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15	CLEAN WATER FUND and ASSOCIATION OF IRRITATED RESIDENTS,	CASE NO.: BCV-19-101750, DRL Consolidated with Case No. BCV-19-102368
16 17	Plaintiffs,	Assigned to Hon. David R. Lampe for All Purposes
18	V.	STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT
19	VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY,	Trial: May 24, 2021
20	Defendant.	Actions Filed: June 24, 2019; August 22, 2019
21	CLEAN WATER FUND and ASSOCIATION	
22	OF IRRITATED RESIDENTS,	
23	Plaintiffs,	
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25 26	SENTINEL PEAK RESOURCES LLC; SENTINEL PEAK RESOURCES CALIFORNIA LLC; DOES 1-20, inclusive,	
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CASE NO. BCV-19-101750

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This Stipulated Consent Judgment ("Consent Judgment") is entered into by
Plaintiffs Clean Water Fund, and Association of Irritated Residents (collectively, "Plaintiffs");
Sentinel Peak Resources LLC, and Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC (collectively, the
"SPR Defendants"); and Valley Water Management Company ("Valley Water" and, collectively
with the SPR Defendants, the "Settling Defendants") to settle claims asserted by Plaintiffs against
Settling Defendants as set forth in the operative Complaints in the consolidated matter Clean
Water Fund v. Valley Water Management Company, et al., Kern County Superior Court Case
Nos. BCV-19-101750, BCV-19-102368 (the "Action"). Plaintiffs and Settling Defendants are
referred to collectively as the "Parties." This Consent Judgment's "Effective Date" is the date
that the Court has approved this Consent Judgment and Plaintiffs have provided notice to the
Settling Defendants that the Court has entered it in the Court's records as a consent judgment.

- 1.2. On or about April 15, 2019, Plaintiffs served their initial 60-Day Notice of Violation relating to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.* ("Proposition 65") on Valley Water and the District Attorney for the County of Kern.
- 1.3. On June 7, 2019, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Regional Board") issued Cease and Desist Order No. R5-2019-0045 ("Order") for the Facilities. The Order requires Valley Water to take certain actions and/or cease discharges from the Facilities by September 1, 2021 (the "Order Compliance Deadline").
- **1.4.** On or about June 10, 2019, Plaintiffs served their initial Prop 65 60-Day Notice of Violation (collectively with the above-referenced April 15, 2019 60-Day Notice of Violation, the "Notices") on the SPR Defendants and the District Attorney for the County of Kern.
- **1.5.** The Notices each allege certain violations of Proposition 65 with respect to alleged discharges of produced water containing Proposition 65-listed chemicals to Valley Water's

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¹ The Notices allege that the Settling Defendants discharge the following Proposition 65-listed chemicals, which are at issue in the Action: 1,4-Dioxane; Arsenic; Benzene; Bromoform; Cumene; Diethanolamine; Ethylbenzene; Ethylene Glycol; Methanol; Naphthalene; Nickel;

facilities, consisting of approximately 80 cleaning, passthrough, evaporation, and percolation ponds located in or near the Cymric Area and Belgian Anticline and McKittrick Oil Fields, near the city of McKittrick in Kern County, California. The Valley Water facilities are known as the McKittrick 1 and McKittrick 1-3, and are referred to herein as the "Facilities."

- **1.6.** On June 24, 2019, Plaintiffs filed the original complaint in the Action (Case No. BCV-19-101750), naming Valley Water a defendant therein.
- **1.7.** On August 22, 2019, Plaintiffs filed their complaint against the SPR Defendants (Case No. BCV-19-102368).
- **1.8.** On July 21, 2020, Plaintiffs' cases against Valley Water (Case No. BCV-19-101750) and the SPR Defendants (Case No. BCV-19-102368) were consolidated into the Action.
- 1.9. For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that: (i) this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Notices and Complaints and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendants as to the acts alleged in the Complaints; (ii) venue is proper in the County of Kern; (iii) this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims that were or could have been raised in the Action based on the facts alleged in the Notices and Complaints with respect to alleged discharges to a source of drinking water from the Facilities; and (iv) the Settling Defendants constitute a "person in the course of doing business" under Proposition 65.
- 1.10. This Consent Judgment resolves claims that are denied and disputed. The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment as a full and final settlement of all claims that were or could have been raised in the Action arising out of the facts or conduct related to Settling Defendants alleged therein, solely for the purpose of avoiding prolonged, costly litigation. By execution of this Consent Judgment and agreeing to comply with its terms, the Parties do not admit any fact, conclusion of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, or violation of law.

