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RESPONSE TO MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

COME NOW, Respondents HALL RANCHES, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, THOMAS J. SCYPHERS, KATHLEEN M. SCYPHERS, FRANK SCHARO, SHERIDAN CREEK EQUESTRIAN CENTER, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, DONALD S. FORRESTER, KRISTINA M. FORRESTER, RONALD R. MITCHELL and GINGER G. MITCHELL ("Respondents"), by and through their counsel Thomas J. Hall, Esq., and pursuant to Rule 27(a)(3)(A) hereby respond to the Motion to Consolidate filed herein on or about December 9, 2014, as follows:

This appeal has been fully briefed. The appeal stems from a mandatory rotation schedule as imposed by the State Engineer for irrigating stream flows during times of water shortage.

In the Motion to Consolidate filed by Appellants in Case 66932, it is stated that "case [64773] has been fully briefed and should be consolidated with this case [66932] to prevent repetition."

It is unclear from the Motions to Consolidate filed in all three related appeals currently before the Court, if the three Cases 64773, 66303 and 66932 are consolidated, what briefing and scheduling orders will be required, inasmuch as all the briefs in Case 64773 have been prepared and submitted to the Court as follows:

1. Appellants' [Bentleys'] Opening Brief filed May 12, 2014;

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- Respondents' and Intervenors' Answering Brief filed July 9,
 2014;
- 4. Respondent's [State Engineer] Answering Breif filed July 10, 2014;
- 5. Appellants' [Bentleys'] Reply Brief to Intervenors'
 Answering Brief filed August 18, 2014;
- 6. Appellants' [Bentleys'] Reply Brief to Nevada State
 Engineer's Answering Brief filed August 19, 2014; and
- 7. Reply Brief of Appellants Joy Smith, Daniel Barden & Elaine Barden filed August 19, 2014.

If the Court is inclined to grant the Motions to Consolidate as to Cases 66932 and 64773, in no event should the Court allow the Appellants to use the consolidation as an opportunity to re-brief legal arguments that were already fully briefed in this Case. Therefore, the Court is requested to direct the Appellants to limit any further briefing to new matters raised in the appeal in Case 66932.

Wherefore it is respectfully requested that the Motions to Consolidate be denied if the parties would be required to file additional and repetitive briefing on those fully briefed matters which have already been submitted to this Court.

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