

Searles Valley Minerals Contesting Groundwater Authority's H₂O Use Fees

Trona-based Searles Valley Minerals has filed a lawsuit against the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, alleging the groundwater replenishment fee the joint powers agency is imposing as part of the ongoing effort by governmental entities in San Bernardino, Kern and Inyo counties to come into compliance with the State of California's Sustainable Groundwater

Management Act will drive it out of business.

At the heart of the lawsuit is the contention that the joint powers authority formed under the auspices of state law is letting the federal government off the hook by ignoring federal agencies' consumption of water at the furthest western extension of the Mojave Desert while forcing the onus of conservation efforts to be borne by the

private sector.

In the face of a four-year running drought, California state officials in 2014 undertook efforts to head off the absolute depletion of the state's regional water sources. In September 2014, then-California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires local agencies to draft plans to bring groundwater

aquifers into balanced levels of pumping and recharge. That was followed in 2015 by Brown mandating water-saving measures throughout the state.

In response, pursuant to a joint exercise of powers agreement, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority was formed with Kern County, San Bernardino County, Inyo County, the City of Ridgecrest

and the Indian Wells Valley Water District as general members and the United States Navy and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management as associate members, with each general member having one voting seat on the authority board and the federal associate members participating in all board discussions, but not having a vote.

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Six SB County City Councils Now Adjusting To Having Two Or More Newly Installed Members

Substantial or significant changes have been actuated in recent weeks on six of San Bernardino County's 22 city councils.

Within San Bernardino County at present, there are 24 municipalities, including 22 cities – Chino Hills, Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, Colton, Grand Terrace, San Bernardino, Loma Linda, Highland, Redlands, Big Bear Lake, Hesperia, Victorville, Adelanto, Barstow, Yucaipa, Twentynine Palms and Needles. The county also boasts two incorporated towns, those being Apple Valley and Yucca Valley.

The political status quo remained the same or slightly changed in the 2020 election year, with either no or a single personnel shift on the decision-making panels that oversee 18 of those governmental entities, consisting of their respective city councils or town councils. But on four other councils, two members left or were voted out of office. On another, on which five members participate, a majority of three new members has taken office. In another, the county seat where the council is composed of a total of eight members, three new civic officials are in place.

In 21 of the county's municipalities, the city or town councils are composed of five members, including either an elected or appointed mayor. In three cities – San Bernardino, Colton and Needles – See P 3

Supervisor Baca Takes On WVWD's Hawkins As Fifth District Special Assistant

By Mark Gutglueck

Recently-installed Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. has hired political up-and-comer Channing Hawkins to serve as his special assistant.

Hawkins is the current president of the West Valley Water District Board of Directors. A graduate of Howard University in Washing-

ton, D.C., from which he has both a bachelor of arts and a law degree, Hawkins has not yet taken up a career as a lawyer. He worked for a time as a field representative for Joe Baca, Jr.'s father, then-Congressman Joe Baca, Sr., and then did a stint as a lead representative with the Service Employees International Union. Subsequently,

Hawkins went to work for the Barack Obama Administration in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Civil Rights. In that capacity, Hawkins enforced federal civil rights laws in programs funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, such as the food stamp program. After more than two years as a federal employee, he

returned to the Service Employees International Union to work within its governmental relations division, leaving that position in 2016 to go to work at the Laborers' International Union of America as a labor relations representative.

In 2019, Hawkins ran successfully for a position on the West Valley Water District Board of

Directors representing that agency's Division 4. In doing so, he supplanted the water board's only Democratic member, Don Olinger. In that race, Hawkins, a Democrat, was supported by two of the board's Republicans, Clifford Young and Greg Young. He was opposed in that race by the board's two other Republicans, Mi-

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Children & Family Services Probing Injuries To Runaway

San Bernardino County's Children and Family Services Division is investigating a troubling incident relating to the disappearance of an adolescent who went missing temporarily before turning up injured 90 miles from home.

The youth, whose age has not been disclosed, was reported as a runaway to the Barstow Police Department on De-

ember 26.

On Sunday, December 27, the California Highway Patrol dispatch center received a call reporting that a young man, who was apparently injured, was on foot walking along the shoulder of the eastbound 91 Freeway in Corona. When a California Highway Patrol officer, later accompanied by another unit arrived near the location indicated See P 7

Hesperia Man & Woman Nabbed In Senseless Fatal Shooting Of Man At Liquor Store

Two Hesperia residents have been criminally charged in the December 23 murder of a Victorville man.

31-year old Christopher Brim was gunned down while sitting in his car in the parking lot of the Green Tree Liquor store at around 2:50 p.m. on Wednesday of last week.

Shortly after the shooting, deputies responded to the location at

14275 Hesperia Road in Victorville, where they found the victim, identified shortly thereafter as Brim, who had sustained several gunshot wounds, inside his parked vehicle. Brim was unresponsive. Medical personnel were summoned and Brim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Based upon evidence at the scene, further evidence and eyewitness accounts, sheriff's depu-

ties and detectives who became involved in the matter subsequently are alleging that Brim was killed by Antonio Mota, 21, of Hesperia. According to the sheriff's department, a handgun was found in Brim's vehicle.

The sheriff's department determined Brim had purchased items inside the store and had returned to his vehicle when a car driven by Alicia Rivas, 22, See P 3

Pepe's Towing Sues RC Over Franchise Issues 3 Months After SB Settlement

Relatively fresh off a legal victory over the City of San Bernardino involving similar contentions, Pepe's Towing Services is suing the City of Rancho Cucamonga along with the County of San Bernardino, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and seven individuals, alleging what the company's lawyers characterize as the unfair and

sudden termination of Pepe's Towing's towing services agreement with Rancho Cucamonga.

The other seven individuals being sued include San Bernardino County Sheriff's Sergeant Gary Esmond and Chief of Police Donny Mahoney, Rancho Cucamonga City Manager John Gillison, City Attorney James Markman, Mayor Dennis Michael,

and city council members Lynne Kennedy, Ryan Hutchison, Kristine Scott, and Sam Spagnolo. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department provides the City of Rancho Cucamonga with contract law enforcement services by assigning a contingent of its personnel to serve as the city's police department.

