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**ANTELOPE VALLEY WATERMASTER
UNAUTHORIZED PUMPING OF GROUNDWATER FROM THE
ANTELOPE VALLEY ADJUDICATED BASIN**

Antelope Valley, CA – July 10, 2018 – The Antelope Valley Watermaster was created by the Los Angeles Superior Court and charged with assisting the Court in administering the terms of a Judgment and Physical Solution dated December 23, 2015. The Judgment, available at www.avwatermaster.net, spells out in detail all the rights to groundwater production in the Antelope Valley Adjudicated Basin. Any groundwater pumping outside of an identified right as specified in the Judgment is strictly prohibited

The Antelope Valley Watermaster Board has directed their legal counsel and staff to begin the process of contacting property owners that may not have authorization by the Court to pump groundwater from the Antelope Valley Adjudicated Basin. Those property owners that are unauthorized to pump groundwater from the Antelope Valley Adjudicated Basin will be notified in writing by the Antelope Valley Watermaster.

Property owners will have the opportunity to **become a party to the Judgment**. The Judgment provides a process for non-parties to intervene in the Judgment to become a party and to then seek the right to produce groundwater from the Adjudicated Basin.

Advantages to intervening in the Judgment. There are several potential advantages to intervening into the Judgment including having access to replacement water, possible groundwater transfers and potential to obtain a legally recognized right to produce groundwater from the Adjudicated Basin.

The Public is invited to contact the Watermaster Administrative offices at (661) 234-8233 or visit the website at www.avwatermaster.net to receive more information about your rights to produce groundwater in the Antelope Valley Adjudicated Basin, including what, if anything that you might need to do to be in compliance with the Court ordered Judgement.