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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
RAMONA BAND OF CAHUILLA;  
CAHUILLA BAND OF INDIANS,  
  
Plaintiff-  
  
Intervenors,  
vs.  
  
FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY  
DISTRICT, et al.,  
  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 51cv1247-GPC(RBB)  
  
**ORDER APPOINTING  
REPLACEMENT  
WATERMASTER FOR SANTA  
MARGARITA RIVER  
WATERSHED AND  
AUTHORIZING CONTRACT  
NEGOTIATIONS**

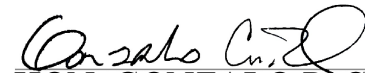
[Dkt. No. 5531.]

Defendant Rancho California Water District, on behalf of the Santa Margarita River Watershed Watermaster Steering Committee, filed a motion to appoint replacement Watermaster for Santa Margarita Watershed. (Dkt. No. 5531.) After a selection process, the Steering Committee recommended three finalists. (Id.) The Court then conducted in-person interviews with all three candidates. On November 18, 2016, the Court held a hearing. James Gilpin, Esq. appeared on behalf of Rancho California Water District. No objectors appeared and objections have not been filed to the motion.

1 Based on a careful review of the candidates' submissions and having conducted  
2 in-person interviews, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Michael J. Preszler of ECORP  
3 Consulting, Inc. is hereby selected as the next Watermaster for the Santa Margarita  
4 River Watershed. The Santa Margarita River Watershed Watermaster Steering  
5 Committee is hereby authorized to complete negotiations of an agreement with Mr.  
6 Preszler. Upon the effective date of the executed contract, Mr. Preszler shall serve as  
7 the Watermaster for the Santa Margarita River Watershed provided that the contract  
8 shall not be executed until after the Court's hearing on Objections to the Watermaster  
9 Report Final Annual Watermaster Report for the Water Year 2014-2015 set for January  
10 13, 2017. (Dkt. No. 5547.)

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 DATED: November 30, 2016

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14 HON. GONZALO P. CURIEL  
15 United States District Judge  
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