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| 13                                   | SAN DIEGO COASTKEEPER, a non-profit ) corporation;   | Case No.                               |
| 14                                   | Petitioner,  |  |
| 15                                   | vs.  | VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE  |
| 16                                   | SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER ) AUTHORITY, a public agency, and DOES 1  | (California Environmental Quality Act) |
| 18                                   | through 5, inclusive,  |  |
| 19                                   | Respondents.   |  |
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#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. This action challenges the approvals by Respondent San Diego County Water Authority ("Water Authority" or "Respondent") of the 2013 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update and Climate Action Plan ("Project"), and the related failure to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Pub. Res. Code § 21000, et seq.
- 2. Among other things, the Water Authority failed to consider the environmental impacts associated with the Project, failed to prepare and circulate required environmental analysis, and failed to consider and adopt feasible alternatives and mitigation.
- 3. Petitioner seeks alternative and peremptory writs of mandate declaring the Water Authority's approvals invalid, and enjoining the Water Authority from taking steps to implement the approvals.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. Petitioner San Diego Coastkeeper is a non-profit organization that seeks to protect and restore fishable, swimmable, and drinkable waters in San Diego County. Petitioner and its members have been injured as a result of Respondent's actions. Respondent's actions adversely affect the recreational, vocational, aesthetic, scientific, and environmental interests of Petitioner and its members. The interests of Petitioner and its members have been and will continue to be adversely affected by Respondent's unlawful actions in violation of CEQA. The relief sought in this Petition would redress Petitioner's and Petitioner's members' injuries.
- 5. Respondent San Diego County Water Authority is a public agency that serves as San Diego County's regional water wholesaler, organized under the laws of the state of California with its principal place of business in San Diego, California.
- 6. Petitioner does not know the true names or capacities of the persons or entities sued herein as Does 1 through 5, and therefore sue these respondents by such fictitious names. Petitioner will amend the Petition to set forth the names and capacities of said respondents along with appropriate charging allegations when the same have been ascertained.

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#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

- 7. The Project includes two programmatic plans addressing future water development and conservation: the 2013 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update (2013 Master Plan Update) and the Climate Action Plan (CAP).
- 8. The Water Authority issued a Notice of Preparation on or about April 18, 2013. On or about November 22, 2013, a Draft EIR regarding the Project was made available for public review. The EIR discussed certain improvement projects as well as the CAP. It claimed the 2013 Master Plan Update consisted of changes and updates to the Water Authority's 2003 Regional Water Facilities Master Plan emphasizing "maximizing efficiency of the existing system." The EIR also claimed the CAP was a greenhouse gas reduction plan to identify the Water Authority's current emissions, projected future emissions, emission reduction goals, and energy conservation opportunities. Unfortunately, neither claim was correct. The 2013 Master Plan Update did not emphasize maximizing efficiency but instead failed to provide for adequate conservation and efficiency. Likewise, the CAP did not accurately account for current emissions or projected future emissions nor did it adequately provide for emission reduction goals and energy conservation opportunities.
- 9. Several parties, including Petitioner, submitted comments on the Project and EIR, noting these and other inadequacies. Commenters noted, *inter alia*, that the CAP reduction goals were inconsistent with the CARB Climate Change Scoping Plan directives, that the CAP inventory and reduction measures were inaccurate, that the CAP is not a qualified greenhouse gas reduction plan, that the Master Plan failed to adequately consider conservation as an achievable "new water" resource, that the Master Plan failed to adequately consider potable reuse as an achievable "new water" resource, that the Master Plan failed to address "embedded energy" in the Water Authority's energy use analysis or energy management strategies, that the scope of operations used for determining baseline emissions in the CAP was improperly limited, that the use of pumped storage as an offset for Project emissions was unsupported, that the Project description omitted and obscured critical information, that the EIR failed to adequately analyze growth inducing impacts, that the EIR failed to adequately analyze and mitigate climate change impacts, that the Master Plan did not sufficiently consider the potential for conservation and environmentally sustainable procurement, that the Project lacked enforceable

reductions measures, and that the emissions analysis was flawed. The comments generally expressed substantial concern with the failure of the analysis to address the numerous Project impacts and to analyze possible alternatives and mitigation to address those impacts.

- 10. Subsequently, the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report ("SPEIR") was prepared. The SPEIR concluded that all Project impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level. The SPEIR did not substantively or sufficiently address the comments on the draft EIR.
- 11. On March 27, 2014, the Water Authority's governing board met to consider the Project and SPEIR. Comments and testimony, including from Petitioner, was received regarding several aspects of the Project and EIR. Again, commenters expressed substantial concern with the failure of the analysis to address the numerous Project impacts and to analyze possible alternatives and mitigation to address those impacts. The Water Authority's governing board voted to approve the Project and SPEIR. The Project approvals included certification of the SPEIR, adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, and adoption of findings of fact.
  - 12. A Notice of Determination was filed on March 28, 2014.

# EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES AND INADEQUATE REMEDIES AT LAW

- 13. Petitioner has exhausted all available administrative remedies, and objections to the Project have been presented orally and in writing to the Water Authority, as required by Public Resources Code Section 21177. These include, but are not limited to, letters and oral comments presented during public hearings.
- 14. Petitioner has complied with the requirements of Public Resources Code Section 21167.5 by mailing a written notice of commencement of this action to the Water Authority. A true and correct copy of that notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 15. Petitioner has advised the Water Authority that Petitioner has elected to prepare the record of proceedings relevant to the approval of the Project, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167.6. A true and correct copy of that notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

16. Petitioner has complied with Public Resources Code Section 21167.7 by filing a copy of the original petition with the California Attorney General. A true and correct copy of the notification is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

17. Petitioner has no adequate remedy at law unless the Court grants the requested writ of mandate requiring the Water Authority to set aside its approval of the Project and the SPEIR. In the absence of such remedy, the Water Authority's approvals will remain in effect in violation of State law, and Petitioner will suffer irreparable harm because of the significant adverse environmental impacts generated by the Project.

### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CEQA PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS)

- 18. Petitioner incorporates by reference each of the allegations set forth in this Petition as if set forth herein in full.
  - 19. The SPEIR fails to meet the requirements for an objective analysis of impacts.
  - 20. Respondents committed to developing the Project prior to the approval of the SPEIR.
  - 21. Respondents failed to adequately respond to comments on the Project and EIR.
  - 22. Respondents failed to recirculate the EIR after substantial changes were made.
- 23. Respondents failed to revise the EIR or prepare supplemental analysis after substantial changes were made to the Project.
  - 24. Respondents failed to consider all aspects of the Project and related actions.
- 25. Respondents failed to follow procedures mandated by CEQA, including but not limited to, failing to notify responsible agencies, failing to provide proper notice for public involvement, failing to provide adequate information in the EIR and allow adequate opportunity for public input, and failing to provide adequate access to Project-related documents.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AS REQUIRED BY CEQA)

26. Petitioner incorporates by reference each of the allegations set forth in this Petition as if set forth herein in full.

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- 27. Respondents' approval of the SPEIR constituted a prejudicial abuse of discretion in that the SPEIR is not in accord with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and case law, but rather is legally inadequate and insufficient in numerous respects, including but not limited to, the following:
  - a. The Project description is not stable and finite, and is unclear, inconsistent, skewed, inaccurate and incomplete in numerous respects;
  - b. The SPEIR fails to discuss the existing environmental conditions in the affected area, including but not limited to, conditions on the ground and current planning conditions;
  - The SPEIR fails to analyze adequately the significant adverse direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the Project, including but not limited to, the following:
    - i. Climate Change impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address reasonably foreseeable impacts, failing to adequately account for current and future Greenhouse Gas emissions, failing to provide a sufficient greenhouse gas reduction plan, failing to meet AB 32 requirements, failing to ensure consistency with California Executive Order S-3-05, failing to use proper criteria to identify impacts to global warming, and failing to consider potential health impacts, including cancer risk;
    - ii. Water supply impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address the shortage of water in the area, failing to adequately provide for water conservation and reuse, failing to demonstrate an adequate water supply, failing to consider long-term water needs and supply, failing to provide an adequate showing that water supply would be available, and failing to analyze the impacts of the use of and demand for water;
    - iii. Air quality impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address reasonably foreseeable impacts (including the contribution of pollutants, grading related impacts, and the lack of attainment of air quality standards), failing to use proper criteria to identify impacts to air quality, and failing to consider potential health impacts, including cancer risk;

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- iv. Land use and community character impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address requirements for parks and recreation, failing to address inconsistencies with relevant habitat planning programs, failing to address effects on the physical conditions as they existed at the time of the environmental analysis, and failing to address impacts to neighborhood and community character;
- Visual quality and aesthetics impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address impacts to existing resources, failing to address impacts associated with lighting;
- vi. Transportation and traffic impacts, including but not limited to, failing to consider existing conditions, failing to address reasonably foreseeable impacts to traffic and traffic safety (including construction traffic, increased traffic, additional delays, narrow roads, overcrowded roads and intersections, additional accidents, reduced access, and shifts in travel routes), failing to address impacts associated with existing failing streets and roads, failing to consider all roadways (including regionally significant arterials, freeways, ramps, and interchanges), failing to recognize the Project's impacts in relation to existing problems and failing streets and intersections, failing to address safety considerations associated with existing and Project traffic, using inaccurate baseline data, failing to assess impacts on alternative transportation (such as public transit, pedestrian and bicycle usage), failing to address the Project's impacts on area roads and intersections, using incorrect criteria to determine impacts, failing to consider sight distance, failing to consider impacts if mitigation is not fully funded, failing to address impacts to and from parking, relying upon unsupported models and data, using unsupported assumptions, failing to consider an appropriate share of mitigation for Project impacts, failing to analyze adequately impacts to intersections, and failing to analyze all affected areas;

