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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court  
By: ROYAL B. STONE, Deputy

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**BOLTHOUSE LAND COMPANY, LLC vs. ALL PERSONS CLAIMING A RIGHT TO EXTRACT OR USE  
GROUNDWATER IN THE CUYAMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN (NO. 3-013), et al.**  
BCV-21-101927  
**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER # 3**

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. The court asked that the parties identify an alternate procedure to streamline the participation of *de minimis* pumpers in this action by August 22, 2022. Plaintiffs filed and served a brief regarding optional procedures for *de minimis* groundwater pumpers.
2. Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, a "De Minimis Extractor" is "a person who extracts, for domestic purposes, two acre-feet or less per year." Water Code §10721(e).
3. Under the Streamline Adjudication Act, the court is encouraged to conduct a "comprehensive adjudication in a manner that promotes efficiency, reduces unnecessary delays, and provides due process." Code Civ. Proc., §830(b)(2). The court may exempt from the proceeding, those claimants who extract "minor quantities of water, not to exceed five acre-feet of water per year" and who would not have a material effect on the groundwater rights of other parties. Code Civ. Proc., §833(d).
4. The Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board submitted a report to the Legislature in 2021 recommending that urban water suppliers achieve an indoor water use efficiency standard of 55 gallons per capita per day by 2023. State Agencies Recommend Indoor Residential Water Use Standard to Legislature (ca.gov). For a family of four, that is only 80,300 gallons per year or about one quarter of an acre-foot per household per year.
5. *De minimis* groundwater pumpers must file an Answer in this proceeding and complete the initial disclosure requirements under Code of Civil Procedure §842 as set forth in the Court's Case Management Orders. However, any party who pumps two acre-feet of water per year or less is not required to file Case Management Statements or appear at Case Management Conferences until further order of the Court. Plaintiffs must provide notice to all defendants, including all *de minimis* groundwater pumpers who file Answers, of all rulings in this action.
6. The court may adopt other procedures to streamline the participation of *de minimis* groundwater pumpers in the case in order to reduce legal cost.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 29, 2022

**YVETTE M. PALAZUELOS**

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Judge of the Superior Court

<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES</b>		Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: Spring Street Courthouse 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012		<b>FILED</b> Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles <b>08/29/2022</b>
PLAINTIFF: Ruby Land Company et al		Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court
DEFENDANT: All Persons Claiming a Right to Extract or Store Groundwater in the Cuyar		By: <u>    R. Arraiga    </u> Deputy
<b>CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1010.6</b>		CASE NUMBER <b>BCV-21-101927</b>

I, the below named Executive Officer/Clerk of Court of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the cause herein, and that on this date I served one copy of the Case Management Order #3 (08/29/2022) entered herein, on 08/29/2022, upon each party or counsel of record in the above entitled action, by electronically serving the document(s) on Case Anywhere at www.caseanywhere.com on 08/29/2022 from my place of business, Spring Street Courthouse 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in accordance with standard court practices.

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

Dated: 08/29/2022

By: R. Arraiga

Deputy Clerk