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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Case Name: Bolthouse Land Company, LLC, et al. vs All Persons Claiming A Right To Extract Groundwater In The Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (No.3-013), et. al
Case Number BCV-21-101927

Sherryl B. Carters, Executive Officer/Clerk
By *[Handwritten Signature]*, Deputy
Dumbro King

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

This action has been designated as complex pursuant to CRC 3.400(a), and thus requires exceptional judicial management. All provisions of this CMO are deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of Rule 3.400(a), and to promote effective decision-making by the Court. They are based upon individual consideration of this complex action, including the Status Conference Reports previously filed by the parties.

1. **In Person Appearances.** Remote appearances are encouraged. The court implemented LACourtConnect to allow attorneys, self-represented litigants and parties to make audio or video appearances in Los Angeles County courtrooms. LACourtConnect technology provides a secure, safe and convenient way to attend hearings remotely. LACourtConnect is intended to enhance social distancing and change the traditional in-person courtroom appearance model. See <https://my.lacourt.org/laccwelcome> for more information.

2. **Filing Issues.** The Court directed the Clerk of the Court to accept responsive pleadings filed by parties not expressly named as defendants in the First Amended Complaint (FAC) because these parties are also known as "All Persons Claiming A Right To Extract Or Store Groundwater In The Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin (No. 3-013)" and "All Persons Unknown Claiming An Any Legal Or Equitable Right, Title, Estate, Lien, Or Interest In The Property Described In The Complaint Adverse To Plaintiff's Title, Or Any Cloud Upon Plaintiff's Title Thereto." Please advise the Court of any problems in the future.

3. **Service/Answers.** Pursuant to the Streamlined Adjudication Act, §436(d), the court permits plaintiffs to serve the FAC, Notice and Form Answer, on any legal entity by mailing a copy of the documents to any registered agent for service of process, return receipt requested. Proofs of service must be filed by November 14, 2022. Responsive pleadings must be filed 30 days after service.

4. **Trial.** Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §840(b)(5), the Court will try this case in phases.

a. Phase One of the trial concerns adjudication of the Jurisdictional Boundary of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin. By July 29, 2022, Counsel for Plaintiffs must file and serve a [Proposed] Notice of Right to Object to the Jurisdictional Boundary of the Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin Cuyama Valley described in *Groundwater Basin, Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin No. 3-013*. The Court sets a nonappearance case management review for August 5, 2022, 8:30 AM, Department 9.

b. Defendant Walking U Ranch, LLC, objects to setting trial in this matter and requests a stay of the action. The court directs Defendant to file a Motion for Stay by September 6, 2022. Defendant must call the Court prior to filing and serving to get a hearing date. The Court sets a nonappearance case management review for September 13, 2022, 8:30 AM, Department 9.

c. Trial Setting Conference (TSC) is set for September 13, 2022, 10:00 AM, Department 9. All counsel and self-represented parties are ordered to appear. The parties must file and serve a joint status report 5 court days before the TSC.

5. De Minimis Pumpers. At the party's suggestion, the court requests that the parties identify an alternate procedure to streamline the participation of *de minimus* pumpers in this action by August 22, 2022. The Court sets a nonappearance case management review for August 29, 2022, 8:30 AM, Department 9.

6. Disclaimer of Interest Form. The parties must file and serve a [Proposed] Disclaimer of Interest Form (approved in eminent domain cases pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §1250.325) for the court's approval by August 22, 2022. The Court sets a nonappearance case management review for August 29, 2022, 8:30 AM, Department 9.

7. Amended Notice of Commencement. The parties must serve a First Amended Notice of commencement of groundwater adjudication which provides notice of any future dates in this action.

8. Initial Disclosures Extension. The Court grants Defendants United States of America and Walking U Ranch, LLC, an extension of time to serve initial disclosures that include all of the information listed in Code of Civil Procedure §842 to November 15, 2022.

9. Protective Order. Plaintiffs request a protective order governing certain information that they claim is proprietary in this action.

a. Parties are alerted that model protective orders may be found at Los Angeles Superior Court website at <http://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/CI0043.aspx>. The parties are encouraged to use these model orders as shown, or if modified, as a template for the modified order. A redlined courtesy copy must also be lodged with the court at the time of filing. The parties must use the redlined version to identify any changes proposed to the model order.

b. Defendant Walking U Ranch, LLC, objects to any protective order governing certain information that Plaintiffs claim is proprietary in this action. The Court directs Plaintiffs to file a Motion for Protective Order. Plaintiffs state that they will file such a motion, if necessary. Plaintiffs are reminded that they must call the Court prior to filing and serving to get a hearing date.

10. Clerk to give notice to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs to give notice to all other parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 22, 2022



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Judge of the Superior Court