- vii. Hydrological and water quality impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address reasonably foreseeable impacts and the introduction of pollutants to groundwater and surface water, failing to discuss post-construction impacts, failing to address drainage impacts, and failing to consider criteria for mitigation to impacts;
- viii. Noise impacts, including but not limited to, failing to consider existing noise conditions, failing to address reasonably foreseeable impacts, failing to consider all likely sources of noise, failing to address impacts caused by proposed mitigation, failing to apply applicable standards appropriately, failing to consider likely future noise sources, and relying upon unsupported models and data;
- ix. Biological resource impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address impacts to open space, failing to address impacts to sensitive habitats and plant and animal species, failing to consider impacts of biological resources below the soil, failing to consider post-construction impacts, failing to consider impacts to non-native grasslands, failing to address impacts of mitigation proposed, failing to address impacts to wildlife corridors and wildlife movement, failing to address impacts associated with lighting, failing to protect important resources, relying upon old and inadequate survey data, lack of a synthesized project analysis, failing to provide a regional context, failing to address impacts to wetlands and wetland species, failing to address impacts associated with construction and dredging, failing to provide for adequate protection of riparian areas, and failing to address impacts to other species of concern;
- x. Archaeological and paleontological resource impacts, including but not limited to, relying upon old and unreliable surveys, failing to adequately analyze impacts, and inadequately disclosing sites;
- xi. Historic and cultural resource impacts, including but not limited to, failing to consider all available resources, failing to consider the entire extent of the

- resource, relying upon improper methods of survey and analysis, failing to adequately analyze impacts, and inadequately disclosing resources and impacts;
- xii. Agricultural resource impacts, including analyzing existing uses and failing to consider adequate mitigation for impacts;
- xiii. Public facilities and services impacts, including but not limited to, failing to address impacts to parks and recreation, solid waste, electricity, energy, and wastewater services, failing to ensure clean energy sources for the movement and treatment of water, and failing to bundle water and energy system improvements;
- xiv. Growth-related impacts, including growth inducement associated with the Project.
- d. The SPEIR fails to consider adequately the cumulative impacts of the Project and other projects that are either existing, approved, planned, or reasonably foreseeable, including future road projects and other developments located both within and outside of Respondents' physical boundaries;
- e. The SPEIR illegally defers analysis of reasonably foreseeable impacts;
- f. The SPEIR improperly segments the Project, piecemealing or otherwise avoiding reasonably foreseeable impacts, and separately focusing on isolated parts of the whole;
- g. The SPEIR fails to consider adequately impacts that narrow the range of beneficial uses of the environment, in violation of Section 15126(e) of the CEQA Guidelines;
- h. The SPEIR fails to address adequately impacts that cannot be mitigated, including but not limited to, describing their implications and the reasons why the Project is being proposed notwithstanding its adverse effects;
- i. The SPEIR fails to consider adequately the significant irreversible effects of the Project, in violation of Section 15126(f) of the CEQA Guidelines, including but not limited to, climate change impacts; air quality impacts; impacts to biological resources; increased erosion rates; and energy use impacts;

| j. | The CAP is not a qualified greenhouse gas reduction plan under CEQA Guidelines |
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- k. The SPEIR impermissibly defines the Project objectives in a way to attempt to preclude discussion of reasonable alternatives;
- 1. The SPEIR fails to provide an adequate programmatic level of analysis sufficient to allow tiering.
- m. The SPEIR fails to analyze adequately a reasonable range of alternatives to the Project, which could reduce substantially Project related impacts, and to evaluate the comparative merits of the alternatives;
- n. The SPEIR fails to analyze adequately feasible mitigation measures, fails to provide for mitigation for each environmental effect, illegally relies upon deferred mitigation measures, and fails to provide for effective and enforceable mitigation; and
- 28. Respondents failed to respond adequately to public comments.

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (FAILURE TO ADOPT A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS THAT IS SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD)

- 29. Petitioner incorporates by reference each of the allegations set forth in this Petition as if set forth herein in full.
- 30. Respondents failed to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations that is supported by substantial evidence in the record despite the Project's significant environmental impacts.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (FAILURE TO ADOPT FEASIBLE MITIGATION MEASURES AND ALTERNATIVES REQUIRED BY CEQA)

- 31. Petitioner incorporates by reference each of the allegations set forth in this Petition as if set forth herein in full.
- 32. Respondents failed to consider and adopt feasible alternatives, including but not limited to, alternatives requiring less impacts that meet some or all of the Project objectives.
- 33. Respondents defined the Project and its objections too narrowly, resulting in a narrowing of the consideration of alternatives.
  - 34. Respondents failed to adopt the environmentally superior alternative.

