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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER

MOJAVE PISTACHIOS, LLC; et al.,  
  
Plaintiffs,  
  
v.  
  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT; et al.,  
  
Defendants.

Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC  
  
*[Related to: 30-2021-01187589-CU-WM-CXC  
& 30-2021-01188089-CU-WM-CXC]*  
  
Assigned For All Purposes To:  
The Honorable James J. Di Cesare, Dept. C16

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT,  
  
Cross-Complainant,  
  
v.  
  
ALL PERSONS WHO CLAIM A RIGHT  
TO EXTRACT GROUNDWATER IN THE  
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY  
GROUNDWATER BASIN NO. 6-54  
WHETHER BASED ON  
APPROPRIATION, OVERLYING RIGHT,  
OR OTHER BASIS OF RIGHT, AND/OR  
WHO CLAIM A RIGHT TO USE OF  
STORAGE SPACE IN THE BASIN; et al.,  
  
Cross-Defendants.

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF  
GROUNDWATER BASIN  
ADJUDICATION OF THE INDIAN  
WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER  
BASIN, BASIN NO. 6-54**  
  
**Case Management Conference:**  
**Date: March 15, 2022**  
**Time: 10:00 AM**  
**Dept.: C16**  
  
Complaint Filed: November 19, 2019  
Trial Date: None Set



1 A form answer is provided for your convenience. You may fill out the form  
2 answer and file it with the court. Should you choose to file the form answer, it will  
3 serve as an answer to all complaints and cross-complaints filed in this case.

4 The following information is provided pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure  
5 section 836(a)(1)(B):

6 (i) Name of Basin: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin,  
7 Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin No. 6-54.  
8 Interactive maps of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin are available at  
9 <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=160718113212&subbasinid-4-008>

10 and

11 <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bbat/>

12 and

13 <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/bp-dashboard/final/>.

14 (ii) Case No. 30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC, Superior Court of  
15 California, County of Orange, Civil Complex Center located at 751 West Santa  
16 Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, California 92701. Assigned to The Honorable James J.  
17 Di Cesare, Department C16, located at 700 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana,  
18 California 92701.

19 (iii) The cross-complaint may be obtained from and a copy of the  
20 form answer should be sent to cross-complainant's attorney, who may be contacted  
21 at the following mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses:

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1 (iv) Cross-Complainant's Cross-Complaint seeks a comprehensive  
2 adjudication of the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin ("Basin") and alleges  
3 one cause of action. The First Cause of Action for Comprehensive Adjudication  
4 and Physical Solution pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 830 to 852 is  
5 asserted against all cross-defendants. Cross-Complainant seeks the following  
6 relief: (a) a judgment to comprehensively determine and adjudicate all  
7 groundwater rights in the Basin and to provide a physical solution for the perpetual  
8 and continuous management of the Basin pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure  
9 sections 849 and 850; (b) a preliminary injunction to provide for the management  
10 of the Basin, on an interlocutory basis, through entry of final judgment and any  
11 appeal, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 847; (c) entry of judgment  
12 against all cross-defendants who fail to appear in this action that they be bound by  
13 any judgment and physical solution, and their storage rights in the Basin, if any, be  
14 limited to the terms of the judgment; (d) entry of judgment against all persons who,  
15 presently or in the future, own an interest in real property overlying the Basin and  
16 who fail to appear in this action that they be bound by the judgment and physical  
17 solution, and their water rights in the Basin, if any, be limited to the terms of the  
18 judgment; and (e) such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

19 (v) Date by which persons receiving the notice must appear in the  
20 comprehensive adjudication: **Within sixty (60) days of receiving this notice.**

21 The Case Management Conference in this groundwater basin adjudication  
22 proceeding is set for March 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Department C16 of the  
23 Orange County Superior Court, located at 700 West Civic Center Drive, Santa  
24 Ana, California 92701.