The complaint, which

was filed in federal court against all parties on December 2, 2020, provides details of Pepe's Towing's claims, including violation of Pepe's Towing's First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

The events at the center of the dispute began in 2018 when Chief Mahoney issued four reprimands to Pepe's Towing within six weeks,

alleging towing service agreement violations for being late to towing service requests which the company was required, under the towing services agreement, to respond to within 20 minutes. All four reprimands were successfully appealed and removed from Pepe's Towing's record.

After the successful appeal, Chief Mahoney unjustly See P 8

Water Use Fees Will Put It Out Of Business, Trona Mineral Mining Company Propounds In Lawsuit *from front page*

The joint powers authority took as its mandate counteracting the overdraft of the aquifer underlying Indian Wells Valley, which lies at the extreme northeastern end of the Mojave Desert and the confluence of the northwestern corner of San Bernardino County, the southeastern end of Kern County and the southwestern extension of Inyo County.

Based upon a survey of water usage patterns undertaken by an engineering consultant, Carlsbad-based Stetson Engineers, the authority and the Indian Wells Valley Water District sought to derive a strategy for both reducing water use in the valley and increasing groundwater recharge to reach a balance of both that will end the overdraft. Several different plans, or models, were contemplated. Basically, the concept was to decrease the drafting of water from the regional aquifer through conservation, increased recycling of water and perhaps the minimization of evaporation, augmented by the importation of water from outside the valley to achieve, no later than 2040, a balance of water coming in with the amount of water usage, such that the depletion of the aquifer will end.

Stetson Engineers was designated the water resources manager for Indian Wells Valley, and the authority's board in January 2020 passed a tentative proposed groundwater sustainability plan and voted to submit it to the state. Thereafter it made adjustments to the plan, which contained water use limitation elements and water replenishment measures. The plan incorporated a farmland fallowing option as well as an increase in the monthly assessment or fee that was imposed on the extraction of water by major pumpers. That

fee had been previously collected to cover the costs associated with the administrative activity of the groundwater authority.

After a survey of water use by well owners both collectively and individually was made, the authority assigned water use allowances to the region's well owners. Excess use fees, referred to as augmentation fees, were formulated for application to those well owners who pump above their allowances as well as on farmers who go beyond their respective share of the water supply set aside for agricultural usage. Money generated in this way will be used to purchase imported water and pay for the infrastructure needed to bring in the imported water.

One issue complicating the matter is that both the Bureau of Land Management and the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, as federal entities, are exempt from the groundwater sustainability plan and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and therefore not subject to the restrictions that will be imposed in the groundwater sustainability plan. The China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station encompasses two ranges and totals over 1,100,000 acres or 1,719 square miles, much of that within Indian Wells Valley. While the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station has made strides in recent years in reducing its water use, it still drafts some 1,600 acre-feet of water from the aquifer annually.

In September, Searles Valley Minerals, represented by Eric Garner, Jeffrey Dunn and Maya Mouawad with the law firm of Best Best & Krieger, filed a lawsuit in Kern County Superior Court against the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority in an effort to protect what Garner, Dunn and Mouawad asserted are the company's groundwater rights within the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin, and to stop the collection of what they characterized as an illegal and unfair groundwater replenishment fee and a tax

disguised, they assert, as an "extraction fee."

Searles Valley Minerals uses solution mining, which involves soaking portions of the company's dry Searles Lake in San Bernardino County with water to precipitate brine which is then extracted and processed to produce boric acid, sodium carbonate, sodium sulfate, several specialty forms of borax, and salt.

The groundwater replenishment fee, Garner, Dunn and Mouawad maintain, is unprecedented and exorbitant, and will increase the company's water costs by 7,000 percent or \$6 million per year – pushing Searles Valley Minerals out of business after more than 140 years of operation, and threatening the livelihood of the company's 700 employees. The groundwater replenishment fee ignores and violates Searles Valley Minerals' adjudicated water rights, according to the lawsuit.

Searles Valley Minerals' 90-year-old water rights are the most senior in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin.

Garner, Dunn and Mouawad take issue with the fashion in which the China Lake Naval Air Station is not subject to the restrictions in the plan nor its fees.

"Searles Valley Minerals' right to pump water in the basin for domestic uses is senior to any water right reserved to [the] Weapons Station, and because [the] water district's groundwater pumping began no earlier than 1955, its appropriative right, if any, to basin water remains junior to Searles Valley Minerals' right," according to the lawsuit. "The authority falsely asserts in its groundwater sustainability plan that any pumping allocations under the groundwater sustainability plan will be 'consistent with existing groundwater rights and priorities.'"

In a joint statement, Searles Valley Minerals and Garner, Dunn and Mouawad maintain the groundwater management plan that the authority is attempting to implement "represents an arbitrary and illegal taking of Searles Valley

Minerals' water rights," and Searles Valley Minerals has been "singled out" by the authority.

The community of Trona presently has a population of 1,900 and has been piggybacking on Searles Valley Minerals for the provision of domestic water. The groundwater management plan will transform Trona into a ghost town, according to Garner, Dunn and Mouawad.

"Moreover, all domestic and municipal activities for the disadvantaged Trona communities are supplied by groundwater that Searles Valley Minerals pumps from the basin," according to the statement. "The economic impacts of the authority's new fee would devastate these communities."

The authority's decision to impose hefty new "replenishment fees" on the valley's civilian water users while providing no check on other groundwater users in the basin such as the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station is indefensible, Garner, Dunn and Mouawad contend.

"Searles is a pillar of the Trona and Ridgecrest communities, providing jobs and economic benefits to these communities since we were founded in 1873," said Burnell Blanchard, vice president of operations for Searles Valley Minerals. "We've maintained our workforce through natural disasters, a global pandemic and the subsequent economic crisis. Now, we face the threat of closing our doors and putting hundreds of people out of work because the authority has refused to recognize our long-established groundwater rights."

According to the lawsuit, which exists in the form of a petition for a writ of mandate, a complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief and a takings claim under the California Constitution, "An actual controversy has arisen and now exists as to whether the authority's adoption of the groundwater sustainability plan, sustainable yield report, engineer's report, and replenishment fee, this claimed transfer and its related actions constitute a physical taking."

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ful taking of property for public use without just compensation."

