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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF ALHAMBRA, et al.,

Defendant.

Case No. C924128

Judge Maureen Duffy-Lewis, Dept. 412

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT

Date: December 1, 2026
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The Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("Flood Control District") hereby submits this Status Conference Statement. The California Legislature created the Flood Control District in 1915 after a disastrous regional flood. The Los Angeles County Flood Control Act empowered the Flood Control District to provide flood protection, water conservation, recreation, and conservation of stormwater for groundwater recharge within its boundaries. (See attached Exhibit A [Declaration of Mark Pestrella ("Pestrella Decl.")] at ¶4.)

The Flood Control District currently operates and maintains a multitude of storm drains and flood control infrastructure within its more than 2,700 square miles, which includes approximately 2.1 million land parcels within 6 major watersheds. (*Id.* at ¶8.) It also operates drainage infrastructure within 86 incorporated cities as well as the unincorporated County areas, including 14 major dams and reservoirs, 483 miles of open channel, 27 spreading grounds, 3,361 miles of underground storm drains, 47 pump plants, 172 debris basins, 27 sediment placement sites, 3 seawater intrusion barriers and an estimated 82,000 catch basins. (*Id.* at ¶9.)

The Flood Control District's priorities throughout the area it covers and in the Main San Gabriel Basin are flood risk management and capturing and recharging local stormwater runoff. (*Id.* at ¶12.) The Flood Control District has flood control and stormwater facilities within the Main San Gabriel Basin, and manages runoff and flood risk while capturing stormwater recharge as the river flows from the San Gabriel Mountains through eastern Los Angeles County. (*Id.* at ¶11.) The Main San Gabriel Basin receives stormwater runoff from the mountains that can threaten its densely developed communities. (*Id.* at ¶13.) The Flood Control District's dams, debris basins, channels, and storm drains are vital to managing that stormflow and protecting lives, homes, and infrastructure. (*Id.*)

The Flood Control District prioritizes recharging local stormwater and therefore has to carefully balance the intake of imported water to make the sure the basin has sufficient capacity for stormwater recharge. (*Id.* at ¶12.) Accordingly, in the Main San Gabriel Basin the Flood Control District recharges, when possible, imported water received from the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster. (*Id.*)

Pursuant to the Safe, Clean Water LA program, the Flood Control District has been

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working on projects to increase surface water recharge and improve the water supply reliability in the Main San Gabriel Basin. Because of these projects, and in addition to flood protection in the Main San Gabriel Basin, the Flood Control District's facilities have the ability to capture stormwater runoff and store it in the Main San Gabriel Basin. This helps secure a more reliable local water supply. (*Id.* at ¶14.)

State Water Project water is provided to the Main San Gabriel Basin and the Flood Control District provides a critical part of the route: its flood-control channels convey imported water to spreading grounds, where the water seeps into the basin for later use. (*Id.* at ¶15.)

As of September 15, 2026, the Flood Control District has taken in approximately 2,100 acre-feet of water for the year with water levels in the spreading grounds currently nearing full capacity. (*Id.* at ¶10.)

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DECLARATION OF MARK PESTRELLA IN SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT

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DECLARATION OF MARK PESTRELLA

I, Mark J. Pestrella, declare as follows:

1. I am a professional civil engineer licensed in the State of California. I am the Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works ("Public Works"). In my capacity as the Director of Public Works, I oversee operations of Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("Flood Control District"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.

2. I have been an employee of Public Works for 39 years. In 2017, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors appointed me to serve as Director of Public Works. In that position, I serve as County Engineer, County Road Commissioner, and Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District.

3. Public Works is the largest municipal public works agency in the United States, providing vital public infrastructure and civic services to more than 10 million people across a 4,000-square-mile service area.

4. The Los Angeles County Flood Control Act established the Flood Control District in 1915. The Act was adopted by the State Legislature in 1915 after a disastrous regional flood, and empowered the Flood Control District to provide flood protection, water conservation, recreation, and conservation of stormwater for groundwater recharge within its boundaries.

5. The Flood Control District is a special district governed by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

6. The Flood Control District's functions are carried out by Public Works. I oversee the Flood Control District in my capacity as the Director of Public Works and as the Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District.

7. The Flood Control District's efforts reduce flood risk and help conserve stormwater to improve regional water supply reliability.

8. The Flood Control District currently operates and maintains a multitude of storm drains and flood control infrastructure within its more than 2,700 square miles, which includes approximately 2.1 million land parcels within 6 major watersheds.

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9. The Flood Control District operates drainage infrastructure within 86 incorporated cities as well as the unincorporated County areas, including 14 major dams and reservoirs, 483 miles of open channel, 27 spreading grounds, 3,361 miles of underground storm drains, 47 pump plants, 172 debris basins, 27 sediment placement sites, 3 seawater intrusion barriers and an estimated 82,000 catch basins.

10. As of September 15, 2026, the Flood Control District has taken in approximately 2,100 acre-feet of water for the year with water levels currently nearing full.

11. The Flood Control District operates and maintains flood control and stormwater facilities serving the Main San Gabriel Basin, and manages runoff and flood risk while capturing stormwater recharge as the river flows from the San Gabriel Mountains through eastern Los Angeles County.

12. The Flood Control District's priorities throughout the area it covers and in the Main San Gabriel Basin are flood risk management and capturing and recharging local stormwater runoff. To minimize the loss of stormwater to the ocean, the use of stormwater for groundwater recharge operations is prioritized throughout the year. Therefore, the Flood Control District has to carefully balance the intake of imported water to make the sure the basin has sufficient capacity for stormwater recharge. Accordingly, in the Main San Gabriel Basin the Flood Control District recharges, when possible, imported water received from the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster.

13. The Main San Gabriel Basin receives stormwater runoff from the mountains that can threaten its densely developed communities. The Flood Control District's dams, debris basins, channels, and storm drains are vital to managing that stormflow and protecting lives, homes, and infrastructure.

14. Pursuant to the Safe, Clean Water LA program, the Flood Control District has been working on projects to increase surface water recharge and improve the water supply reliability in the Main San Gabriel Basin. Because of these projects, and in addition to flood protection in the Main San Gabriel Basin, the Flood Control District's facilities have the ability to

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capture stormwater runoff and store it in the Main San Gabriel Basin. This helps secure a more reliable local water supply.

15. Additionally, State Water Project water is provided to the Main San Gabriel Basin and the Flood Control District provides a critical part of the route: its flood control channels convey imported water to spreading grounds, where the water seeps into the basin for later use.

16. In accordance with the goals and directives of the LA County Water Plan, the Flood Control District maintains flood control facilities to protect communities and preserve capacity, while capturing and conveying stormwater to replenish groundwater and strengthen local water supply reliability.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 30th day of October, 2026, at Los Angeles, California.



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