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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

10 COUNTY OF INYO

12 SIERRA CLUB, and OWENS VALLEY)
13 COMMITTEE,)

14 Plaintiffs,)
15 vs.)

16 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, et al,)
17 Defendants.)

CASE NO.: S1CVCV01-29768

(The Honorable Lee Cooper, Assigned)

**LADWP'S REPORT TO THE COURT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 2(G) OF THE
AUGUST 9, 2005 COURT ORDER**

Due Date: April 5, 2006

18 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH)
19 AND GAME and CALIFORNIA STATE)
20 LANDS COMMISSION,)

21 Real Parties in Interest and)
22 Cross-Complainants.)

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23 COUNTY OF INYO and DOES 51 - 100)
24 Real Party in Interest)

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TO THE COURT, THE SPECIAL MASTER, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

In accordance with Paragraph 2(G) of the Court's Order of August 9, 2005 ("Court Order"), LADWP hereby submits this report setting forth the progress LADWP is making towards implementation of the LORP and reporting the amounts of groundwater pumping, water supplied for groundwater recharge, and water supplied for in-valley uses.

I. PROGRESS REPORT TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LORP

LADWP continues to make progress towards the implementation of LORP in a manner consistent with meeting the deadlines established by the Court Order. The significant events which occurred during the period of March 1 through March 31, 2006 demonstrating the progress made are as follows:

A. Activities At Intake

Crews have finished all of the channel clearing below the Intake. The new Intake radial gates have been installed and the concrete apron for the Langermann measuring device is being poured. The front headwall of the Intake has been reinforced with new concrete.

With channel clearing completed the Independence crews are now focusing on removing channel obstructions, putting in the new culverts and bridge at the five-culvert site. Upon the completion of this work they will start on the measuring stations. At the Blackrock waterfowl habitat area LADWP is in the process of reinforcing dikes and installing water control gates.

Implementation of the channel activities has been proceeding very well.

B. Pump Station Activities

Dewatering of the pump back station area is on-going. The concrete foundations for the pump back station are being poured. No delays have been encountered in the construction activities at the pump back station. The activities at the pump back station are on schedule for compliance with the Court imposed

1 deadlines.

3 **C. Ecosystem Sciences' Activities**

4 Ecosystem Sciences Inc. spent the majority of March at a scheduled World Water Conference in
5 Mexico and working on a project in Mexico. ESI will return to the project on April 7, 2006. The scheduled
6 absence of ESI during March will not impact the schedule or progress of the project.

8 **II. GROUNDWATER PUMPING AND RECHARGE AMOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2006**

9 In accordance with Paragraph 2(G)(1-3) of the Court Order, LADWP hereby reports the required
10 information regarding groundwater pumping, water used for recharge, and in-valley water uses for the month
11 of February 2006.

13 The total amount of groundwater pumping for the month of February 2006 was 3,098 acre feet
14 of water. This brings the cumulative pumping amount for the 2005-06 runoff year to 51,475 acre feet of
15 water. Exhibit A sets forth an itemization of the stated pumping amount by well field and well number.

17 As to water provided for groundwater recharge, LADWP is revising the figures reported for January
18 of 2006 which were under reported by 49 acre feet. The correct amount is 3,641 acre feet and not 3,592 as
19 previously reported. The revisions are based upon information and data received by LADWP engineers and
20 hydrographers in the course of on going data processing. The revisions pertain to the flows from January 11-
21 17, 2006 of diversions from the Owens River to the McNally Canal and are reflected in the revised table for
22 January 2006 attached hereto as Exhibit B.

24 During the month of February 2006 LADWP provided 3,261 acre feet of water for the recharging
25 of groundwater levels in the Laws Wellfield. Of this amount 2,997 acre feet of recharge water was provided
26 by a diversion of water from the Owens River into the McNally Canals. 264 acre feet of recharge water was
27 provided by a diversion from Fish Slough Ditch to the Lower McNally Canal. (The detailed diversion tables
28 are attached as Exhibit C.) During the 2005-06 runoff year to date, LADWP provided a total of 24,237

1 acre feet of water in the Laws Wellfield for the recharging of groundwater levels, with 17,102 acre feet of
3 water being provided from August 2005 through February 2006. Section 2(B) of the Court Order required
4 the provision of 16,294 acre feet of water for recharge. With the provision of 17,102 acre feet of water for
5 recharge, LADWP has now complied with Section 2(B) of the Court Order for the 2005-06 water year.

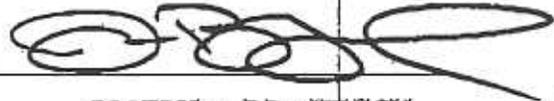
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7 As to water supplied by LADWP for in-valley uses, Exhibit D attached hereto sets forth the amounts
8 of water provided for irrigation and stockwater to lessees, recreation and wildlife, tribal uses, and
9 enhancement and mitigation projects, as required by Paragraph 2(G)(3) of the Court Order. As noted in the
10 exhibit, the amount for tribal uses does not include tribal domestic uses. This is due to the fact that the
11 figures for tribal domestic uses are self reported by the respective tribes and have not been reported by them.

12 This concludes LADWP's Report to the Court.

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14 Respectfully submitted,

15 Dated: April 5, 2006

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18 By 
19 JOSEPH A. BRAJEVICH
20 Deputy City Attorney

21 Verification By General Manager

22 I, Ronald F. Deaton declare, under the penalty of perjury, that I have read the above report and hereby verify
23 that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this report is accurate and complete. This
24 verification is based upon information which has been provided to me by Department of Water and Power
25 staff, which I believe to be complete and accurate.

26 Dated: April 5, 2006


27 Ronald F. Deaton, General Manger
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