The suit calls upon the court to make a finding that the "authority attempted to determine Searles Valley Minerals' water rights in a way that is inconsistent with applicable law." If, the suit says, "the court finds that the authority's actions did not deprive Searles Valley Minerals of all economically beneficial use of their groundwater rights as alleged, then Searles Valley Minerals alleges in the alternative that the authority committed an unlawful physical taking by erroneously deeming the entire basin's sustainable yield to be reserved by the Weapons Station, and then putting that groundwater to public use without compensating Searles Valley Minerals. What the authority claims as a transfer of federal reserved rights is in reality an unlawful taking of Searles Valley Minerals' groundwater rights. Because the basin groundwater given to the Weapons Station will be physically unavailable to Searles Valley Minerals due to [the] authority's adopted groundwater sustainability plan, sustainable yield report, engineer's report and replenishment fee, this claimed transfer and its related actions constitute a physical taking."

According to the joint statement by Searles Valley Minerals and its lawyers, "The authority's 'sustainable' groundwater management plan is anything but sustainable – it's a significant new burden on a select few groundwater users that

will push many entirely out of operation without any regard to existing water rights."

"This litigation is about far more than one company and one groundwater agency," said Garner. "Arbitrary taxes and fees that ignore historic water rights threaten to wreak havoc on businesses and industries. The outcome of this litigation will have far-reaching implications for every groundwater agency and every business that holds a water right in the State of California."

The authority's new fee will have impacts beyond Searles Valley Minerals. As of today, January 1, 2021, the fee is to apply to customers of the Indian Wells Valley Water District, who will see an increase of about \$300 per year on their water bills. Searles Valley Minerals requested that the fees be enjoined by the court to prevent the economic hardship they would create for the company, and for thousands of businesses and local residents who live in the City of Ridgecrest and historically disadvantaged Trona communities.

The groundwater authority utilized a water conservation model unfairly favorable to the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station and the Indian Wells Valley Water District, according to the suit, in a way by which the water allotments were "pre-determined," such that virtually all of the basin's sustainable yield was ultimately allocated

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came into the Green Tree Liquor Store parking lot. After Rivas parked next to Brim's vehicle, according to investigators, Mota, a passenger in Rivas' car, emerged and then shot into Brim's vehicle several times.

Rivas and Mota fled the scene.

Based on a description of the vehicle, sheriff's department detectives and deputies initiated a stake-out of an area in Hesperia where they believed Rivas would show up. Sheriff's deputies, combing the area, spotted the couple in a different vehicle. After a short chase, they were apprehended.

"Several hours later,

while conducting surveillance in Hesperia, deputies located Mota and Rivas, in a different vehicle," according to a statement from the sheriff's department. "Deputies conducted a traffic stop and a short pursuit ensued before Mota and Rivas were arrested without further incident. During the investigation, detectives located a handgun in Brim's vehicle. When Mota was arrested, he was found to have a gunshot wound and detectives believe Brim returned fire during the shooting at the liquor store. Mota was transported to the hospital and released after medical personnel determined his wounds were not life threatening."

Mota and Rivas were booked at West Valley Detention Center in Ran-

cho Cucamonga, Mota for Penal Code Section 187 – murder – and Rivas for Penal Codes Section 32 – accessory to murder.

Superior Court records show that on December 24, Mota by means of a video hookup was arraigned by Judge David Driscoll on a case involving an incident that took place on December 7, 2020, 15 days before the Brim shooting. Mota at that point pleaded not guilty to Penal Code Section 245, assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm that was likely to cause great bodily injury, while simultaneously denying two enhancement allegations of Penal Code Section 12022(B)(1)-E, use of a deadly weapon and Penal Code Section 1186.22 (B)(1)-

E, engaging in a serious felony. He was represented by Deputy Public Defender Mark Shoup in that matter, and was being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Casey Cunningham.

On December 29, Mota was arraigned via video by Judge David Driscoll on a charge of Penal Code Section 187 murder, relating to the Brim shooting, subject to a Penal Code Section 186.22 (B)(1)(C)-E violent felony enhancement, together with a Penal Code Section 186.22 (B)(1)(C)-E requirement that upon conviction he be imprisoned without the possibility of parole; a Penal Code Section 12022.53(C)-E enhancement of discharging a firearm; a Penal Code Section 12022.53(D)-E enhancement of dis-

charging a firearm and causing great bodily injury; a Penal Code Section 12022.53(B)-E enhancement of using a firearm in the commission of a crime; and violation of Penal Code 29800 (A)(1)-F, being a felon or drug addict in possession of a firearm. He was again represented by Deputy Public Defender Mark Shoup and the State of California was again represented by Deputy District Attorney Casey Cunningham. Judge Driscoll entered not guilty pleas for Mota on the murder and being a felon or addict in possession of a firearm charges and denied the enhancements enumerated against him.

On Tuesday December 31, Rivas was under quarantine in custody and not present in the

courtroom of Judge Jay H. Robinson when the charges of Penal Code Section 32-F, Penal Code Section 186.22(B)(1)(A)-E and Vehicle Code Section 2800.2 (A)-F were read against her.

On December 31, Rivas was arraigned via video by Judge Driscoll on Penal Code Section 32-F, being an accessory to murder, subject to a sentencing enhancement upon conviction of Penal Code Section 186.22(B)(1)(A)-E street gang terrorism; and a charge of violating Vehicle Code Section 2800.2 (A)-F evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for the safety of others. Judge Driscoll entered for her not guilty pleas on the accessory and evasion charges and denied the enhancement allegation.

Political Changes from front page

the council comprises more than five members: eight in the case of San Bernardino and seven in Colton and Needles.

In Barstow, Paul Anthony Courtney has replaced Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre as mayor. Barbara Mae Rose was elected to represent the city's District 3, filling

the void on the council that existed beginning in December 2019, when Councilman Richard Harpole resigned to move to Texas. Marilyn Dyer Kruse in November defeated incumbent Councilwoman Carmen Hernandez in District 4.

In Chino, Mayor Eunice Ulloa handily turned back a challenge by Christopher Hutchinson, but Christopher Flores defeated

incumbent Councilman Paul Rodriguez, turning him out of office as the city's District 1 councilman. Karen Comstock was elected the city's new District 4 councilwoman, replacing former Councilman Tom Haughey. That development, however, does not appear to presage any radical departure from the political norm, as Comstock, Chino's former police chief, served

in that capacity during Haughey's incumbency on the council, and she did not seek the elected position until Haughey signaled his final decision to not run again earlier this year, indicating she would not have sought the position if Haughey had chosen to remain in office.