 35. Respondents failed to consider and adopt feasible mitigation measures, failed to mitigate for each environmental effect, illegally deferred mitigation, and failed to provide for effective and enforceable mitigation.

### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION (FAILURE TO USE THE CORRECT BASELINE AS REQUIRED BY CEQA)

- 36. Petitioner incorporates by reference each of the allegations set forth in this Petition as if set forth herein in full.
  - 37. Respondents failed to use the correct baseline for the Project in its environmental analysis.

## SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION (FAILURE TO ADOPT FINDINGS THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD)

- 38. Petitioner incorporates by reference each of the allegations set forth in this Petition as if set forth herein in full.
- 39. Respondents failed to adopt findings that are supported by substantial evidence in the record. Among other things, the findings assert that the Project's mitigation measures adequately reduce impacts below a level of significance without adequate evidence in the record to support such findings, the findings assert that mitigation measures are infeasible without an adequate consideration of feasible mitigation and without an adequate showing of alleged financial infeasibility, and the findings assert that the Project will be consistent with existing legal requirements where there is insufficient evidence to support such consistency findings.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for relief as follows:

- A. For a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction and/or permanent injunction enjoining Respondents from taking any steps to further the Project until lawful approval is obtained from Respondents after the preparation and consideration of adequate environmental analysis, with adequate notice to interested parties, adoption of findings supported by substantial evidence, and compliance with applicable requirements;
- B. For alternative and peremptory writs of mandate, vacating approval of the SPEIR and all aspects of the Project, and enjoining Respondents from taking any steps to further the Project until lawful

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### **VERIFICATION**

I have read the foregoing Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and know its contents,

I am a party to this action. The matters stated in it are true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I am an officer of San Diego Coastkeeper, a party to this action, and am authorized to make this verification for and on its behalf, and I make this verification for that reason.

I have read the foregoing document(s). I am informed and believe and on that ground allege that the matters stated in it are true.

I am one of the attorneys for \_\_\_\_\_\_ a party to this action. Such party is absent from the County San Diego, California, where such attorneys have their offices, and I make this verification for and on behalf of that party for that reason. I have read the foregoing document(s). I am informed and believe that on that ground allege that the matters stated in it are true.

Executed on April 25, 2014 at San Diego, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Megan Bachrens, San Diego Coastkeeper



April 24, 2014

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Thomas V. Wornham, Chair, Board of Directors Maureen Stapleton, General Manager San Diego County Water Authority 4677 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Action Under the California Environmental

Quality Act

Dear San Diego County Water Authority:

Please take notice that San Diego Coastkeeper intends to commence an action in California Superior Court, alleging, among other things, violations of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") against the San Diego County Water Authority to challenge the approvals of the 2013 Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update and the Climate Action Plan, including certification of the Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report, adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, and adoption of findings of fact ("Project"). Among other things, the petition will seek to vacate the approval of the Project, and to enjoin the Water Authority from taking any further steps to implement the approvals.

If the Water Authority would like to discuss these concerns and their possible resolution, please contact the undersigned immediately. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Everett DeLano

1 Everett L. DeLano III (Calif. Bar No. 162608) M. Dare DeLano (Calif. Bar No. 196707) 2 DELANO & DELANO 220 W. Grand Avenue 3 Escondido, California 92025 (760) 510-1562 (760) 510-1565 (fax) 4 www.delanoanddelano.com 5 Attorneys for Petitioner 6 7 8 9 10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CENTRAL DIVISION 12 13 SAN DIEGO COASTKEEPER, a non-profit ) corporation; 14 Petitioner, 15 NOTICE OF ELECTION TO PREPARE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD VS. 16 COUNTY (California Environmental Quality Act) SAN DIEGO WATER 17 AUTHORITY, a public agency, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive, 18 Respondents. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

San Diego Coastkeeper v. San Diego County Water Authority

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- I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of San Diego, California, in which county the within mentioned service occurred. My business address is 220 W. Grand Avenue, Escondido CA 92025.
- 2. I am familiar with this office's normal business practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the U.S. Postal Service. That practice is to deposit correspondence with the U.S. Postal Service the same day as the day of collection in the ordinary course of business.
- On April 25, 2014, I served a copy of VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE to the following by the following means:

California Attorney General Service Deputy 300 South Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90013

U.S. Mail

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this Friday, April 25, 2014 at Escondido, California,

M. Dare DeLano

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