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## IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,

# SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL DETERMINATION OF RIGHTS TO THE USE OF WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND, WITHIN THE DRAINAGE AREA OF THE UTAH LAKE AND JORDAN RIVER IN UTAH, SALT LAKE, DAVIS, SUMMIT, WASATCH, SANPETE, AND JUAB COUNTIES IN UTAH

Utah County Division Spanish Fork Canyon Subdivision Strawberry Valley Project Return Flow

#### **STIPULATION**

Civil No. 360057298 (51-1-1)

Judge Paul Parker

### PARTIES TO THE STIPULATION

Utah State Engineer

Central Utah Water Conservancy District

Magna Water District and South Farm, LLC

Provo River Water Users Association

Strawberry High Line Canal Company

Strawberry Water Users Association

United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

### **STIPULATION**

The parties before the Court in the pending litigation agree that the Proposed

Determination and Recommendation of the Rights to the Use of Return Flow from Water

Imported from the Uinta Basin to Utah Valley by the Strawberry Valley Project (Proposed

Determination) may be confirmed and decreed by the Court as written, subject to the following stipulations.

- 1. The Proposed Determination applies to the use of return flows from waters imported into the Utah Lake-Jordan River Basin by the Strawberry Valley Project (SVP) and others, and is not binding precedent elsewhere in the State of Utah.
- 2. For applications to use imported return flow that are either pending but unapproved as of the date the Proposed Determination is confirmed by the court, or filed subsequent thereto, the State Engineer will include in any order approving such an application the quantification methodology that is used to calculate the amount of imported water return flow annually available under the water right. The quantification methodology is a computational estimate of the actual amount of return flow water available as a result of the importation into the basin. The order approving the application shall constitute final agency action.

- 3. Applications to use imported return flow are subject to the requirements of the Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA). The following provisions are intended to be consistent with UAPA and apply in conjunction with UAPA.
- A. The applicant may seek modifications in the quantification methodology approved in the initial order through subsequent applications, which will be processed in accordance with UAPA.
- B. Alternatively, the State Engineer may, through notice of agency action conforming with Utah Code Section 63G-4-201(1)(a), initiate review of the quantification methodology if, in the State Engineer's judgment, facts or circumstances related to the use of imported water return flows change such that the quantification methodology requires review and possible adjustment. In an action initiated by the State Engineer under this paragraph, any final order issued will be made pursuant to UAPA. Any final order issued in connection with such administrative proceedings may modify only the quantification methodology, and only the quantification methodology would be subject to de novo review under UAPA.
  - C. This Stipulation does not waive standing requirements under UAPA.
- 4. For applications to use imported return flow that are approved prior to the date the Proposed Determination is confirmed by the court, Paragraph 4 of the Proposed Determination does not apply retroactively to amend the approval of such applications, including any conditions of approval.
- 5. The Proposed Determination does not address the question of ownership or title to SVP imported return flow or any portion thereof as between the Strawberry Water Users Association,

Strawberry High Line Canal Company, and the United States, who reserve all rights with respect to this issue.

6. The parties to the pending litigation will request the Court to dismiss the Objection of Magna Water District and South Farms, LLC.

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