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OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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Application 08-08-022  
(Filed August 29, 2008)

**EX PARTE NOTICE OF COUNTY OF SUTTER, SUTTER  
COUNTY WATER AGENCY, GOLDEN STATE WATER  
COMPANY, AND THE SUTTER POINTE  
LANDOWNERS/DEVELOPERS**

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Pursuant to Rule 8.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the County of Sutter, Sutter County Water Agency, Golden State Water Company, and the Sutter Pointe Landowners/Developers hereby file this Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication.

On Friday, January 14, 2011, representatives of the County of Sutter, Sutter County Water Agency Golden State Water Company, and the Sutter Pointe Landowners/Developers met with Lester Wong, advisor to President Michael Peevey. Those representatives included Stephanie J. Larsen, Sutter County Administrative Officer, Janet Bender, Sutter County Deputy County Counsel, Michael B. Day, counsel for Sutter County, Roland Tanner, Vice President of Golden State Water Company, Keith Switzer, Vice President – Regulatory Affairs, Golden State Water Company, Joe Karp, counsel for Golden State Water Company, George

Carpenter, Project Manager for the Sutter Pointe Landowners/Developers, and Thomas MacBride, Jr., counsel for the Sutter Pointe Landowners/Developers. The meeting took place at the Commission's offices in San Francisco at 11:00 a.m. The meeting lasted approximately one hour. Mr. Day initiated the meeting.

During the course of the meeting, the Sutter County representatives explained the history of the Sutter Pointe Project, and the reasons that the County is participating in settlement discussions with the other parties. The Golden State Water Company representatives explained the company's interest in providing water service to the Sutter Pointe Project and explained the procedural history of the case. All of the parties indicated that they are committed to working to reach a settlement of the substantive issues in the case, and oppose the DRA Motion to Dismiss, which incorrectly characterizes the Sutter Pointe Project as uncertain. Mr. Carpenter explained the substantial resources the Sutter Pointe Landowner/Developers have put into the project and the investments they intend to continue making to pursue the project.

Sutter County representatives also explained the history of the water service to the community of Robbins, the challenges faced by the water system, and the inability of the County to raise sufficient rates to rehabilitate the Robbins system through rate increases. Sutter County representatives also indicated how the Robbins system became an issue in the case. Sutter County expressed its belief that a settlement of this proceeding must address the needs of the Robbins community, and that it was appropriate public policy to address the Robbins issues in this proceeding. Representatives of Golden State Water Company also described potential proposals for alternative means of obtaining capital to construct the Sutter Pointe water system and recover that investment in rates, including a partial acquisition model.

For a copy of this notice please contact Ms. Melinda LaJaunie at 415-392-7900 or [mlajaunie@goodinmacbride.com](mailto:mlajaunie@goodinmacbride.com).

Respectfully submitted this January 19, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Melinda LaJaunie, certify that I have on this 19th day of January 2011 caused a copy of the foregoing

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to be served on all known parties to A.08-08-022 listed on the most recently updated service list available on the California Public Utilities Commission website, via email to those listed with email and via U.S. mail to those without email service. I also caused courtesy copies to be hand-delivered as follows:

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

Executed this 19th day of January 2011 at San Francisco, California.

*/s/ Melinda LaJaunie*  
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