

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

**Civil Division**

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 9

**BCV-21-101927**

**BOLTHOUSE LAND COMPANY, LLC, et al. vs ALL  
PERSONS CLAIMING A RIGHT TO EXTRACT OR STORE  
GROUNDWATER IN THE CUYAMA VALLEY  
GROUNDWATER BASIN (NO.3-013), et al.**

January 8, 2024

11:00 AM

Judge: Honorable Yvette M. Palazuelos  
Judicial Assistant: P. Herrera  
Courtroom Assistant: M. Tavakoli

CSR: Linda Nickerson, CSR # 8746  
ERM: None  
Deputy Sheriff: None

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**APPEARANCES:**

For Plaintiff(s): Robert Garth Kuhs; Richard G. Zimmer, Esq.

For Defendant(s): Jeffrey V. Dunn; Noah Marc Golden-Krasner; Eve W. McDonald

Other Appearance Notes: Counsel for Defendant(s): Christopher M. Sanders; Irene S.

Whitcombe; Amy M. Steinfeld; and Joshua Rider

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**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Non-Jury Trial (Phase 1 - Jurisdiction Boundaries)**

Pursuant to Government Code sections 68086, 70044, California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, and the stipulation of appearing parties, Linda Nickerson, CSR # 8746, 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 cause is called for trial.

Parties waive opening statements because they have an evidentiary stipulation as to the basin boundary.

Objecting parties introduced Exhibit 1 - Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin, Basin No. 3-103, as mapped in Bulletin 118 (Bulletin 118).

Objecting parties rest.

No objection to Exhibit 1. Supporting parties stipulate to Objecting parties Exhibit 1.

No evidence to present.

Supporting parties rest.

Defendant Highland Vineyard SB, LLC's exhibit 1 (Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin, Basin

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No. 3-103) is admitted in evidence.

No Rebuttal was given.

Closing arguments are given.

Objecting and Supporting parties agree on Exhibit 1. However, the parties request an Order and Statement of Decision in support of the Order and cannot agree on the contents of an Order and Statement of Decision.

After a meet and confer, all parties (except Specially Appearing party, United States), agree to file a [Proposed] Order and Statement of Decision by January 10, 2024. Objections to [Proposed] Order and Statement of Decision by January 18, 2024.

Case Management Conference and Hearing on Order and Statement of Decision is scheduled for 01/26/2024 at 10:00 AM in Department 9 at Spring Street Courthouse. The parties must file a joint status conference report 5 court days before the hearing. The court permits Specially Appearing party, United States, to file a separate status conference report.

As it concerns Phase 2 of this case (safe yield), please generally address a discovery plan, potential motions, a potential trial date, and a schedule, in the joint status conference report.

All counsel are ordered to appear.

The Judicial Assistant to give notice to Counsel for Plaintiff who is ordered to give further and formal notice to all parties.

Clerk's Certificate of Service By Electronic Service is attached.

<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>01/11/2024</b> <small>David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court</small> By: <u>    P. Herrera    </u> Deputy
PLAINTIFF: Ruby Land Company et al		
DEFENDANT: All Persons Claiming a Right to Extract or Store Groundwater in the Cuyar		
<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 Minute Order entered herein, on 01/08/2024, 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 01/11/2024 from my place of business, Spring Street Courthouse 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in accordance with standard court practices.

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

Dated: 01/11/2024

By: P. Herrera

Deputy Clerk