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NOTICE OF RULING FROM THE 3/17/23 STATUS CONFERENCE

1	INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER	Complaint Filed:	November 19, 2019 None Set
2	DISTRICT,	Trial Date:	None Set
3	Cross-Complainant,		
4	v.		
5	ALL PERSONS WHO CLAIM A RIGHT		
6	TO EXTRACT GROUNDWATER IN THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY		
7	GROUNDWATER BASIN NO. 6-54 WHETHER BASED ON		
8	APPROPRIATION, OVERLYING RIGHT,		
9	OR OTHER BASIS OF RIGHT, AND/OR WHO CLAIM A RIGHT TO USE OF		
10	STORAGE SPACE IN THE BASIN; et al.,		
11	Cross-Defendants.		
12	SEARLES VALLEY MINERALS INC.,		
13	Cross-Complainant,		
14	v.		
15	ALL PERSONS WHO CLAIM A RIGHT		
16	TO EXTRACT GROUNDWATER IN THE		
17	INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN NO. 6-54		
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EXHIBIT A

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER

MINUTE ORDER

DATE: 03/17/2023

TIME: 01:30:00 PM

DEPT: CX104

JUDICIAL OFFICER PRESIDING: William Claster

CLERK: G. Hernandez REPORTER/ERM: None

BAILIFF/COURT ATTENDANT: B. Allen, None

EVENT ID/DOCUMENT ID: 73899776

EVENT TYPE: Status Conference

APPEARANCES

Appearances noted by way of copy of business cards, and/or Appearance Calendar, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Court and counsel discuss the status of the case.

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Event: 01:30 PM - Status Conference

Calendar #14 Case Number: 30-2022-01239479-CU-MC-CJC Case Title: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority vs. Mojave Pistachios, LLC,

Event: 01:30 PM - Status Conference					
Participant	Role	Attorney for	Law Firm/Company Name	Specially Appearing	
Phillip Hall	Attorney	County of Kern; Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	Kern County Counsel	No	
Amy Steinfeld	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP	No	
Elisabeth Esposito	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC, et al.	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP	No	
Phillip Hall	Attorney	County of Kern	Kern County Counsel	No	
Noah Golden- Krasner	Attorney	Department of Fish and Wildlife	California Attorney General's Office	No	
Elaine Mead	Defendant			No	
Scott Slater	Attorney	Mojave	BHFS	No	
Elaine Mead	Interested Party			No	
Stan Rajtora	Cross-Defendant			No	
Elaine Mead	Interested Party			No	
mallory boyd	Cross- Complainant			No	
Zachary Walton	Defendant	California Water Service Company	SSL Law Firm	No	
James L Markman	Attorney	Indian Wells Valley Sustainability AGency	Richards, Watson& Gershon	No	

Calendar #15 Case Number: 30-2022-01249146-CU-MC-CJC Case Title: Mojave Pistachios, LLC vs. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Participant	Role	Attorney for	Law Firm/Company Name	Specially Appearing
Phillip Hall	Attorney	County of Kern; Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	Kern County Counsel	No
Gary Arnold	Attorney	Little Lake Ranch, Inc.	Arnold LaRochelle Mathews	No
Scott Slater	Attorney	Mojave	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck	No

Elisabeth Esposito	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC et al.	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP	No
Scott Slater	Attorney	Mojave	BHFS	No
Elaine Mead	Interested Party			No
Rod Stiefvater	Interested Party			No
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Noah Golden Krasner	Attorney	Department of Fish and Wildlife	California Attorney General's Office	No

Calendar #16 Case Number: 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC Case Title: Mojave Pistachios, LLC vs. Indian Wells Valley Water District

Event: 01:30 PM - Sta	atus Conference
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Participant	Role	Attorney for	Law Firm/Company Name	Specially Appearing
Ann Simshauser	Cross-Defendant	in pro per		No
Phillip Half	Attorney	County of Kern; Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	Kern County Counsel	No
Melanie A Tory	Cross-Defendant	The City of Los Angeles, acting by and through its Department of Water and Power	Los Angeles City Attorney's Office	No
Alexandra Abbey	Other	Agency counsel for Navy Region Southwest	Department of the Navy, Office of General Counsel	No
Amy Steinfeld	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP	No
Elisabeth Esposito	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC et al.	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP	No
Amy Steinfeld	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP	No
Robert Kuhs	Attorney	Granite Construction Company	LeBeau Thelen, LLP	No
Pat and Don Quist	Cross-Defendant		•	No
Ron Kicinski	Interested Party			No
Scott Slater	Attorney	Mojave	BHFS	No
Brett Stroud	Attorney	BT-OH, LLC	Young Wooldridge, LLP	No

Elaine Mead	Interested Party	N	lo
Emmet McCormick	Other	Providence Strategic N Consulting	lo
DON ZDEBA	Interested Party	N	lo
Stan Rajtora	Cross-Defendant	N	lo
Ann Sinshauser	Cross-Defendant In pro per	N	lo
Stan Rajtora	Cross- Complainant	N	lo

Calendar #17 Case Number: 30-2021-01187589-CU-WM-CXC Case Title: Mojave Pistachios, LLC vs. Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority

Event: 01:30 PM - Status Conference						
Participant	Role	Attorney for	Law Firm/Company Name	Specially Appearing		
Phillip Hall	Attorney	County of Kern; Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	Kern County Counsel	No		
Elisabeth Esposito	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP	No		
Amy Steinfeld	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP	No		
Scott Slater	Attorney	Mojave	BHFS	No		
Elaine Mead	Interested Party			No		
Rod Stiefvater	Interested Party			No		

Calendar #18 Case Number: 30-2022-01239487-CU-MC-CJC Case Title: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority vs. Searles Valley Minerals Inc.

Event: 01:30 PM - Status Conference						
Participant	Role	Attorney for	Law Firm/Company Name	Specially Appearing		
Phillip Hall	Attorney	County of Kern; Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority	Kern County Counsel	No		
Lee Leininger	Cross- Defendant	United States	U.S. Department of Justice	No		
Amy Steinfeld	Attorney	Mojave Pistachios, LLC	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP	No		
Elisabeth Esposito	Interested Party	Mojave Pistachios, LLC et al.	Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP	No		
Elaine Mead	Interested			No		

Party

Rod Stiefvater

Interested Party No