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2. Defendants' time to respond to the Complaint to occur 10 days after notice of the Court's ruling on Defendants Town of Portola Valley's and George Mader's Motion to Dismiss Complaint, or 20 days after Plaintiffs serve an amended pleading, if any.

Good cause exists to continue the Case Management Conference date of January 22, 2009. In order to adhere to this deadline, Defendants are required to meet and confer by January 4<sup>th</sup> and prepare initial disclosures by January 15th. With the exception of Defendants Town of Portola Valley and George Mader, who responded to the Complaint by filing a Motion to Dismiss, set for hearing on January 15, the other Defendants participating in this stipulation have an extension to respond to the Complaint. Based on the different agreements among the respective Defendants and Plaintiffs, and by court order, the various Defendants' responses to the Complaint are due on different dates between December 18 and January 19. Continuing the Case Management Conference date for approximately 60 days, to March 26, 2009, would promote case efficiency and judicial economy. The parties would then have an opportunity to respond to the Complaint by way of an answer or motion, in which they could seek to dispose of some, if not all, of the legal issues posed in the Complaint before the Case Management Conference and related initial disclosures are due. If a particular Defendant chooses to respond by way of a motion to dismiss, such as Town of Portola Valley and George Mader have already done in this case, that Defendant can then await the Court's ruling on the motion or an amended complaint, if any, prior to incurring the expense of preparing initial disclosures. The Case Management Conference and its related requirements should thus be continued until after all Defendants have had a chance to respond to the Complaint.

Good cause also exists to continue the remaining served Defendants' response date to a single uniform date to correspond to the pending ruling on Town of Portola Valley's and George Mader's Motion to Dismiss. The arguments raised by these two Defendants may impact all parties to this action. Depending on the Court's ruling on that motion, the federal law claims may be significantly curtailed, if not dismissed, limiting the issues to which the other Defendants may need to respond. Continuing the various Defendants' response dates until after the Court's notice of ruling on Defendant Town of Portola Valley's and George Mader's Motion to Dismiss, or service of an amended complaint, if any, thus

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| 1  | furthers judicial economy. Plaintiffs acknow   | wledge  | that coordinating the various Defendants' responses |  |  |
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| 2  | to a single deadline also promotes case effic  | eiency. | In addition, Plaintiffs are still in the process of |  |  |
| 3  | serving Defendant Sausal Creek Associates,   | , which | is further reason why it would be judicially        |  |  |
| 4  | economical to extend the Case Management Conference date.  |         |   |  |  |
| 5  | Good cause exists to: 1) continue the Case Management Conference date of January 22, 2009, to  |         |   |  |  |
| 6  | approximately 60 days, to March 26, 2009, and 2) continue the date to respond to the Complaint to those  |         |   |  |  |
| 7  | applicable Defendants to 10 days after notice of the Court's ruling on the pending Motion to Dismiss by  |         |   |  |  |
| 8  | Defendants Town of Portola Valley and George Mader, or within 20 days of service of an amended   |         |   |  |  |
| 9  | pleading, as further supported in the Declaration of Barbara H. Choi below.  |         |   |  |  |
| 10 | It Is So Stipulated by the parties below. This Stipulation will be signed in counterparts and  |         |   |  |  |
| 11 | copies thereof are considered as valid as the original.  |         |   |  |  |
| 12 | ATCHISON, BARISONE, CONDOTTI & KOVACEVICH  |         |   |  |  |
| 13 |  | KUVF    | ACEVICH   |  |  |
| 14 | Dated: December 17, 2009   | By:     | BARBARA H. CHOI                                     |  |  |
| 15 |  |         | Attorneys for Defendant WEST BAY SANITARY DISTRICT  |  |  |
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| 17 |  |         | ENSON, SIEGEL,                                      |  |  |
| 18 |  | McCL    | URE & FLEGEL, LLP                                   |  |  |
| 19 | Dated: December 16, 2009   | By:     | /S/   |  |  |
| 20 |  |         | JOHN FLEGEL Attorneys for Defendants                |  |  |
| 21 |  |         | TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY and GEORGE MADER             |  |  |
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| 23 |  | KERR    | & WAGSTAFFE LLP                                     |  |  |
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| 25 | Dated: December 16, 2009   | By:     | /S/<br>IVO LABAR                                    |  |  |
| 26 |  |         | Attorneys for Defendant CHRISTOPHER BUJA            |  |  |
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| 1  | HOWREY LLP   |      |  |  |  |  |
| 2  |  |      |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | Dated: December 17, 2009   | By:  | /S/<br>TERESA M. CORBIN  |  |  |  |
| 4  |  |      | Attorneys for Defendant  |  |  |  |
| 5  |  |      | LUIS MEJIA   |  |  |  |
| 6  |  | KASS | & KASS LAW OFFICES   |  |  |  |
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| 8  | Dated: December 18, 2009   | By:  | /S/  |  |  |  |
| 9  |  |      | BRADLEY MARK KASS Attorneys for Plaintiffs   |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |      | MICHAEL DOUGLAS  |  |  |  |
| 11 |  |      | and LISA DOUGLAS   |  |  |  |
| 12 | DECLARATION OF BARBARA H. CHOI   |      |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | I, Barbara H. Choi declare as follows:   |      |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | 1. I am an attorney at law duly admitted to practice before this Court and am an associate in                  |      |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | the law firm of Atchison, Barisone, Condotti & Kovacevich, attorney of record herein for defendant,            |      |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | West Bay Sanitary District ("District"). I have personal knowledge of the matters herein and if called,        |      |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | can competently testify regarding the matters stated herein in support of this stipulation.                    |      |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | 2. On or about November 13, 2009, I spoke with Plaintiffs' counsel, Bradley Kass, about                        |      |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | the issues raised in the complaint against the District. I advised him that I viewed the claims against the    |      |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | District as without merit and that I intended to file a motion to dismiss and request sanctions. He agreed     |      |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | to revisit the claims alleged against the District and would get back to me. In the meantime, Plaintiffs'      |      |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | counsel gave the District an extension of time to respond to the complaint to December 18, 2009.               |      |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | 3. On December 1, 2009, concerned that I had not yet heard from Mr. Kass, I asked him to                       |      |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | contact me immediately since the time for filing the District's response was soon due. Shortly                 |      |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | thereafter, Mr. Kass contacted me and advised me that he had given extensions of time to respond to            |      |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | other defendants in the case to sometime in January and that he was agreeable to further extend the            |      |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | District's response deadline. During this discussion we agreed that the Case Management Conference             |      |  |  |  |  |
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Dated: December 17, 2009

| 1  | <u>ORDER</u>  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2  | PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED, that there is good cause to continue the                     |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | Case Management Conference from January 22 to March 26, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. Further, a response to        |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | Plaintiffs' complaint by Defendants West Bay Sanitary District, Chris Buja, and Luis Mejia, is extended |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | to ten days after notice of the Court's ruling on Defendants Town of Portola Valley's and George        |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | Mader's Motion to Dismiss, or within twenty days after service of any amended pleading by Plaintiffs.   |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | TES DISTRICT  |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | Dated: January 5, 2010  |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | Charles R. Brown Lindge United IT IS SO ORDERED Judge   |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Z<br>Judge Charles R. Breyer  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Judge Charles 10  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | I, Barbara H. Choi, hereby attest that the faxed/scanned signatures of John Flegel, Ivo Labar,          |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Teresa M. Corbin, and Bradley Mark Kass are affixed to the original of this document and that said      |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | original document is located in the Offices of Atchison, Barisone, Condotti & Kovacevich, 333 Church    |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.   |  |  |  |  |
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| 17 | ATCHISON, BARISONE, CONDOTTI & KOVACEVICH   |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Details Described 10, 2000  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Dated: December 18, 2009  By:/S/ BARBARA H. CHOI  |  |  |  |  |
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