



August 10, 2020

Dear _____:

The documents enclosed comprise the Service Package we referenced in our letter mailed to you, dated July 15, 2020. The City is required by law to send you these legal documents because you have been identified as an owner of real property abutting the Ventura River or its tributaries.

The City is not actively seeking litigation in this matter, and is working with other water users to establish a collaborative, court-approved physical solution to protect the Watershed and reach a settlement agreement. However, until an agreement is reached, you are a party to the lawsuit, and the law requires that if you wish to participate in the lawsuit you must file an answer to the City's cross-complaint within 60 days as specified in the enclosed notice of adjudication and summons.

The enclosed form "Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt" requires you to respond as follows:

MAIL: Please return the enclosed form that allows you to acknowledge that you have received the Service Package. Enclosed in this package is a return envelope, prepaid postage, and a pre-addressed envelope to the City.

If the City does not obtain the acknowledgment from you within 20 days after you receive it, it will be required to serve you via publication. The City would greatly appreciate receiving your acknowledgment of receipt.

To participate in the lawsuit, you must file and serve an answer, or other response, within 60 days. A form answer, which the Court has approved, is enclosed, and you may choose to file and serve it as specified in the notice of adjudication.

Here is a complete list of the enclosed material the City was required to include:

- 1) **Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt** (2 copies + return envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the City)
- 2) Notice of Adjudication – English
- 3) Notice of Adjudication – Spanish
- 4) **Form Answer** (approved for use by Cross-Defendants)
- 5) Summons
- 6) City of San Buenaventura's Third Amended Cross-Complaint
- 7) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Package

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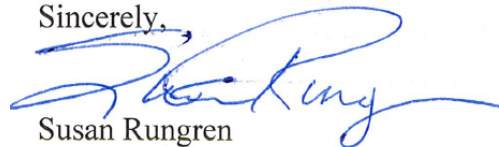
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- 8) Notice of Ruling (to provide notice of the upcoming Case Management Conference)
- 9) Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's First Amended Complaint (FAC)
- 10) City of San Buenaventura's Answer to FAC
- 11) State Water Resources Control Board's Answer to FAC

If you have questions about the legal material, please feel free to contact Patrick Skahan with Best, Best & Krieger at (213)-542-3869, or consult with your own attorney. The City and its attorneys cannot give you legal advice.

If you would like to access more information about the lawsuit, or would like to review the copy of the letter we previously sent regarding this matter, please visit www.venturariver.com.

Sincerely,



Susan Rungren
Ventura Water General Manager
City of Ventura