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FRESNO SUPERIOR COURT
By _____ DEPUTY

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**SUMMONS
(CITACIÓN JUDICIAL)**

Case Number (Número del Caso) 20CECG03336

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF (AVISO PARA TODAS PERSONAS INTERESADOS EN EL ASUNTO DE): THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER SERVICE FROM DELTA DIVISION AND FACILITIES REPAYMENT.

This matter concerns the Contract Between the United States and Westlands Water District ("District") providing for Central Valley Project water service and facilities repayment, which the District Board of Directors, on September 15, 2020, authorized for execution and delivery, in substantially the form presented to it, as set forth in Resolution No. 124-20 ("Repayment Contract"), and which the parties fully executed.

The specific Repayment Contract is Contract No. 14-06-200-7823J-LTR1-P, entitled "Contract Between the United States and Westlands Water District Providing for Project Water Service From Delta Division and Facilities Repayment" based upon the water assigned under the agreement for partial assignment between the District and Oro Loma Water District and the subject of Resolution No. 124-20.

The District seeks a judicial decree, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 860, et seq., determining that the proceedings on the part of the District for the authorization of the execution of the Repayment Contract were in all respects legal and valid under applicable California law.

All persons interested in this matter may contest the legality or validity of the proceedings by appearing and filing a written answer to the complaint not later than February 23, 2021. Unless you respond timely, a default will be entered upon application by the Plaintiff, and the Plaintiff may apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Persons who contest the legality or validity of the proceedings will not be subject to punitive action, such as wage garnishment or seizure of their real or personal property. **You may seek the advice of an attorney in any matter connected with the complaint or this summons. Such attorney should be consulted promptly so that your pleading may be filed or entered within the time required by this summons.**

DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE MATTER THAT PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO VALIDATE:

The District previously acquired by assignment certain rights to Central Valley Project water. The specific agreement which effected the assignment is a March 1, 2012, partial assignment agreement between the District and Oro Loma Water District based upon Oro Loma Water District's water service contract. Based upon this assignment, the District and the United States subsequently entered into Contract No. 14-06-200-7823J, which provides for water service from Central Valley Project facilities from March 1, 2012, through February 28, 2030 ("Water Service Contract").

On December 16, 2016, the 114th Congress of the United States of America enacted the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Pub. L. 114-322, 130 Stat. 1628) ("WIIN Act"). Section 4011(a)(1) of the WIIN Act provides that: "upon request of the contractor, the Secretary of the Interior shall convert any water service contract in effect on the date of enactment of this subtitle and between the United States and a water users' association [Contractor] to allow for prepayment of the repayment contract pursuant to paragraph (2) under mutually agreeable terms and conditions."

Pursuant to and consistent with the WIIN Act, and upon the District's request, the United States and the District negotiated terms and conditions that convert the Water Service Contract to a repayment contract, and those terms and conditions are reflected in the Repayment Contract. The Repayment Contract also reflects the current standard terms and conditions required by the Reclamation Manual, and continues water service to the District in the same scope and nature of the ongoing Central Valley Project and its existing facilities.

Under the Repayment Contract, ongoing receipt and delivery of water to the District will continue with no expansion of service and no new facilities constructed because the District will deliver the water received under the Repayment Contract: (1) to lands within the District's boundaries for beneficial use and that have been in production, and (2) through existing facilities.

Although the specific terms of the Repayment Contract are set forth within its text, the following highlight some of the changes made:

- (a) superfluous recitals in the Water Service Contract were deleted and new recitals were added to explain the basis for the conversion;
- (b) definitions were: (i) added to reflect new provisions required to convert the Water Service Contract to a repayment contract, and (ii) modified to reflect requirements of the Reclamation Manual;
- (c) the term of the Water Service Contract is deleted and new text added that provide a new effective date, and for the contract to continue so long as certain conditions are met;
- (d) provisions related to rates, method of payment and repayment were deleted, revised and supplemented to reflect the payment obligation and mandates of the WIIN Act; and
- (e) provisions were deleted, revised and supplemented to reflect text mandated by the Reclamation Manual.

Article 41 of the Repayment Contract requires the District to provide "a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of California, confirming the proceedings on the part of the Contractor for the authorization of the execution of this amended Contract."

The District reviewed the terms and conditions of the Repayment Contract and found the form and content thereof to be acceptable to the District and appropriate for execution in

substantially the form presented to the District's Board of Directors. Such terms and conditions are consistent with the District's powers and authority under California law. Consequently, on September 15, 2020, at a duly noticed and regular meeting of the District's Board of Directors, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 124-20 for the purpose of authorizing the approval and the execution of the Repayment Contract ("Resolution"). Through the Resolution, the Board of Directors approved the Repayment Contract in substantially the form presented to the Board of Directors, found execution of the Repayment Contract was statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and authorized the District's President to execute the Repayment Contract, in substantially the form presented to the Board of Directors, with such additional changes and/or modifications as are approved by the President of the District, its General Manager and its General Counsel. In accordance with Resolution No. 124-20, the parties subsequently fully executed the Repayment Contract.

The District therefore seeks a judicial decree, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 860, et seq., determining the proceedings on the part of the District for the authorization of the execution of the Repayment Contract were in all respects legal and valid under applicable California law.

Copies of District Resolution No. 124-20, the Repayment Contract as approved pursuant to the Resolution and as fully executed, the District's Complaint for Validation Judgment, and the proposed judgment may be obtained upon request by telephoning (559) 241-6215 and may also be viewed on the Westlands Water District's website at www.wwd.ca.gov.

Copies of documents filed in the litigation can be viewed and obtained from the case information portal on the Fresno County Superior Court's website at www.fresno.courts.ca.gov.

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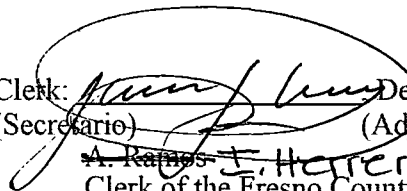
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Clerk of the Fresno County Superior Court

