1 3 4 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7 KINGSBURG APPLE PACKERS, INC., No. 1:09-cv-00901 AWI JLT 8 dba KINGSBURG ORCHARDS, a California corporation, et al., ORDER CLOSING THE 9 INTERVENOR ACTION IN THIS Plaintiffs. CASE DUE TO VOLUNTARY 10 DISMISSAL BY INTERVENOR PLAINTIFF WITHOUT v. 11 **PREJUDICE** BALLANTYINE PRODUCE CO., INC., a California corporation, et al., 12 13 Defendants. 14 DiBUDUO LAND MANAGEMENT, a California corporation, 15 16 Intervenor, 17 v. 18 BALLANTINE PRODUCE CO., INC., a California corporation, 19 Defendant. 20 21 22 On August 8, 2012, Intervenor Plaintiff DiBUDUO LAND MANAGEMENT, a 23 California corporation, filed a request for dismissal of its Complaint In Intervention for Damages and to Impose PACA Trust and Demand for Jury Trial without prejudice. This notice is made 24 25 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(i). In Wilson v. City of San Jose, the Ninth Circuit explained: 26 27 Under Rule 41(a)(1), a plaintiff has an absolute right to voluntarily dismiss his action prior to service by the defendant of an answer or a motion for summary 28

judgment. Concha v. London, 62 F.3d 1493, 1506 (9th Cir. 1995) (citing Hamilton v. Shearson-Lehman American Express, 813 F.2d 1532, 1534 (9th Cir. 1987)). A plaintiff may dismiss his action so long as the plaintiff files a notice of dismissal prior to the defendant's service of an answer or motion for summary judgment. The dismissal is effective on filing and no court order is required. Id. The plaintiff may dismiss some or all of the defendants, or some or all of his claims, through a Rule 41(a)(1) notice. Id.; Pedrina v. Chun, 987 F.2d 608, 609-10 (9th Cir. 1993). The filing of a notice of voluntary dismissal with the court automatically terminates the action as to the defendants who are the subjects of the notice. Concha, 62 F.2d at 1506. Unless otherwise stated, the dismissal is ordinarily without prejudice to the plaintiff's right to commence another action for the same cause against the same defendants. Id. (citing McKenzie v. Davenport-Harris Funeral Home, 834 F.2d 930, 934-35 (9th Cir. 1987)). Such a dismissal leaves the parties as though no action had been brought. Id.

Wilson v. City of San Jose, 111 F.3d 688, 692 (9th Cir. 1997).

No answers to Intervenor Plaintiff's complaint and no motions for summary judgment have been filed in this case and it appears that no such answers or summary judgment motions have been served. Because Intervenor Plaintiff has exercised its right to voluntarily dismiss the complaint under Rule 41(a)(1), the Intervenor action in this case has terminated. <u>See Wilson</u>, 111 F.3d at 692.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk is ordered to close the Intervenor action ONLY in this case in light of Intervenor Plaintiff's Rule 41(a)(1)(i) requested dismissal without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 10, 2012

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE