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SEEKING APPROVAL OF EXHIBITS**

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**Introduction**

Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") objects to the Motion of Gerald Trimble Seeking Approval of Exhibits ("Motion to Approve") filed on September 19, 2007. Mr. Trimble's motion is unclear and premature, and the exhibits offered are unsubstantiated. GSWC respectfully suggests that once the Commission issues a Scoping Memo in this proceeding, Mr. Trimble will have ample opportunity submit evidence to this Commission at the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner and context. For these reasons, GSWC requests that the Commission deny Mr. Trimble's Motion to Approve.

**Discussion**

On February 24, 2006, GSWC initiated this proceeding with an application seeking approval of (i) a stipulation entered into by GSWC and other parties that resolved many issues pending in a superior court action relating to the Santa Maria groundwater basin ("Stipulation") and (ii) proposed ratemaking treatment of the costs incurred in the litigation. On May 24, 2007,

the Commission issued Decision 07-05-041, approving a partial settlement in this proceeding involving the ratemaking treatment of certain of GSWC's litigation costs. The Commission recognized that certain issues in this proceeding (namely, whether the Commission should approve the Stipulation) could not be resolved until various underlying issues related to the Stipulation were addressed. Accordingly, the Commission divided this proceeding into two phases, the first of which was resolved in Decision 07-05-041 and the second of which (to consider the unresolved issues) would be initiated in the future.<sup>1</sup> After the completion of the first phase, Mr. Trimble filed the equivalent of a motion for party status, which the Commission granted. Mr. Trimble then filed fourteen (14) exhibits with the Commission along with this Motion to Approve.

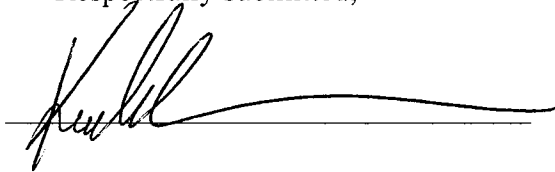
GSWC objects to Mr. Trimble's Motion to Approve. First it is unclear what Mr. Trimble means when he asks the Commission to "approve" these exhibits. Second, to the extent that Mr. Trimble is asking the Commission to enter these exhibits in the record in this proceeding, his request is premature. As of the filing of GSWC's Opposition to Mr. Trimble's Motion to Approve, the Commission has yet to issue a Scoping Memo for the second phase of this proceeding. Thus, it is not clear whether these exhibits are appropriately considered in the record. Further, Mr. Trimble does not substantiate or authenticate any of the exhibits or their sources. GSWC has had no opportunity to conduct discovery or otherwise test the sources of these exhibits and their relevance for this proceeding. GSWC objects to Mr. Trimble merely submitting documents to the Commission without testimony, context, or a statement of authenticity or purpose.

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<sup>1</sup> . D. 07-05-041 at 1.

Thus, for the reasons stated above, GSWC respectfully requests that the Commission deny Mr. Trimble's Motion to Approve and reject the exhibits submitted with the Motion for Approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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