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Radionuclides; Residual (Heavy) Fuel Oils; Toluene; and Trisodium Nitrilotriacetic Acid (collectively, the "Subject Chemicals").

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Settling Defendants deny each and every material, factual, and legal allegations in the Notices and the Action, and expressly maintain that they have at all times complied with all applicable laws and regulations including but not limited to Proposition 65. Except as specifically provided herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense any of the Parties may have in this or any other pending or future legal proceedings.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

2.1. Cessation of Discharges. The Settling Defendants agree to cease discharges of the Subject Chemicals, from the Facilities, on or before September 1, 2021. However, the September 1, 2021 deadline shall be extended to be consistent with any amended, superseding, or different Order Compliance Deadline(s) permitted, allowed, or ordered by the Regional Board such that the deadline for cessation of discharges required hereunder is consistent with such amended, superseding, or different Order Compliance Deadline(s). In no event, however, shall the Compliance Deadline be extended beyond September 1, 2022. Upon timely satisfaction of the requirements of this provision, the SPR Defendants and Valley Water shall each provide written notice to Plaintiffs that the requirements of this provision have been timely satisfied.

3. PAYMENTS

- **3.1** Settling Defendants shall pay to Plaintiffs the total sum of \$645,000, which shall be allocated as follows:
- 3.1.1 \$139,000 as a civil penalty pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), such money to be apportioned by Plaintiffs in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (25% (\$34,750) to Plaintiffs and 75% (\$104,250) to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment).
- **3.1.2** \$481,000 as a reimbursement of Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees and costs.
- **3.1.3** \$25,000 to Clean Water Fund ("CWF") as an Additional Settlement Payment ("ASP"), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, sections 3203,

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subdivision (d), and 3204. CWF will utilize the ASP for activities that address the same or similar public harm as allegedly caused by Settling Defendants in this matter. CWF's activities have had, and will continue to have, a direct and primary effect within the State of California, as California water users will benefit from the reduction and/or elimination of exposure to Proposition 65 chemicals in drinking water sources, and/or monitoring of discharges of Proposition 65 chemicals that have the potential to enter drinking water sources. Using the ASP, CWF will work to monitor and understand the occurrence, scope, and impacts that pollutants have upon drinking water sources, and users, in California. To these ends, CWF will request, review, and analyze publicly available reports; conduct research and investigations in the field; and work with affected individuals and communities first-hand. Where discharges of Proposition 65 chemicals may enter drinking water sources, and/or where degradation of drinking water may occur, CWF will use its rights of public education, participation, and petition, to protect drinking water sources from Proposition 65-listed contaminants. CWF will maintain adequate records to document these activities, to demonstrate how the ASP funds are spent, and to demonstrate that the funds are spent only for the proper, designated purposes described in this Consent Judgment. Upon request, CWF shall provide the Attorney General, within thirty (30) days of any request, copies of documentation demonstrating how such funds have been spent.

3.1.4 The payments required under Sections 3.1.1-3.1.3 shall be made in one (1) check delivered within thirty (30) days following the Effective Date, made payable to Aqua Terra Aeris Law Group, LLP, to Jason Flanders at Aqua Terra Aeris Law Group, at the address set forth in Section 7.1.2.

3.1.5 For each month the Order Compliance Deadline(s) are extended pursuant to Paragraph 2.1 above beyond September 1, 2021 (excepting delays constituting force majeure), Settling Defendants shall pay to Plaintiffs:²

² Compliance with this provision shall not limit Valley Water's rights to seek reimbursement or

contribution to the maximum permitted by law against any third party, including the SPR

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\$2,500 as a civil penalty pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), such money to be apportioned by Plaintiffs in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (25% (\$625) to Plaintiffs and 75% (\$1,875) to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment), and \$1,000 as a reimbursement of Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. Any payments required pursuant to this Section 3.1.5. shall each be made payable to Aqua Terra Aeris Law Group, LLP and delivered to Jason Flanders at Aqua Terra Aeris Law Group, at the address set forth in Section 7.1.2.

4. GOVERNING LAW/ENFORCEMENT

4.1. The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the law of the State of California and apply within the State of California. The rights to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment are exclusively conferred on the Parties hereto. Any Party may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the Superior Court of Kern County, which shall retain jurisdiction over this Consent Judgment for purposes of enforcement of its terms pursuant to CCP § 664.6, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. Prior to bringing any motion or application, the moving party shall meet and confer with the non-moving party(ies) regarding their anticipated motion or application in an attempt to resolve the dispute informally, including providing the non-moving party(ies) with a reasonable opportunity of at least thirty (30) days to cure any alleged violation. Should such attempts at informal resolution fail, the moving party may file an enforcement motion or application. No party herein waives any right(s) it may have under law to seek recovery of attorneys' fees and/or costs incurred through dispute resolution or enforcement of this Consent Judgment.

5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

5.1. This Consent Judgment may only be modified, supplemented, or terminated by written agreement of Plaintiffs and Settling Defendants. However, in the event Proposition 65 or its regulations applicable to the Settling Defendants, the Facilities, the Subject Chemicals, and/or the discharges alleged in the Action are substantially revised, repealed, or invalidated, in whole or

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in part, whether by the Legislature, the People, the courts, or any administrative agency, then Settling Defendants, or any of them, shall provide written notice to Plaintiffs, and shall have no further obligations, and Plaintiffs shall have no ongoing release or covenant not to sue, pursuant to this Consent Judgment, with respect to the obligations impacted by the same, subject to review pursuant to the provisions in Section 4.1 of this Consent Judgment.

MATTERS COVERED BY THIS CONSENT JUDGMENT 6.

6.1. Plaintiffs' Release on Behalf of Public Interest. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Plaintiffs acting on their own behalf and in the public interest, and Settling Defendants and Settling Defendants' respective shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, parent and sister companies, and affiliates, and their predecessors, successors, and assigns ("Defendants Releasees") of all claims alleged in the Notice or the Action arising from any violations of Proposition 65 that have been or could have been asserted in the public interest against Settling Defendants and Defendant Releasees, regarding the alleged discharges of Proposition 65 chemicals to sources of drinking water from the Facilities, and thus compliance with Sections 2 and 3 of this Consent Judgment shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 as to the matters covered by this Consent Judgment.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for the payments to be made pursuant to Section 3 above, Plaintiffs, for themselves and on behalf of their respective past and current agents, representatives, predecessors, successors, and/or assigns, hereby covenant not to sue and hereby waive any right to institute or participate in, any form of legal action and release all claims under Proposition 65 that they may have, including without limitation, all actions and causes of action in law and in equity, all obligations, expenses (including without limitation all attorneys' fees, expert fees, and investigation fees, and costs), damages, losses, liabilities and demands against any of the Defendants Releasees of any nature, character, or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, regarding the alleged discharges to sources of drinking water from the Facilities. However, nothing in this Agreement

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limits or otherwise affects the Parties' rights to (i) address or take any position that they deem necessary or appropriate in any formal or informal proceeding before any administrative or legislative body; or (ii) intervene in any action to the extent reasonably necessary to protect their interests under Sections 2, 3, and/or 6 of this Consent Judgment.

6.2 Defendants' Release and Covenant

Settling Defendants and Settling Defendants' respective shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees, representatives, agents, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, parent and sister companies, and affiliates, and their predecessors, successors, and assigns hereby release and covenant not to sue Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' respective shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, parent and sister companies, and affiliates, and their predecessors, successors, and assigns from all claims, including without limitation, all actions and causes of action in law and in equity, all obligations, expenses (including without limitation all attorneys' fees, expert fees, and investigation fees, and costs), damages, losses, liabilities and demands, related to or arising from the Notice or the Action that have been or could have been asserted against Plaintiffs.

6.3 California Civil Code Section 1542. It is possible that other claims not known to Plaintiffs arising out of the facts alleged in the Notice or the Action will develop or be discovered. Plaintiffs acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefor. Plaintiffs acknowledge that the claims released in Section 6.1 above may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code Section 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code Section 1542 reads as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

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1 Plaintiffs acknowledge and understand the significance and consequence of this specific waiver 2 of California Civil Code Section 1542. 3 7. PROVISION OF NOTICE 4 7.1. When any Party is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the 5 notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail as follows: 6 **7.1.1.** Notices to Settling Defendants. The persons for Settling Defendants to 7 receive notices pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be: 8 For the SPR Defendants: 9 Erin Gleaton 10 Vice President and General Counsel Sentinel Peak Resources LLC 11 6501 East Belleview Avenue, Suite 400 Englewood, CO 80111 12 EGleaton@Sentinelpeakresources.com 13 With a copy to: 14 Bao M. Vu 15 Stoel Rives LLP Three Embarcadero Center, Suite 1120 16 San Francisco, CA 94111 bao.vu@stoel.com 17 For Valley Water: 18 Jason Meadors, Manager 19 Valley Water Management Company 7500 Meany Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308 20 imeadors@valleywatermanagement.org 21 With a copy to: 22 Melissa A. Thorme Downey Brand LLP 23 621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814-4731 24 mthorme@downeybrand.com 25 Jean M. Pledger Pledger Law, PC 26 1925 G Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 27 jean@pledger.law 1708369v1 -10-

1	7.1.2.	Notices to Plaintiffs. The persons for Plaintiffs to receive notices pursuant
2	to this Consent Judgr	nent shall be:
3		Jennifer Clary, California Director Clean Water Fund
4		350 Frank Ogawa Plaza Ste. 200
5		Oakland, CA 94612 jclary@cleanwater.org
6		Tom Frantz
7		Association of Irritated Residents 29389 Fresno Ave.
8		Shafter, CA 93263
9		Tom.Frantz49@gmail.com
10		With a copy to:
11		Jason Flanders
12		Aqua Terra Aeris Law Group 4030 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
13		Oakland, CA 94609 jrf@atalawgroup.com
14	7.2. Any P	arty may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by
15	·	ties notice by first class and electronic mail.
16	8. COURT API	PROVAL
17	8.1. This C	Consent Judgment shall become effective on the Effective Date, provided,
18	however, that Plainting	fs shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment
19	and Settling Defenda	nts shall support approval of such Motion.
20	8.2. If this	Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, this Consent Judgment shall
21	be of no force or effe	ct and shall not be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any
22	proceeding for any pu	irpose.
23	9. NO ADMISS	ION
24	9.1. This Con	sent Judgment is the direct result of a compromise of disputed allegations
25	and claims. As such,	this Consent Judgment shall not, for any purpose, be considered as an
26	admission of liability	by the Settling Defendants, nor shall the payment of any sum of money or
27	civil penalties in cons	sideration for the execution of this Consent Judgment constitute or be
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11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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construed as an admission of any liability by the Settling Defendants, which expressly deny any

10.1 No Party shall be deemed in default or breach of this Agreement by reason of any

event that constitutes a force majeure. For purposes of this Agreement, a force majeure is defined

as any event or obstacle arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the Party or its

contractors that delay or prevents performance. This includes but is not limited to acts of God,

acts of war, acts of terrorism, fire, explosion, extraordinary weather events, restraint by court

seeking to rely upon this paragraph shall provide written notice to all Parties within a reasonable

period of time upon the discovery of any event alleged to constitute force majeure, identifying the

Consent Judgment regarding whether an event constituted force majeure, the Party invoking force

11.1. This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding

11.2. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between Plaintiffs

of Plaintiffs and Settling Defendants with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and

all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are

and Settling Defendants except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or

otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto. Any agreements

otherwise, express or implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment

11.3. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or

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specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto only to the extent that they are expressly incorporated herein.

11.4. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

12. NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

12.1. No inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any of the Parties, based upon the fact that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' attorneys prepared and/or drafted all or any portion of this Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that the Parties participated equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

13. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

13.1. Consistent with California Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6, this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Consent Judgment.

14. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

14.1. This Consent Judgment is given voluntarily, free of undue influence, coercion, duress, menace, or fraud of any kind. No Party, nor any officer, agent, employee, representative, or attorney of or for any Party, has made any statement or representation to any other Party regarding any fact relied upon in entering this Consent Judgment, and no Party is relying upon any statement, representation, or promise of any other Party, nor of any officer, agent, employee, representative, or attorney of or for any Party, in executing this Consent Judgment or in making the settlement provided herein, except as expressly stated in this Consent Judgment.

15. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT

15.1. Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and to legally bind that Party.

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1	16. NO EFFECT ON OTHER SETTLEMENTS
2	16.1. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall preclude Plaintiffs from resolving any
3	claim against another entity on terms that are different from those contained in this Consent
4	Judgment.
5	17. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS
6	17.1. The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by
7	means of facsimile, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document.
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