In San Bernardino, where the council is composed of a mayor elected at large by vot-

ers throughout the 59.65-square mile city and seven council members elected in seven geographically defined wards, 2021 is beginning with three different council members representing the city's constituents than one year ago. Four of the council's seven-member contingent were required to stand for reelection last year to remain in office, and all four competed. Juan

Figuerola, representing the city's Third Ward, was the only one who did so successfully, holding off a challenge by Luis Ojeda in the March 3 primary election. On March 3, Kimberly Calvin outdistanced Sixth Ward incumbent Bes-sine Richard in a narrow 1,446 votes or 50.31 percent-to-1,428 votes or 49.69 percent victory.

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Hawkins Made Political Splash In Rialto from front page

chael Taylor and Kyle Crowther, both of whom supported Olinger.

On December 5, 2019, just 15 minutes after he had been installed as a member of the water district's board, Taylor moved to build a bridge to Hawkins by nominating him to serve as the board president. This was an uncommon development, given that the role of president is normally reserved for those who have accrued seniority on a governmental ruling panel. Hawkins' political ascendancy within the context of the West Valley Water District was seen as a potential precursor to his advancement to yet higher political office. Among a cross section of the community, it was widely assumed that Hawkins

was being groomed first for a position on the Rialto City Council and thereafter for a position further up the political chain, such as county supervisor, state legislator or perhaps congressman. It was widely whispered that Hawkins would be a candidate for the Rialto City Council last year, in the November 2020 race. When he leapfrogged into the water board presidency position, there was speculation that his primary mentor and political patron, Rialto Mayor Deborah Robertson, would decline to seek reelection as mayor in 2020, perhaps seeking election to one the two city council seats also up for election, and thereby allowing Hawkins to seek the mayoralty. When Robertson last winter and into the spring found herself besieged by accusations that she had acted improperly when

she voted along with the rest of the city council to pass through to a nonprofit headed by her daughter federal Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant funding and



Channing Hawkins

to confer upon that same nonprofit entity free rent at a city-owned property, Robertson found it advisable to maintain her status as mayor to prevent her political rivals from capitalizing on the circumstance and claiming that she had been forced to leave office by the scandal. For whatever

reason, Hawkins did not choose to seek election to the city council.

In the same election, Baca, who was Rialto city councilman elected most recently in 2018 to a four-year term, was elected supervisor in the county's Fifth District. Baca's acceding to the supervisory position necessitated that he resign from the council, creating a vacancy. On December 8, the Rialto City Council took up the subject of how the position Baca had vacated would be filled. In a gambit that may have been an effort to test the extent of her political reach and simultaneously clear a path for Hawkins to achieve an appointment to the council upon the rejection of her first nomination, Robertson suggested that the council consider Stacy Augustine as Baca's successor. Augustine had finished as the first

runner-up in this year's city council election which had seen council incumbents Rafael Trujillo and Andy Carrizales reelected. The fourth strength council, at that point consisting of Robertson, Trujillo, Carrizales and Councilman Ed Scott, did not evince sufficient support for Augustine. Before Robertson could redirect the council's focus to a consideration of Hawkins as Baca's replacement, the council instead floated the nomination of Karla Perez, the top vote-getter among the also-rans in the 2018 election when Baca and Scott were reelected. When a vote on Perez's nomination was taken, she was approved by the council.

The county's Fifth District stretches from Fontana in the west to San Bernardino in the east. In terms of voter registration numbers, the Fifth District is sol-

idly Democratic. Nevertheless, four of five of the members of the West Valley Water District and four of the five members of the Fontana City Council are Republicans. Rialto like Colton has majority Democratic representation on its city council. The San Bernardino City Council, which prior to the November election was five-eighths Republican, has since gone Democratic. Rialto has been, and remains, solidly Democratic.

Baca, like his father a Democrat, intensified the Democratic hold on the machinery of county government in the Fifth District by hiring Hawkins. While neither the Democrats nor the Republicans celebrate the fact, competition between the two parties for sway over both county and municipal government in San Bernardino

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Five City Councils See A 40 Percent Or More Turnover In Their Members *from page 3*

The same day, incumbent Ward 5 Councilman Henry Nickel and incumbent Ward 7 Councilman Jim Mulvihill faced five and four challengers, respectively. Nickel was the top finisher in his contest, but did not garner the needed major-

ity of votes to be elected outright, which put him into a November run-off against the second-place finisher, Ben Reynoso. Mulvihill finished in second place in the Ward 7 primary, and he found himself in a battle for political survival against Damon Alexander. Ultimately, in the November 3 races, the newcomers prevailed. Additionally, 2020 also saw the full implementation of the city charter change man-

dated by San Bernardino's voters' 2016 passage of Measure L, which did away with the city attorney and city clerk positions being elected offices. Accordingly, former City Attorney Gary Saenz and former City Clerk Gigi Hanna departed the city in March.

In Upland, former Mayor Debbie Stone was bounced from office by the voters in favor of incumbent City Councilman Bill Velto. Velto

had held the last at-large elected position on the council, though he had not been elected but rather appointed to the post in 2019 after a vacancy on the council came about following the 2018 election. The position he held was transitioned into one representing the city's First District with the just-concluded election cycle, and in November Shannan Maust was elected to replace him on the council. Also

in November, the city held a special election to fill for the next two years the empty Third District council post which former Councilman Ricky Felix had vacated in May when he moved to Utah. Carlos Garcia won that four-candidate race.

In Victorville, incumbent Councilwoman Blanca Gomez was re-elected in a race in which three council seats were in play and a total of 22 candidates competed.

Councilwoman Gloria Garcia, who had served as Victorville's appointed mayor for the last six years, also sought reelection. Jim Cox, a former Victorville city manager who ran for the council successfully in 2012 and then was reelected in 2016, chose not to seek reelection in 2020.

Garcia did not garner reelection. Nor did two other former Victorville councilmen, Eric Ne-

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Desert Water Conservation Plan Invites Suits Citing Federal Exclusion From Restrictions *from page 2*

to the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station and the water district. "This deficiency and bias are shown, in part, by the fact that the authority relied on a numerical groundwater model owned and controlled by the Weapons Station," the lawsuit states. "[The] authority used [the] Weapons Station's model to make erroneous calculations but has not made the numerical groundwater model available to stakeholders or the public despite repeated requests to do so."

The lawsuit pro-pounds, "Defendant authority further states in the groundwater sustainability plan that the remaining pumpers 'can and should implement additional conservation measures,' implying that Weapons Station and the water district do not need to conserve groundwater. This conclusion is contrary to [the] authority's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act obligation to manage the basin 'consistent with Section 2 of Article X of

the California Constitution."

The bias of the groundwater sustainability plan in favor of the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station is demonstrated, according to Garner, Dunn and Mouawad, by the fashion in which the Navy is being permitted to engage in a profligate use of the desert's precious water resources, utilizing hundreds of acre-feet of water on functions that have nothing to do with the Navy's mission. "Groundwater uses on the base that are not directly associated with essential Weapons Station activities, such as its golf course, are not 'primary' under water law," the lawsuit states. "If the Weapons Station wants to use basin water for those secondary purposes, the Weapons Station may appropriate water pursuant to California law and pay for that water with federal funds. The cost of that groundwater should not be subsidized by Searles Valley Minerals."

In response to the lawsuit, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority has accused Searles Valley Minerals of seeking to shirk its responsibility to act as a responsible water user

and participate in the effort to fund the means of replenishing water taken out of the aquifer in excess of the region's water recharge.

"At its core, Searles' lawsuit is nothing more than a claim that its use of water for a commercial industrial purpose should be free of all costs and given a priority over and above all other uses in the basin," Kern County Supervisor Mick Gleason, the chairman of the Indian Wells Groundwater Authority, said in the aftermath of the suit's filing.

Gleason said Garner's, Dunn's and Mouawad's suggestion that the authority and its members were gang-ing up on Searles Valley Minerals was self-servingly inaccurate. He said the contrary was the case, in that virtually all water users and water purveyors in the region understood the need to meet the state mandates and cooperate in managing the local availability of water. He cited examples of this cooperation and willingness to assist other entities functioning under the water-use limitation regime imposed by the authority.

"The City of Ridgecrest has even offered to provide recycled

water to Searles in order to reduce Searles' draw on the basin's natural water supplies," Gleason was quoted as saying in a press release from the authority.

Searles Valley Minerals is simply selfishly and self-centeredly reacting against reasonable steps being taken to balance the use of the valley's water with its recharge rate, and is not offering any workable solution of its own, according to Gleason.

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority will stand up to and hold up under the counterproductive weight Searles Valley Minerals is heaping upon the authority by the filing of the lawsuit, Gleason insisted.

The board for The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority consists of Chairman Gleason, whose district as Kern County supervisor includes Indian Wells Valley; Ridgecrest Councilman Scott Hayman; Indian Wells Water District Director Ron Kicinski; Inyo County Counsel John Vallejo; and San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Bob Page.

The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority will vigor-

ously contest the lawsuit brought by Searles "and any other lawsuit which seeks to sidestep a reasonable allocation of costs required to maintain the basin as a viable water source," the authority said in a press release.

Searles Valley Minerals is not the only entity that has taken issue with the groundwater management plan and bringing the matter before the court. Mojave Pistachios, LLC, in conjunction with Paul and Mary Nugent, lodged a lawsuit against the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority, alleging the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is being misapplied in a way that will render agricultural production in the valley untenable. Those plaintiffs maintain, like Searles Valley Minerals, that the groundwater sustainability plan is biased in favor of the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station.

The lawsuit states that the groundwater sustainability plan is "flawed because its primary objective — to protect the Navy — was predetermined."

Citing the consideration that the technical analysts that Mojave Pistachios had hired were

banned from participating in the authority's policy advisory committee and technical advisory committee meetings, the lawsuit maintains the framers of the groundwater sustainability plan did not consider the agricultural community's input by "fail[ing] to incorporate and respond to stakeholder comments."

According to the lawsuit, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority board openly acknowledged early last year that the Navy was "in the driver's seat" in terms of formulating the plan. The authority's water extraction allocations were, according to the Mojave Pistachios lawsuit, "determined internally by the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority staff, fed into the model developed by the Navy's contractor, and cemented into the fabric of the groundwater sustainability plan without public comment and before the sustainable management criteria were even considered. The Navy model has not been peer-reviewed, and despite [the] plaintiffs' requests, the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority refused to release the model to stakeholders."

-Mark Gutglueck

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20200010731

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Royal Culture Attire, 4750 Lakewood Dr, San Bernardino, CA 92407, Leshoun N. Cousin, 4750 Lakewood Dr, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Leshoun Cousin
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/23/20

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 11/22/20

County Clerk, s/ D5511

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20200010911

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Felli Housewares, 11256 Jersey Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Mailing Address: 11256 Jersey Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, Mon H. Chen, Free-Free (USA) Inc., 11256 Jersey Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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s/ Mon Hsin Chen
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/01/20

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Began Transacting Business: 06/03/2015

County Clerk, s/ D5511

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20200010490

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Colton Cleaners, 294 N. La Cadena Drive, Colton, CA 92324, Young J. Kim, 5071 St. Albert Drive, Fontana, CA 92336

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/ Young J. Kim
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/16/20

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Began Transacting Business: 01/06/2011

County Clerk, s/ M0597

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-202000010172

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: AZQ Photobooth; AZQ MIRROR PHOTOBOOTH, 17631 Valley Blvd Suit A, Fontana, CALIF 92316, Mailing Address: 13214 Kochi Dr, Moreno Valley, CALIF 92553, Antoni Z. Quebec, 13214 Kochi Dr, Moreno Valley, CALIF 92553 Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/ Antoni Quebec This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/30/20 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 10/29/20 County Clerk, s/ D5511 NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

11/06/20, 11/13/20, 11/20/20, 11/27/20 & Corrected on: 12/11/20, 12/18/20, 12/25/20, 01/01/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20200010458

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Tati Martique Boutique, 1980 E Main St Spc 38, Barstow, Ca 92311, Tatiana M. Hall, 1980 E Main St Spc 38, Barstow, Ca 92311

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/ Tatiana M. Hall
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/12/20

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 11/09/20

County Clerk, s/ D5511

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12/11/20, 12/18/20, 12/25/20, 01/01/21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LUCY G. MICHEAL

Case No. PROPS2000902

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LUCY G. MICHEAL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Matthew J. Micheal in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Matthew J. Micheal be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 5,

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2021 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. S35 located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: ROMBOUD S RAHMANIAN ESQ SBN 264707

LAW OFFICE OF ROMY S RAHMANIAN APLC

33 E HUNTINGTON DR ARCADIA CA 91006 CN974134 MICHEAL Dec 18,25, 2020, Jan 1, 2021

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MITCHELL I. ROTH aka MITCHELL ROTH and MITCHELL IRA ROTH

Case No. PROPS2000915

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MITCHELL I. ROTH aka MITCHELL ROTH and MITCHELL IRA ROTH

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Donnasue Smith Ortiz in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Donnasue Smith Ortiz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 27, 2021 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. S37 located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you

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must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Donnasue Smith Ortiz

LAW OFFICE OF DONNASUE SMITH ORTIZ

10700 CIVIC CENTER DR STE 100-C RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730 CN974146 ROTH Dec 18,25, 2020, Jan 1, 2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVDS20201031

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RASHID AMMAD SMITH filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

RASHID AMMAD SMITH to TROY RASHID-AHMAD SMITH

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date of Hearing: 2/9/2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Department: S16

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Lynn M. Poncin
Judge of the Superior Court.

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FBN 20200011152
The following entity is doing business as WILDFLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY 3964 SALT CREEK WAY ONTARIO, CA 91761. NICOLE M BERMUDEZ 3964 SALT CREEK WAY ONTARIO, CA 91761

This Business is Conducted By:

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AN INDIVIDUAL BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ NICOLE BERMUDEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/08/2020

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, Deputy D5511

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAN NIBLETT, SR.

Case No. PROPS2000889

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAN NIBLETT, SR.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dana Schreter in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Dana Schreter be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. S37P located at 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Attorney for petitioner: JACK B OSBORN ESQ SBN 230447

BROWN WHITE & OSBORN LLP
300 E STATE STREET STE 300 REDLANDS CA 92373 CN973884 NIBLETT Dec 4,11,18, 2020

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAN DALE LEGBAND

CASE NO. PROPS 2000983

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of DAN DALE LEGBAND

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JUDITH MAY WESTERHOLD and MARK EDWARD WESTERHOLD in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JUDITH MAY WESTERHOLD and MARK EDWARD WESTERHOLD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's wills and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S-35 at 9:00 a.m. on JANUARY 27, 2021 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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Attorney for the Petitioner: MICHAEL C. MADDUX, ESQ.

1894 COMMERCENTER WEST, SUITE 108

SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408

Telephone No: (909) 890-2350

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20200011409

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: A&K1 Auto Sale, 517 N Mountain Avenue Suite 125, Upland, CA 91786, Ahmad Kamal, 7903 Elm Ave Apt 99, RanchoCucamonga, CA 91730,

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Ahmad Kamal

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/16/20

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 12/13/20

County Clerk, s/ 11327

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12/25/20, 01/01/21, 01/08/21, 01/15/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20200011028

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Orthopedic Sport & Spine Medical Group, 330 E. 7th St 2nd Floor, Upland, CA 91786, Hamid E. Rahman M.D. & Medical Corp., 781 N. Redo Cir, Orange, CA 92869

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime. (B&P Code 17913) I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Hamid U. Rahman M.D.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/03/20

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: 04/01/2010

County Clerk, s/E4004

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12/25/20, 01/01/21, 01/08/21, 01/15/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20200011350

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Rumi & Sadies Wholesale Floral Supply and Gifts, 16510 Merrill Ave. Unit B, Fontana, CA 92335, Mailing Address: 16207 Trailwinds Dr., Fontana, CA 92337, Lailah Akhtari, 16510 Merrill Ave. Unit B, Fontana, CA 92335

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): CIVDS 2012401 SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): SUSANA PEREZ, individually and as Co-Trustee of The 8557 RED HILL COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE TRUST, an individual and DOES 1 through 20, Inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): CLOYED R. MILLER, an individual, MAXINE MILLER, an individual.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CAL-NDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelp-california.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.

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sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desearch el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO - SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): GOMEZ & SIMONE, APLC, 3055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 550, Los Angeles, CA 90010 (855) 219-3333 Date: (Fecha) JUN 15, 2020

Clerk (Secretario) By: ELISABETH MARTINEZ, Deputy (Adjunto) CN974359 MILLER Dec 25, 2020, Jan 1,8,15, 2021

FBN 20200010183 The following person is doing business as: JOSEPH W. BRADY, INC. [and] ALLIANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP [and] BARSTOW REAL ESTATE GROUP 240 E WILLIAMS ST BARSTOW, CA 92311 JOSEPH BRADY, INC., 12138 INDUSTRIAL BLVD., SUITE 250 VICTORVILLE, CA 92395 Mailing Address: PO BOX 2710 VICTORVILLE, CA 92393-2710 This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/30/2020 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: DECEMBER 4, 1989

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FBN 20200010182 The following person is doing business as: JOSEPH W. BRADY, INC. [and] THE BRADCO COMPANIES [and] BRADCO HIGH DESERT REPORT [and] THE SHOPS AT SPANISH TRAIL [and] THE SHOPPES AT SPANISH TRAIL [and] MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY REAL ESTATE GROUP [and] BRADCO COMMERCIAL LEASING GROUP [and] BRADCO DEVELOPMENT [and] MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE [and] BRADCO MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE [and] HIGH DESERT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL [and] MOJAVE RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT [and] MOJAVE RIVER ECONOMIC GROUP [and] HIGH DESERT VALLEY SURVEY (which began transacting business 08/01/2019) [and] MOJAVE RIVER VALLEY SURVEY (for which no date for commencing service is provided) 12138 INDUSTRIAL BLVD., SUITE 250 VICTORVILLE, CA 92395 JOSEPH BRADY, INC., 12138 INDUSTRIAL BLVD., SUITE 250 VICTORVILLE, CA 92395

Mailing Address: PO BOX 2710 VICTORVILLE, CA 92393-2710 This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20200011073

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Ziggy's Cabinetry & Refacing, 10950 Arrow Route #4907, Rancho Cucamonga, CALIF 91729, Steven J. Zeigler, 1052 N Turner Ave. #174, Ontario, CA 91764 Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/07/20

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Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, s/ I1327

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20200011307

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: J Designs By BJ, 5446 Moreno Street, Ontario, CA 91762, P.O. Box 1037, Ontario, CA 91762, Bobbie J. Gibbs, 5446 Moreno Street, Ontario, CA 91762,

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/ Bobbie J. Gibbs This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/14/20

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Began Transacting Business: 11/01/20

County Clerk, s/ D5511

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20200011711

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: BUNNYANDTIGRE, 1523 W Bonnie Brae Ct, Ontario, CA 91762, Mona J. Cordova, 1523 W Bonnie Brae Ct, Ontario, CA 91762

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/ Mona J. Cordova This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/23/20

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Began Transacting Business: 12/22/20

County Clerk, s/ I1327

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20200011272

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Tint USA, 740 West Mill Street Suite F, San Bernardino, CA 92410, Hilda Lopez, 1229 West La Glosa Drive, Rialto, CA 92377

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/ Hilda Lopez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 12/11/20

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Began Transacting Business: 04/01/2000

County Clerk, s/ D5511

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FBN 20200010198 The following person is doing business as: SHORELINE MG 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 ROMMY CHAVES 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 [and] LUCAS F BARRIOS 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business

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name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ROMMY CHAVES Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/30/2020 D5511 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice- This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020 & Corrected on: 01/01/21, 01/08/21, 01/15/21, 01/22/21

FBN 20200010191 The following person is doing business as: BRIDGEPOINT GP 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 ROMMY CHAVES 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 [and] LUCAS F BARRIOS 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ROMMY CHAVES Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/30/2020 D5511 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice- This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020 & Corrected on: 01/01/21, 01/08/21, 01/15/21, 01/22/21

FBN 20200010162 The following person is doing business as: EQUITY LG 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 ROMMY CHAVES 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 [and] LUCAS F BARRIOS 5861 PINE AVE SUITE A-5 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ ROMMY CHAVES Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/29/2020 D5511 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice- This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020, 12/25/2020 CNBB48202001DC

FBN 20200010659 The following person is doing business as: HAMILTON ENTERPRISES 1310 S. RIVERSIDE AVE #3F-314 RIALTO, CA 92376; MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR SANTA ANA, CA 92701; LADELL T HAMILTON 1310 S. RIVERSIDE AVE #3F-314 RIALTO, CA 92376 The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/11/2020

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ LADELL TREVON HAMILTON, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 11/19/2020

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FBN 20200010102 The following person is doing business as: FONTANA SMOG CHECK TEST ONLY 8171 SIERRA AVE UNIT R FONTANA, CA 92335 S MARTINEZ LLC, SIERRA AVE UNIT R FONTANA, CA 92335 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and

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correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ SERGIO MARTINEZ Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/28/2020 D5511 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy Notice- This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020 & Corrected on: 01/01/21, 01/08/21, 01/15/21, 01/22/21

FBN 20200010908 The following person is doing business as: QUICK SHOP MARKET 481 W. BASE LINE RD RIALTO, CA 92376; SALEH QARYOUTI AHMAD 11041 SANTA MONICA BLVD325 LOS AANGELES, CA 90025

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/10/2020

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FBN 20200010659 The following person is doing business as: HAMILTON ENTERPRISES 1310 S. RIVERSIDE AVE #3F-314 RIALTO, CA 92376; MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR SANTA ANA, CA 92701; LADELL T HAMILTON 1310 S. RIVERSIDE AVE #3F-314 RIALTO, CA 92376

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

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FBN 20200010695 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: STRATTON BAIL BONDS 6844 TIARA AVE HIGH-

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LAND, CA 92346; [MAILING ADDRESS 311 W CIVIC CENTER DR SANTA ANA, CA 92701]; MICHAEL GUTIERREZ 6844 TIARA AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346; NANCY LOZANO 6844 TIARA AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346; DAVID GALINDO JR 6844 TIARA AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346

The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino County on 05/06/2020 Original File#20200004294

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/28/2020

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s/ MICHAEL GUTIERREZ, PARTNER

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FBN 20200010218 The following person is doing business as: ZENPUBLICA 1752 E. LUGONIA AVE #11714 REDLANDS, CA 92374; EVOXITOR LLC 1752 E. LUGONIA AVE. #11714 REDLANDS, CA 92374

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/29/2020

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s/ DAVID PATTERSON, MANAGER

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FBN 20200010707 The following person is doing business as: DEALERS DIRECT AUTO BROKERS 4959 PALO VERDE ST SUITE 208-C7 MONTCLAIR, CA 91763; JOSEPH ARIAS 4959 PALO VERDE ST SUITE 208-C7 MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ JOSEPH ARIAS, OWNER

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County is fierce, with the GOP consistently outgunning and outthrusting the Democrats over the last five decades. Though the Democrats hold a voter registration advantage over the Republicans in the county in general and in all but the First Supervisorial District, four of the five members of the board of supervisors, with Baca as the lone exception, are Republicans. Among San Bernardino County's 24 cities and incorporated towns, 17 of those before last year's election counted more Republicans on their councils than Democrats. As a consequence of the November 2020

election, the Republican hold on the top decision-making panels of the county's municipalities has slipped to 15. In this



Virginia Marquez

way, San Bernardino County, while remaining one of the last bastions of Republicanism in the Golden State, is seeing the Party of Lincoln's primacy slowly erode. Viewed through that partisan prism, Baca's elevation of Hawkins to the special assistant position in his office fits the overall circumstance.

Of note is that Baca's

appointment of Hawkins, which was effective December 14, eschewed the title chief-of-staff. It is not clear whether Hawkins, in the position of special assistant, will be serving in the de facto role of chief-of-staff. Hawkins' basic remuneration is to consist of a salary of \$115,086 with benefits of \$72,185, for an estimated annual cost to the county of \$187,271 prior to any pay add-ons. In this way, Hawkins' beginning salary as Baca's special assistant is close to the \$119,870.42 that was paid to Phil Paule when he began as Supervisor Janice Rutherford's chief-of-staff in 2017 after he had begun as then-Supervisor James Ramos's chief-of-staff in 2015 at a salary of \$119,612.04. Since that time, Paule's annual salary has jumped to

\$131,686.89 per year. It is anticipated that Hawkins will be provided with other pay than his salary, as is the case of most of the supervisors' senior assistants. For example, Paule in 2019 was provided with \$17,000.10 in other pay. Thus, last year, Paule's total annual compensation from the county, including \$80,621.64 in benefits, stood at \$229,308.63. Given Hawkins' anticipated \$187,271 in basic salary and benefits in 2021, if he were to receive another \$15,000 in other pay in his role as special assistant, which would not be out of the ordinary, his total compensation this entire year will likely exceed \$200,000.

Baca has also hired former San Bernardino City Councilwoman Virginia Marquez to

serve as a community services liaison, effective January 5, 2021, for an estimated annual cost of \$39,379, consisting of



Samuel Shoup

\$36,000 in salary and benefits of \$3,379. Marquez previously worked as a field representative for Joe Baca, Sr. when he was yet in Congress.

In the county's First District, newly installed Supervisor Paul Cook, who had served in the U.S. Congress from 2013 until last month, as a California Assemblyman from 2006 until

2012 and as Yucca Valley mayor and councilman prior to that, hired Samuel Shoup, who had recently served on Cook's Congressional staff, to provide support services to the First District Supervisor as a field representative, effective tomorrow, January 2, 2021. Shoup is to be paid \$47,258 in salary with benefits of \$37,591 for a total annual compensation of \$84,849 before add-ons.

Shoup was a field representative for Cook for one year and 8 months from April 2019 until last month. Previous to that, he was on Cook's campaign staff. Prior to his involvement with Cook, Shoup was from May 2017 until June 2018 resident services assistant with the University of Riverside's housing office.

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and unfairly directed his deputies to favor the city's other towing operators, according to the lawsuit.

Thereafter, several instances occurred where a large number of vehicles needed to be towed, and Pepe's Towing was told it was only permitted to tow a fraction of what the other tow operators were allowed to tow despite the company's availability and towing capacity, and the terms and requirements of Pepe's Towing's presence on the city's tow rotation. When Pepe's Towing lodged complaints about that action, the company's towing services agreement was unilaterally terminated by the city.

"The City of Rancho Cucamonga and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department have a history of unfair and discriminatory practices against Pepe's Towing," said Manny Acosta, president and co-owner of Pepe's Towing Services. "Despite abiding by protocols and our successful track record with numerous cities and law enforcement agencies, we have been targeted at the direction of Chief Mahoney."

In late September, the City of San Bernardino

settled a federal lawsuit brought against it by Pepe's Towing in 2019 that alleged graft was a motivating factor in a series of decisions by succeeding city councils to confer no-bid tow contracts on six tow companies while excluding Pepe's Towing from the city's franchised towing rotation.

In 1999, Acosta, who inherited the company from his father, initiated an effort to obtain a position on the City of San Bernardino's tow rotation. He renewed that effort in 2005, 2011 and 2016. Frustrated at every turn, Acosta persisted. Having found himself hemmed in and prevented from obtaining a franchise in the City of San Bernardino no matter how he approached the matter, Acosta on October 24, 2018 filed a federal lawsuit against the city and 13 individual defendants, including then-former City Manager Mark Scott, City Councilman James Mulvihill, then-City Manager Andrea Miller, City Councilman Fred Shorett, then-Mayor R. Carey Davis, San Bernardino Police Captain Paul Williams, then-City Councilman Benito J. Barrios, then-Police Chief Jarrod Burguan, then-City Councilman John Valdivia, then-Sixth District Council-

woman Bessine L. Richard, then-City Attorney Gary D. Saenz, then-City Councilwoman Virginia Marquez and then-former Chief Assistant City Attorney Jolena Grider.

The suit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, alleged the defendants violated the company's rights of free speech and equal protection in the course of rejecting Pepe's Towing's efforts to contract with the city to handle police and code enforcement towing duties.

For years, the City of San Bernardino had rejected expanding its towing rotation beyond the group of six towing contractors that had a franchise. Acosta had been the most energetic of the tow company operators pressing the city to reopen the bidding process to all interested tow companies, of which, he maintained, his company was the most qualified.

As the federal suit against San Bernardino was progressing toward trial, Pepe's Towing's legal team armed itself with evidence and testimony to establish and prove that Pepe's Towing had equipment and capability to match or exceed the towing ability and capability of all six of the San Bernardino's franchised

tow companies, which included City Towing, Hayes Towing, Wilson Towing, Big Z Towing, Armada Towing and Tri-City Towing. That evidence extended to multiple examples of the San Bernardino Police Department or city officials encountering circumstances in which the franchise holders were unable to handle towing assignments because of the size, weight and/or the configuration of the vehicles to be towed, after which Pepe's Towing was brought in to clear a highway, street or roadway of the vehicle at issue in the dilemma.

The *Sentinel* is informed that Pepe's Towing has secured information and materials to illustrate that at least some of the tow companies on Rancho Cucamonga's franchised towing rotation have similarly fallen short of the city's specified tow response time limits or otherwise failed to meet the criteria in their towing service agreements.

The complaint against the City of Rancho Cucamonga and its affiliated co-defendants states that San Bernardino County Sheriff's Executive Director John Fogerty showed favoritism and made backdoor deals with other tow companies based on his relationships with the

owners.

According to Pepe's Towing, relaxed towing enforcement following COVID-19-related stay-at-home orders have made it even more difficult for tow companies to stay afloat, coupled with the fact that the City of Rancho Cucamonga has increased the monthly tow operator fees by \$1,000 per month.

Pepe's Towing's complaint includes claims for violation of the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment; violation of the First Amendment right to free speech; a conspiracy to violate Pepe's constitutional rights; failure to prevent the violation of Pepe's constitutional rights; so-called Monell violations as final policymaker; Monell violations for failure to train

the city's law enforcement officers properly, supervisorial liability under §1983 of Title 42 of the United States Code relating to civil action for deprivation of rights; and Monell violations for ratification of the city's policy.

The term Monell references the case of *Monell v. Department of Social Services of the City of New York* in which the U.S. Supreme Court held that a governmental entity can be held liable for the actions of its employees even if the governmental entity's policies did not explicitly violate a litigant's civil rights.

Efforts to get a response to the lawsuit by Rancho Cucamonga City Attorney James Markman were unsuccessful

.-Mark Gutglueck

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grete, who held office from 2014 until 2018, and Ryan McEachron, who was on the council from 2008 until 2016. Rather, Elizabeth Becerra and Leslie Irving were the first and third place finishers in the race, respectively. Their elections have resulted in all five of the Victorville city council positions now being held by women.

In Yucaipa, incum-

bent Councilman Bobby Duncan emerged victorious in his effort to hold onto the post representing the city's District 3. In Yucaipa's District 4, however, Councilwoman/former Mayor Denise Hoyt, after sixteen years on the council, opted to not run. Justin Beaver was elected by his district peers to represent them, thus replacing Hoyt. In District 5, Dick Riddell, who had served in both council and mayoral capacities since 1995, was beaten in November by Jon Thorp.