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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
12 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
13 **FRESNO DIVISION**

14 Case No. 1:10-CV-00163-LJO-DLB

15 NATIONAL PETROCHEMICAL &  
16 REFINERS ASSOCIATION, et al.,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 JAMES GOLDSTENE, et al.,

20 Defendants

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES**

21 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FARMERS UNION;  
22 et al.,

23 Plaintiffs,

24 v.

25 JAMES N. GOLDSTENE,

26 Defendant.

Related with Case No. 1:09-CV-02234-  
LJO-DLB

27 And related intervenor actions

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1                   **WHEREAS** on December 23, 2009, Plaintiffs Rocky Mountain Farmers Union,  
2 Redwood County Minnesota Corn and Soybean Growers, Penny Newman Grain, Inc., Growth  
3 Energy, and Renewable Fuels Association filed their Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive  
4 Relief in the matter of *Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, et al. v. Goldstene*, Case No. 1:09-CV-  
5 02234-LJO-DLB (the “RMFU Action”).

6                   **WHEREAS** Rex Nederend, Nisei Farmers League, the Fresno County Farm  
7 Bureau, and the California Dairy Campaign were subsequently added as Plaintiffs in the RMFU  
8 Action in Plaintiffs’ January 11, 2010, First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive  
9 Relief, and Plaintiffs’ January 28, 2010, Second Amended Complaint for Declaratory and  
10 Injunctive Relief.

11                   **WHEREAS** the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association (“NPRA”),  
12 American Trucking Associations, The Center for North American Energy Security, and The  
13 Consumer Energy Alliance filed a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Jury  
14 Demand on February 2, 2010, which challenges the same regulation at issue in this action. *See*  
15 *National Petrochemical & Refiners Association, et al. v. Goldstene, et al.*, Eastern District Case  
16 No. 10-CV-00163 LJO DLB (the “NPRA Action”).

17                   **WHEREAS** the Parties in both the RMFU Action and the NPRA Action have  
18 conferred, and the Parties are in agreement that the RMFU Action should be consolidated with  
19 the NPRA Action because the cases involve the same regulation and common questions of law  
20 and fact, and because consolidation would advance the interests of judicial economy.

21                   **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED**, by and between Plaintiffs and Defendants and  
22 Defendant Intervenors in both the RMFU Action and the NPRA Action, by and through their  
23 respective counsel, that:

24                   1. Pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the RMFU  
25 Action and the NPRA Action are hereby consolidated.

26                   2. The RMFU Action and the NPRA Action shall be consolidated for purposes of  
27 briefing, scheduling, discovery, pretrial proceedings, trial, and any post-trial motions or  
28 proceedings. Plaintiffs in the actions reserve the right to file separate briefing on motions, but

1 will coordinate among themselves to avoid unnecessary duplication of arguments. Said actions  
2 shall not be consolidated for purposes of judgment or appeal.

3 3. A copy of this Order shall be filed in each of the above-captioned cases, but all  
4 further pleadings and papers in these cases shall be filed only under Eastern District Case No.  
5 1:09-CV-02234-LJO-DLB, which shall be designated as the "Lead Case" file. In such  
6 subsequent pleadings and papers, the case number shall appear on the face of all pleadings and  
7 papers as follows:

8 **LEAD CASE No. 1:09-CV-02234-LJO-DLB**  
9 **Consolidated With Case No. 10-CV-00163 LJO DLB**

10 4. Except on initial pleadings (*i.e.*, complaints or answers), or as otherwise required  
11 by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Eastern District of California's Local Rules, the  
12 caption used on all subsequent pleadings and papers may be of the "short form," listing the first  
13 Plaintiff and Defendant in the Lead Case, and referring collectively to all additional parties in  
14 the Lead Case and to all of the other cases consolidated for purposes of trial as "and Related  
15 Consolidated Action."

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17 Dated: October 11, 2010

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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19 By: /s/ Mark Poole  
20 Mark Poole,  
Attorneys for All Defendants

21 Dated: October 11, 2010

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

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Attorney for Defendant Intervenor  
25 Natural Resources Defense Council  
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SIERRA CLUB

By:           /s/ Pat Gallagher            
Pat Gallagher,  
Attorney for Defendant Intervenor  
Sierra Club

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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

By:           /s/ Timothy O'Connor            
Timothy O'Connor,  
Attorney for Defendant Intervenor  
Environmental Defense Fund

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CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION

By:           /s/ Jane West            
Jane West,  
Attorney for Defendant Intervenor  
Conservation Law Foundation

Dated: October 11, 2010

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BY:           /s/ Roger R. Martella, Jr.,            
Roger R. Martella, Jr.,  
Attorneys for the NPRA Plaintiffs

Dated: October 11, 2010

JONES HELSLEY PC

BY:           /s/ John P. Kinsey            
John P. Kinsey,  
Attorneys for the RMFU Plaintiffs

1 **ORDER**

2 The Court having reviewed the foregoing Stipulation, and good cause appearing  
3 therefor:

4 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules  
5 of Civil Procedure, the following actions are hereby consolidated:

- 6 A. *Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, et al. v. Goldstene*, Case No. 1:09-CV-02234-  
7 LJO-DLB (the “RMFU Action”); and  
8 B. *National Petrochemical & Refiners Association, et al. v. Goldstene, et al.*,  
9 Eastern District Case No. 10-CV-00163 LJO DLB (the “NPRA Action”).

10 **IT IS ALSO ORDERED** that The RMFU Action and the NPRA Action shall be  
11 consolidated for purposes of briefing, scheduling, discovery, pretrial proceedings, trial, and any  
12 post-trial motions or proceedings. Plaintiffs in the actions reserve the right to file separate  
13 briefing on motions, but they will coordinate among themselves to avoid unnecessary  
14 duplication of arguments. Said actions shall not be consolidated for purposes of judgment or  
15 appeal.

16 **IT IS ALSO ORDERED** that the consolidation is for the purpose of advancing  
17 judicial economy but “does not affect any of the substantive rights of the parties” *J.G. Link &*  
18 *Co. v. Continental Cas. Co.*, 470 F.2d 1133, 1138 (9th Cir. 1972), and does not merge these  
19 separate lawsuits into a single action, *Geddes v. United Fin. Group*, 559 F.2d 557, 561 (9th Cir.  
20 1977).

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order shall be filed in each of  
22 the above-captioned cases, but all further pleadings and papers in these cases shall be filed only  
23 under Eastern District Case No. 1:09-CV-02234-LJO-DLB, which shall be designated as the  
24 “Lead Case” file. In such subsequent pleadings and papers, the case number shall appear on the  
25 face of all pleadings and papers as follows:

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**LEAD CASE No. 1:09-CV-02234-LJO-DLB**  
***Consolidated With Case No. 10-CV-00163 LJO DLB***

**IT IS ALSO ORDERED** that, except on initial pleadings (*i.e.*, complaints or answers), or as otherwise required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Eastern District of California’s Local Rules, the caption used on all subsequent pleadings and papers may be of the “short form,” listing the first Plaintiff and Defendant in the Lead Case, and referring collectively to all additional parties in the Lead Case and to all of the other cases consolidated for purposes of trial as “and Related Consolidated Action.”

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 15, 2010

/s/ Dennis L. Beck  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE