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Via Email jeff.pratt@ventura.org
Mr. Jeff Pratt, Executive Officer
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009-1610

Re:

Grimes Rock, Inc./Saticoy Properties, LLC Water Rights and Variance Application pending

Dear Jeff:

With this letter, we are providing you with a copy of the Ruling of the Honorable Thomas Anderle, Judge in the Las Posas Valley Water Rights litigation. While I am confident that you and the Board are fully aware of the Orders of Judge Anderle, by forwarding this letter we are placing FCGMA on formal notice thereof independent of anything else.

We have previously communicated to FCGMA that it is obligated both contractually as well as under the Judgment to honor the water rights allocations set forth in the Phase 2 Stipulation with exhibits and the Judgment which carries those provisions and the allocations forward.1

When this matter last came before the Board, as Executive Officer you recommended that the Board not follow the allocations set forth in the Phase 2 Stipulation and the Judgment, but rather provide our clients a TEA of 132 acre feet. On behalf of our clients, I appeared and objected but the Board followed your recommendation.

At this point, FCGMA should have no doubt as to its obligations. Those obligations were <u>effective</u> as of the date of entry of Judgment, not now, and without any further delay. We request that you as the Executive Officer on behalf of FCGMA immediately and forthwith confirm that our clients' water rights allocation <u>at a minimum</u>, and subject to the pending Variance for an increase should that proceed, are as set forth in the Judgment exhibit effective on the date of entry of Judgment.

While this correspondence is written only on behalf of Grimes Rock, Inc. and Saticoy Properties, LLC, the issues are equally applicable to all Plaintiffs in the litigation.
Camarillo Location:

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Once we accomplish compliance with the Judgment by FCGMA, then my suggestion and hope is that we can continue the existing stay for 30-60 days and during that time period you, I and Alberto can talk through the Variance and see if can either eliminate the Variance as it pertains to our clients or substantially narrow the issues. If it is the second, the narrowing of the issues, then through that process we would hope to give you and staff an opportunity to consider additional issues, have a dialogue and hopefully accomplish a path to resolution.

I look forward to working with you cooperatively and to your very prompt response given the issues.

Very truly yours,

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By: PETER A. GOLDENRING

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Enclosure: Civil Law and Motion Las Posas Valley Ruling dated 9-13-23

cc: Alberto Boada (via email w/enclosure)