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STIPULATION

Petitioners and Plaintiffs Monterey Coastkeeper, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association, Institute for Fisheries Resources, California Coastkeeper Alliance, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, Orange County Coastkeeper, and Inland Empire Waterkeeper, Fairmead Community and Friends, and Planada en Acción (collectively "Petitioners"), and Respondent and Defendant Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Respondent"), enter into this stipulated judgment to resolve this matter in its entirety, based on the following facts:

- 1. This matter was filed on August 3, 2017.
- 2. Petitioners filed a First Amended Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory Relief ("Complaint") on March 15, 2018, alleging four causes of action.
- 3. Following a hearing on May 11, 2018, the Court issued a ruling striking the Second Cause of Action and sustaining a demurrer without leave to amend as to the Third and Fourth Causes of Action. As a result, the First Cause of Action is the only claim remaining in this case.
- 4. The First Cause of Action is directed to the Central Coast Regional Water Board and seeks a writ pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5. Trial is set for October 11, 2019.
- 5. The agricultural order at issue in the First Cause of Action, known as Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Order No. R3-2017-0002) and related Monitoring and Reporting Program (Order Nos. R3-2017-0002-01, R3-2017-0002-02, and R3-2017-0002-03) (collectively hereinafter "Order 3.0"), is substantially similar to the agricultural order reviewed and invalidated by the trial court in a related case, Monterey Coastkeeper v. California State Water Resources Control Board, Case No. 34-2012-80001324, on September 25, 2015. In that case, Petitioners prevailed in the trial court, and Respondent State Water Resources Control Board appealed. The Court of Appeal modified the 2015 judgment as discussed in the opinion and otherwise affirmed. Monterey Coastkeeper v. State Water Resources Control Board, 28 Cal. App. 5th 342 (2018) ("Coastkeeper I").
- 6. Order 3.0 expires by its own terms on March 8, 2020 and Respondent is currently developing a replacement order, pursuant to its "Notice of Written Public Comment Period for Ag

Order 4.0 Conceptual Regulatory Requirement Options" published on November 19, 2018 (hereinafter "Order 4.0"). Because the public process for development and adoption of Order 4.0 is ongoing and a draft order is anticipated to be available for public review in late 2019, the parties desire to focus their resources on the development of Order 4.0, rather than on a short-term interim order to replace Order 3.0.

In light of these facts, and given the parties' desire to minimize litigation costs and streamline adjudication of this case, the parties have met and conferred regarding expeditious resolution of the First Cause of Action and now stipulate as follows:

- a. Petitioners hereby limit their First Cause of Action to the legal question of whether Order 3.0 complies with the "Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program" ("NPS Policy"), as interpreted in Coastkeeper I, and forego other arguments or grounds for relief set forth in the First Cause of Action of the Complaint. Nothing herein waives or limits Petitioners' right to pursue appeal of the Third and Fourth Causes of Action previously dismissed with prejudice by the Court or to challenge any future order.
- b. The parties hereby agree to entry of the Stipulated Judgment attached hereto on the First Cause of Action, as limited by subparagraph (a) above, consistent with the ruling in Coastkeeper I.

Dated: August 17, 2019 Sept.	XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California TRACY L. WINSOR Supervising Deputy Attorney General
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1	Dated: September 9, 2019 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC Mills Legal Clinic at Stanford Law School	
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7	Consistent with and pursuant to the foregoing stipulation of the parties, this matter has been	
8	resolved in accordance with the ruling in Coastkeeper I, which modified and otherwise affirmed the	
9	trial court's judgment. The trial and appellate court orders are attached hereto as Exhibit A and	
10	incorporated into this Judgment. In accordance with that ruling, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND	
11	DECREED:	
12	1. Judgment is entered in favor of Petitioners on the legal claim set forth in the First Cause	
13	of Action of the Complaint on the grounds that Order 3.0 does not comply with the NPS Policy as	
14	interpreted in Coastkeeper I.	
15	2. The attached peremptory writ of mandate ("Writ") shall issue under seal of this Court	
16	commanding Respondent to (1) adopt Order 4.0 to replace Order 3.0, consistent with the Court's ruling	
17	in Coastkeeper I, by no later than January 31, 2021 and (2) file and serve a return to the Writ attaching	
18	duly-adopted Order 4.0 in satisfaction of this Judgment and Writ, on or before March 1, 2021. Nothing	
19	in this Judgment or in the Writ is intended to limit the discretion legally vested in Respondent to	
20	develop and adopt Order 4.0 in accordance with its authority under the California Water Code.	
21	3. To allow Respondent sufficient time to complete the public process for developing and	
22	adopting Order 4.0 and to avoid the redundant and time-consuming effort that would be necessary to	
23	develop an interim order, the Court hereby finds good cause for allowing Order 3.0 to remain in effect	
24	until January 31, 2021.	
25	4. In the event that Respondent believes it cannot meet the January 31, 2021 deadline for	
26	adoption of Order 4.0, Respondent may seek an additional good cause extension from the Court of not	
27	more than 75 days, without prejudice to Respondent seeking further good cause extensions thereafter;	
28	provided, however, that any future good cause extension shall also be limited to 75 days. Petitioners 4 Case No. 34-2017-80002655	

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY OVERNIGHT COURIER

Case Name:

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Control Board, et al.

No.:

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I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter; my business address is: 1300 I Street, Suite 125, P.O. Box 944255, Sacramento, CA 94244-2550:

On <u>September 13, 2019</u>, I served the attached STIPULATED JUDGMENT GRANTING WRIT OF MANDATE ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION PURSUANT TO CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE § 1094.5 by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with Federal Express ("FedEx"), addressed as follows:

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