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INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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
*[Indian Wells Valley Groundwater
Adjudication]*

Assigned For All Purposes To:
The Honorable William Claster, Dept. CX101

**NOTICE OF RULING FROM THE
9/24/26 STATUS CONFERENCE**

**RELATED TO ROA 2122
Further Status Conference:
Date: October 30, 2026
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Dept.: CX101**

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.

SEARLES VALLEY MINERALS INC.,

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.

Complaint Filed: November 19, 2019
Phase 1 Trial Date: April 28, 2025
Phase 2 Trial Date: June 8, 2026

1 **NOTICE OF RULING**

2 **TO ALL PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

3 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on September 24, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., the Court held a
4 Status Conference in the above-captioned action.

5 A. The Court made the following rulings:

6 1. A Further Status Conference is set for October 30, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in
7 Department CX101.

8 2. A Joint Status Conference Statement shall be filed on or before
9 October 23, 2026.

10 3. The deadline to file and serve Phase 2 Closing Trial Briefs is continued
11 from September 21, 2026 to no more than one (1) week after a special master has been appointed
12 by the Court.

13 4. The Indian Wells Valley Water District shall give notice.

14 B. Attached as Exhibit "1" and incorporated by this reference is a true and correct
15 copy of the Court's September 24, 2026 Minute Order (ROA 2123).

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17 DATED: Sept. 24, 2026

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20 By: /s/ Emily L. Madueno

Douglas J. Evertz

Emily L. Madueno

21 Attorneys for Defendant, Cross-Complainant, &
22 Cross-Defendant

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EXHIBIT 1

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ORANGE
CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER**

MINUTE ORDER

DATE: 09/24/2026

TIME: 11:00:00 AM

DEPT: CX101

JUDICIAL OFFICER PRESIDING: William Claster

CLERK: G. Hernandez

REPORTER/ERM: Jewlie Weldon

BAILIFF/COURT ATTENDANT: R. Fragola

CASE NO: **30-2021-01187275-CU-OR-CJC** CASE INIT.DATE: 02/16/2021

CASE TITLE: **Mojave Pistachios, LLC vs. Indian Wells Valley Water District**

CASE CATEGORY: Civil - Unlimited CASE TYPE: Other Real Property

EVENT ID/DOCUMENT ID: 74939802

EVENT TYPE: Status Conference

APPEARANCES

Amy Steinfeld, from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, present for Cross - Defendant,Plaintiff (s) remotely.

James Worth, from McMurtrey, Hartsock, Worth & St. Lawrence, present for Cross - Defendant,Cross - Complainant,Defendant(s) remotely.

Jeffrey V. Dunn, from Best Best & Krieger LLP, present for Cross - Defendant,Cross - Complainant,Defendant(s).

Sean Hood and Derek Hoffman, from Fennemore Dowling Aaron LLP, present for Cross - Defendant,Defendant(s) remotely.

Alison Toivola, from Best Best & Krieger LLP, present for Cross - Defendant(s) remotely.

Phillip Hall and Keith Lemieux, from Aleshire & Wynder, LLP, present for Cross - Defendant(s).

Kyle Brochard, from Richards, Watson & Gershon, present for Cross - Defendant,Cross - Complainant(s).

Judith Coleman and Alexa Penalosa, from U.S. Dept. of Justice, present for Cross - Defendant(s) remotely.

Hearing held, participants appearing remotely and in person.

Further Remote Apperances: Hillary Hoffman for United States in Trust Capacity; Noah Golden for California Dept of Fish and Wildlife; Jacob Metz for IWVGA;

Further In person Appearances: Douglas J. Evertz and Emily L. Madueno of Murphy & Evertz appearing in person for Indian Wells Valley Water District

Court and counsel discuss appointment of special master. Counsel will continue to confer regarding the issue. The Court orders that closing briefs for the trial held in June 2026 are to be filed and served one week after the appointment of the special master.

The Status Conference is continued to 10/30/2026 at 01:30 PM in this department.

Court orders Douglas J. Evertz to give notice.