EXHIBIT 11

Brock Buche and John Whiting Deposition Excerpts

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Designee re Damages and Remedies, held in the Law Offices
of McCormick Barstow LLP, 5 River Park Place East, Fresno, beginning at 9:04 a.m., before Sandra Bunch VanderPol, FAPR, RPR, RMR, CRR, CSR #3032

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1	beyond this for anything related to MTBE construction	1	Q. How about the state Department of
2	costs?	2	Health Services or Department of Public Health,
3	A. Not that I'm aware of.	3	whatever it's commonly known as?
4	Q. Okay. Has the City investigated	4	A. I don't know.
5	whether or not it needs to float bonds to fund	5	Q. How about anybody in Fresno County
6	construction of the MTBE treatment facilities?	6	Environmental Health?
7	A. I'm not aware of that.	7	A. I don't know.
8	Q. Has the City investigated any funding	8	Q. Typically when you construct
9	source, other than this litigation, for treatment of	9	treatment facilities, you notify the Regional Board?
10	contamination from MTBE and/or TBA?	10	MR. MILLER: Excuse me? What kind of
11	A. I'm only aware of the litigation.	11	treatment facility?
12	Q. Have there ever been any discussions	12	BY MR. FINSTEN:
13	about any alternate funding sources?	13	Q. For any groundwater contaminant —
14	A. Not that I'm aware of.	14	TCE, DIPE, DBCP, EDB - whatever you have in your
15	Q. Does the City have an insurance	15	water that you're treating for, you notify the
16	policy that it might be able to that it might be	16	Regional Board when you have to construct treatment?
17	able to reimburse it for monies it may spend relating	17	A. Typically we just work with the CDPH.
18	to MTBE contamination?	18	I'm not aware of notifying the Regional Board,
19	MR. MILLER: Objection. Calls for expert	19	Q. You notify the State Health
20	opinion.	20	Department?
21	Go ahead.	21	A. Yes, absolutely.
22	THE WITNESS: The City is self-insured, and	22	Q. Do you notify the County Health
23	I don't believe it would cover this type of thing.	23	Department?
24	BY MR. FINSTEN:	24	A. Not typically.
25	Q. The City doesn't expect to receive	25	Q. Let's look at the estimate that
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1	any reimbursement from anybody outside the litigation	1	begins, "This memorandum provides planning level
2	for construction costs for treatment of MTBE?	2	capital cost estimates, Table 1, for nonspecific
3	A. Not that I'm aware of.	3	wellhead treatment of methyl tertiary butyl ether,
4	Q. No grant funding from the state or	4	MTBE, using granular activated carbon, GAC
5	the federal government has been investigated and	5	adsorption."
6	applied for?	6	Did I read that correctly?
7	A. Not that I'm aware of.	7	A. Yes.
8	MR. MILLER: Objection. Assumes facts in	8	Q. Has the City investigated any
9	evidence that it's available.	9	site-specific wellhead treatment costs for MTBE?
10	Don't you read the newspaper?	10	MR. MILLER: Don't go into attorney-client
11	MR. FINSTEN: My wife works for the City of	11	communications when you answer.
12	L.A. I'm very familiar with it.	12	THE WITNESS: The only thing I'm aware of is
13	MR. MILLER: Well, then I'm sure you know	13	this.
14	what's been happening to our wonderful budget.	14	BY MR. FINSTEN:
15	No wonder I can't get the City of L.A. to	15	Q. "The cost estimates are prepared for
16	hire me.	16	generic groundwater wellhead treatment and not for
17	MR. FINSTEN: I'm not saying anything.	17	specific wells or specific geographic location."
18	Q. Has the City told the Regional Board	18	Has the City done any investigation for
19	about its expected need for construction of MTBE	19	specific wells and the need for — or not the need,
20	removal as evident in Exhibit 1 to Exhibit 4?	20	but the costs of treatment at any specific wells in
21	A. Exhibit 1 to Exhibit?	21	the City of Fresno for MTBE?
22	Q. The estimate of probable construction	22	MR. MILLER: Same objection and instruction.
23	COSTS.	23	Go ahead.
24	A. I don't know if that's been relayed	24 25	THE WITNESS: I'm just aware of what's here.
25	to the Regional Board.	ZJ	BY MR. FINSTEN:

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Page 477 Page 479 you were expecting to incur in the future: The the City of Fresno is going to spend in the future review of agency files; analysis of data related to for well sampling related to MTBE? 3 MTBE sampling; and additional hydrogeologic A. Offhand, I don't know of any other investigation. Am I - am I right that those are 4 information. three categories of investigation for the future? 5 Q. And has there been any sort of 6 A. Sure. 6 budgeting or forecasting by the City of Fresno 7 Q. Are there any other types of 7 related to how much it's going to spend in the future investigation in the future that you expect the City 8 for well sampling related to MTBE? 9 of Fresno to engage in? 9 A. I don't know specifically. I don't 10 What was the second one? 10 know. A. 11 Analysis - you said analysis of data 11 Q. Q. All right. Fourth topic. The fourth 12 related to MTBE sampling. 12 one you listed was City staff costs. Do you have any 13 A. Yeah, I don't know that we have a estimate, as you sit here today, as to how much money 13 14 firm grasp on the treatment cost still, so there the City of Fresno expects to incur - or incur in 15 would be additional investigations there. 15 terms of staff costs related to dealing with MTBE? 16 Q. Okay. So a fourth category 16 I don't have a feel for that, no. A. 17 might be some sort of investigation relating -17 Are you aware of any facts or 18 investigation relating to figuring out what kind of 18 information that we could look at to try to estimate 19 treatment the City wants to do; is that accurate? 19 what they would be in the future? 20 A. The -- the most cost-effective 20 MR. MILLER: Apart from expert testimony 21 treatment. And then, too, another category would be 21 later? dealing with the taste and odor issues. We 22 22 MS. ROY: Yes. Apart from expert testimony. 23 definitely would have further investigations on that, 23 THE WITNESS: I don't have any additional 24 Q. Do you view that as something that is 24 information on that. 25 separate and apart from the hiring of a consultant 25 /// Page 478 Page 480 regarding taste and odor that we talked about BY MS. ROY: 2 earlier, or is that the same thing? O. Do you know if the City of Fresno has 3 A. The same thing. estimated future staff time dealing with MTBE in any 3 4 Q. All right. So, now, other than what budget or any forecast? 5 we have discussed so far, are there any other 5 A. I'm not aware of that. 6 investigative costs that you expect the City of 6 Q. All right. So the fifth category -7 Fresno to incur in the future? 7 we're almost done -- you identified were treatment 8 A. I can't recall anything right costs. And we have already talked somewhat about 9 offhand, but it doesn't mean that something else 9 that. But I want to just get into a little more 10 won't come up. 10 detail with you -- or, actually, I want to Q. But, as you sit here today, you can't 11 11 talk now not about the treatment at a station but, 12 think of anything else? 12 rather, treatment potentially at a well in the A. Right. 13 13 future. 14 All right. Now, based on my notes, 14 Α. A municipal well? the third category of future costs that you mentioned 15 A municipal well, that's right. earlier today was production well sampling. And I'm 16 And if you could pull back out Exhibit 4. 17 curious, do you have an estimate as to how much money 17 our favorite exhibit. That was the one - the thick 18 the City of Fresno expects to spend in the future one. You got it. 19 related to production well sampling for MTBE? 19 And if you turn to page 24, please. 20 A. It would be consistent with what 20 Exhibit 24 has a table that estimates capital costs 21 we've been spending in the past. But I don't know associated with the installation of GAC treatment 22 that value specifically. 22 facilities on various wells; am I right? 23 Other than looking at what has been Q. 23 A. Yes. 24 spent in the past, are you aware of any other 24 Q. And I think you testified earlier information that would help us to estimate how much that as of right now, none of the City's wells need a

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Page 481 Page 483 GAC treatment system installed right now to deal with 1 example, on page 7. And I haven't had a chance to MTBE; is that right? 2 compare, but I'm seeing no obvious overlap, with the 3 A. That's correct. exception of Well 205, which is on both lists. But And, as we sit here today, there are Q. 4 I'm just doing a quick comparison. no specific plans to install a GAC treatment facility BY MS. ROY: 6 on any of the wells in the City; is that right? 6 Mr. Bûche, what I'm trying to do is О. A. For? 7 7 get a definitive list from you with respect to which 8 Q. For MTBE. Thank you for the 8 wells the City believes that in the future it may clarification. 9 9 need to install GAC treatment for MTBE. 10 Α. Not that I'm aware of. 10 Is that something that you can do, as you 11 Now, if you will look at the table on 11 sit here today? 12 page 24, you will see that for each well there's a 12 A. I don't think anybody can do that 13 dollar estimate for the amount of money that it's 13 here today. I mean, as the contamination spreads, it can be detected at more wells, and, you know, that 14 essentially going to cost to build a GAC treatment 15 facility. Do you see that? would certainly potentially go beyond this list here. 16 A. Yes. 16 So I don't think there's a definitive answer to that 17 MR. MILLER: The capital cost. 17 question. 18 MS. ROY: The capital cost. Thank you. 18 O. What we have in front of us, we have 19 And I believe you testified that it 19 Exhibit 4, which was prepared in 2008, which lists, 20 was Boyle Engineering that prepared these numbers? 20 it look likes a half - a dozen wells or so that the 21 A. Yes. 21 City thinks might need GAC treatment. 22 Q. Are you aware of any information or 22 And I want to know which other wells you 23 facts that would help us to verify the accuracy of 23 think need GAC treatment that aren't included in this 24 these numbers? list. Is that something that you can do, or you're 25 I'm not. You would need an just saying that there's potential, but you don't A. Page 482 Page 484 consultant expert on that. know which ones? 2 Now, if you could also - keeping Q. 2 A. I mean, it would be a matter of 3 that one out, if you could also pull out Exhibit 27. having to sit down and work with the appropriate 3 4 which I think is the one sitting right on the top. experts to evaluate the information available. And 5 And I apologize, I don't have a copy of certainly there's no way to determine, you know, 5 6 Exhibit 27. Can you just remind us for the record additional sites beyond what are here in front of us 6 7 what it is, please. 7 that could be impacted. 8 A. It's a list of wells that Bob Little 8 So, make sure I understand. What 9 provided to the Water Board that had detections of 9 you're telling me is that right now you can't tell us MTBE. 10 what other wells might need it; you would need an 11 O. Aside from the wells that are listed 11 expert to do that work. Is that correct? in Exhibit 4 on page 24 that the City of Fresno 12 It would even go beyond having an believes may have to have GAC installed in the 13 expert help us, because we can only make projections future, do any other wells listed on Exhibit 27 also 14 that not even an expert could identify other wells 15 need to have GAC installed in the future? 15 being impacted. 16 MR. MILLER: Counsel, some of that is 16 Q. I understand. Thank you. 17 covered in the supplemental answers to 17 If you flip to page 25 of Exhibit 4. At the 18 interrogatories. And some of them on this list are 18 top of the page it's talking about Well 219. And it 19 brand-new detections that occurred in the most recent 19 states that, "The City does not have a treatment 20 round of testing. 20 estimate for Well 219 at this time." 21 MS. ROY: First, Duane, can you point me to 21 Yes. A. 22 where in the supplemental answer you're referring to. 22 And that's as of 2008, when this was Q. 23 MR. MILLER: Sorry. 23 drafted. 24 MS. ROY: It's Exhibit 5. 24 Does the City now have a treatment estimate 25 MR. MILLER: There's a list of wells, for 25 for Well 219?

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1	Q. Does that mean that there may be some	1	A. It is an organization chart for the
2	instances where you think that there's someone who	2	Fresno office of the Central Valley Regional Water
3	knows more about a topic that you do?	3	Quality Control Board.
4	A. I'm certain there is.		Q. And —
5	Q. If we get into a situation where I'm	5	MS. ROY: Let's go off the record real
7	asking you questions and you don't feel that you have	6 7	quick.
8	the information to answer them, let me know. We can talk about how to handle that.	8	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. The time is 9:33.
9	A. Okay.	9	(Off the record.)
10	Q. But, as you sit here today, you were	10	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the
111	the one designated as the one to talk for the	111	record. The time is 9:33.
12	Regional Board?	12	BY MS. ROY:
13	A. Yes, I was.	13	Q. So you said this is an org chart for
14	Q. Can you briefly describe what your	14	your office, basically?
15	job duties are?	15	A. Yes, it is.
16	A. I provide regulatory oversight for	16	Q. Is it accurate or has anything
17	leaking underground storage tank release cases in	17	changed? I pulled this off of your Website the other
18	several counties, as I mentioned. That would be	18	day,
19	Kings County, Kern County, Tulare County, and some	19	A. You're interested in the just the
20	sites within the City of Fresno. And I interface	20	tanks and cleanup unit or all? I don't know how
21	with the dischargers - the responsible parties for	21	accurate it is for all the organization.
22	the releases.	22	Q. But within your organization, the
23	I prepare correspondence requesting or	23	tanks?
24	formally requiring corrective action, which is	24	A. Within the tanks and cleanup unit, it
25	investigation or cleanup, of those sites.	25	appears to be accurate. The personnel listed are the
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1	And I populate the GeoTracker online	1	personnel that are in the underground tanks unit
2	database that our agency - well, the State Water	2	currently.
3	Resources Control Board, our parent organization,	3	Q. And do you have an understanding as
4	maintains.	4	to when Mr. Noonan is planning to retire?
5	And I am a I supervise a student intern	5	A. My understanding is he will probably
6	and am currently co-lead of our Underground Storage		be retiring at the end of this month. He's currently
7	Tank Unit.	7	using vacation time and not at the office.
8	Q. Referring back to the second to last	8	Q. So we should sort of put with an
9	page of Exhibit 1. Are you personally responsible	9	asterisk both your name and Mr. Hannel's name in the
10	for oversight of any of the stations listed?	10	top portion of that box?
11	A. I am personally responsible for	11	A. Yes. My understanding, for an
12	oversight of letter A, 2394 South Elm; letter C,		undetermined amount of time, due to a state hiring
13	2139 South Elm; formerly responsible for letter M,	13	freeze, Mr. Hannel and myself are both acting as
14	1703 West Olive Avenue. That is now a closed case.	14	co-leads and interacting with our supervisor, who is
15	And one more — well, maybe not one more.	15	Lonnie Wass.
16	I am currently learning some of these other	16	Q. And has anyone advised you as to when
17	cases as the lead interacting with our personnel.	17	a formal replacement will take place for Mr. Noonan?
18	MS. ROY: Another exhibit for you. We will	18	A. No.
19	mark this one as Exhibit 3.	19	Q. And who is Ken Jones?
20	(Exhibit No. 3 was marked.)	20	A. Ken Jones is a recent addition to our
21	BY MS. ROY:	21	unit. He has been working in our unit since, I
22	Q. Mr. Whiting, have you seen Exhibit 3	22	believe, about December of 2010. He transferred over
23	before?	23	from our dairy unit because Warren Gross, who is a
24	A. Yes, I have.	24	long-time member of our unit, has been promoted to
25	Q. Can you tell us what it is, please.	25	another unit as the unit chief. So Mr. Jones is

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Jeff Hannel uses caching. And he had records back to, I believe, 2008, 2009. Warren Gross uses caching and has complete records for at least several years back, is my understanding, on his computer.

Ken Jones just started working with our unit in December, and 1 - I'm not certain if that one month in between the 90 days and when he started working, if that was cached or not. But - I believe that covers it.

- Q. Is there any sort of standard rule or expectation that certain e-mail might be printed out and put into a paper file?
 - A. Yes.

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- 14 Q. And what is the policy with respect 15 to that?
- 16 A. For, I believe, at least the last 17 couple of years or year and a half or two, all 18 e-mails that are going to be included of substance that are going to be included in the file are printed 20 out and given to Mr. Wass to review, and then he 21 signs a signature block on a stamp on them, and they 22 are included in the file, the paper file.
- And is there -- has there been any sort of clear statement as to what type of e-mail it 25 is that needs to be printed out?

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Well, any - any substantive e-mail that would have information that would be of use in the file, excluding - I believe it's attorney-client confidentiality would be placed in the file as a public record to -- of the site investigation, clean up, and our regulatory directives.

I don't know if that --

- 0. It sounds to me like it's somewhat a judgment call?
 - A. Yes. It is a judgment call. Yes.
- All right. Now, focusing on Topic 8 - we have gotten into it a little bit here -- which is the Regional Board's policy and procedures regarding document retention and storage.

15 Have you now told me everything there is 16 related to retention and e-mail?

- A. As far as I know, yes.
- Q. What about other documents?
- Paper files, documents that are A. 20 included in a -- in a paper case file are retained, and I'm not certain how many years. That's something that I'm not aware of.

Our administrative unit and our I.T. people possibly - our administrative unit is the unit that deals with that.

And when a case is closed - in other words, there is no further corrective action that our agency requires - the files are sent to the State Records Center in Sacramento for retention. How long they are there. I'm not certain.

But I think at certain times after the case 6 7 is closed, we have the opportunity to review the 8 status of those files and what should be done with 9 them. "Should they be maintained or should they be 10 destroyed?" I'm not involved in that. So I don't 11 know the particulars of that. 12

Q. Are there any other policies or procedures related to document retention?

14 I suppose there are working -15 working files that include nonformal documents or 16 just handwritten notes and things. And those are -17 I'm not certain what those are. 18

Do you know what those are, Patrick? I think we -- I don't personally have any real working files on my cases that I'm aware of. But I believe those are - should be with the file. Actually, they wouldn't be with a file. I'm not certain.

They are not with the file, in the files, the paper filing. They may be somewhere else in our

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1 office.

2 О. So if I understand what you're 3 saying -

A. It might be notes or calculations that the caseworker uses to prepare his response in a formal letter. Everybody, I think, has a little different way of doing that. Some people probably just throw them away. Some people might retain them in an informal paper file, in an manila envelope in their cubicle or something. 10

Q. In collecting documents to produce in this litigation, do you know whether anyone searched the working files that you just referenced to see if there was anything responsive to produce?

A. I don't believe they were. But I -I didn't search them.

Q. All right. Let's shift gears now. I want to talk about what the Regional Board's role is with respect to remediation at a site. Can you just explain generally what the role is?

A. Yes. We are — our organization is charged with preserving and promoting water quality in general, for beneficial uses of water, which includes municipal - municipal use, which is

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, SANDRA BUNCH VANDER POL, Certified Shorthand No. 3032 for the State of California do hereby certify:

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