action for Declaratory Relief is asserted against all defendants, and seeks a judicial declaration that will, pursuant to Sections 834 and 849 of the Code of Civil Procedure: (1) comprehensively adjudicate and determine all rights to groundwater within the Basins, and rights to use the storage space within the Basins; and (2) impose appropriate injunctive relief, subject to terms adopted by the Court to implement a physical solution on all parties. Similarly, the Second Cause of Action seeks, pursuant to Sections 834 of the Code of Civil Procedure, a comprehensive determination of the priority, amount, purposes of use, extraction location, place of use of the water, and use of storage space in the Basins. The Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Causes of Action are alleged against Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency ("FCGMA") only and seek a writ of mandate pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 1085(a) requiring that FCGMA vacate the October 2019 Allocation Ordinance ("the Ordinance") and the Oxnard Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan and Pleasant Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (collectively, "the GSPs").

- (vi) <u>Date By Which Persons Receiving the Notice Must Appear in the Comprehensive Adjudication</u>: August 30, 2023.
 - (vii) <u>Date of Case Management Conference</u>: September 29, 2023.
- (viii) <u>Date By Which Persons Who Wish to Participate Must Submit</u> <u>Information Regarding their Groundwater Use</u>: February 29, 2024.

Failure to appear and file an answer by that deadline may result in your default, and potentially, the loss of rights to groundwater in the Basins.

Pursuant to Section 836(j) of the Code of Civil Procedure, compliance with the service and notice provisions of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 830) to Title 10 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to comprehensive groundwater adjudications shall be deemed effective service of process of the complaint and

1	notice on all interested parties of the comprehensive adjudication for purposes of		
2	establishing the Court's jurisdiction and the comprehensive effect of the		
3	adjudication. Service of this notice in accordance with Section 836 of the Code of		
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	Civil Procedure shall substitute for the summons otherwise provided for in civil		
5	actions pursuant to section 412.20 of the code (actions pursuant to Section 412.20 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Code of Civ.	
6	⁶ Proc. § 836(c).		
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