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the right to amend and supplement this response as the investigation and discovery in this case proceeds.

Dated this 27th February, 2013.

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Dated: December 3, 2012

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JAMES WOLFRAM, WALT WILKES

Plaintiffs,

VS.

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: A-10-632338-C

DEPT NO.: IV

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AS AN ELEMENT OF DAMAGES

(MIL #1)

Hearing Date: September 23, 2013 Hearing Time: 8:30 a.m.

AND RELATED CLAIMS

Plaintiffs' Opposition ("Opposition") to defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada's ("Pardee") Motion in Limine to Exclude Plaintiffs' Claim for Attorneys' Fees as an Element of Damages (MIL #1) ("Motion") fails because under Nevada law attorneys' fees cannot be recovered as an element of damages in this breach of contract case.

Plaintiff's claim that they are entitled to attorneys' fees as an element of their damages is based on an alleged breach of the Commission Agreement. Plaintiffs claim that Pardee failed to provide requested information to Plaintiffs – information Pardee contends had nothing to do with any commissions earned by Plaintiffs – which forced

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Plaintiffs to seek counsel and file suit. The problem with this premise is that while it accurately describes the allegations of a typical breach of contract case, they are not allegations involving the special limited circumstances described by the Nevada Supreme Court which may warrant a claim for attorneys' fees as an element of damages, rather than as a cost of litigation. Because this is a straight forward breach of contract case, Plaintiffs should be barred from claiming and presenting evidence of their attorneys' fees as an element of their alleged damages at trial.

In Sandy Valley Assoc. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc., the seminal case on this particular issue, the Nevada Supreme Court discussed the difference between attorneys' fees as a cost of litigation and attorneys' fees as an element of damages. See id., 117 Nev. at 955, 35 P.3d at 968-969. The court acknowledged that attorneys' fees cannot be recovered as a cost of litigation unless authorized by agreement, statute, or rule. See id., 117 Nev. at 956, 35 P.3d at 969 (internal citation omitted). "As an exception to the general rule, a district court may award attorney fees as special damages in *limited circumstances*." Horgan v. Felton, 123 Nev. 577, 583, 170 P.3d 982, 986 (2007) (emphasis added).

The Nevada Supreme court has clarified that attorneys' fees may be awarded as special damages in only a narrow handful of circumstances, such as: third-party actions involving title insurance or bonds, insurance or indemnity actions, slander of title actions, malicious prosecution, trademark infringement, or false imprisonment. See Sandy Valley, 117 Nev. at 957-58, 35 P.3d at 970; see also Horgan, 123 Nev. at 586-87, 170 P.3d at 988-89; see also Reyburn Lawn & Landscape Designers, Inc. v. Plaster Dev. Co., Inc., 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 26, ---, 255 P.3d 268, 279 n. 11 (Jun. 2, 2011).

As the Court is aware, this case involves a written contract which contains a provision whereby the prevailing party may seek an award of its attorneys' fees. In other words, the parties expressly agreed upon the circumstances under which attorneys fees can be recovered. Therefore, unless this case fits a narrow exception to

Plaintiffs argue that Nevada law allows attorneys' fees as special damages in this case because "Plaintiffs were only able to get the documents and information they were entitled to once they filed suit and were granted the tools of discovery to get some of those records." See Opposition, at 8:18-21. Plaintiffs cite to the Sandy Valley and Horgan decisions to support this position. This is a crude stretching of Nevada law. In interpreting Sandy Valley, the Horgan decision is very careful to limit, not expand, the types of cases that would warrant attorneys' fees as special damages. For example, an action to quiet or clarify title does not rise to the level to warrant attorneys' fees as damages. Horgan, 123 Nev. at 587, 170 P.2d at 988. Rather, attorneys' fees are available only in slander of title cases. Id., 123 Nev. at 587, 170 P.2d at 988. As quoted by Plaintiffs in the Opposition, the Horgan decision makes it clear that in order to support the proposition that attorneys' fees are available as special damages, there must be elements of "intentional malicious acts" and "calculated action" on the part of a defendant that forced the plaintiff into litigation. 123 Nev. at 585-86, 170 P.2d at 987-88 (internal quotation omitted); see also Plaintiffs' Opposition, at 8:3-10.

Plaintiffs cannot prove, nor have they even alleged, that Pardee acted intentionally or maliciously to hide information and documents from Plaintiffs. The evidence in this case shows that Plaintiffs were provided with information and commission payments until every dollar of the commissions owed to them under the Commission Agreement was paid. Then, when Plaintiffs began inquiring about other takedowns, Pardee explained to them (on multiple occasions) that no such exercise of Option Property had occurred. Pardee believed it was acting within its contractual right to do so. There has been no evidence produced in this case that shows that Pardee acted in a calculated, intentional, or malicious manner when dealing with Plaintiffs. The timely commission payments and multiple communications regarding the status of the project indicate the opposite. Therefore, this is not the type of case that warrants

attorneys' fees as special damages. Rather, the attorneys' fees provision in the Commission Agreement allows for attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party, which is a determination that out of necessity will be made post trial, not during the trial. In sum, the Court should grant Pardee's Motion.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2013.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP and that on the 16th day of September, 2013, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing REPLY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AS AN ELEMENT OF DAMAGES via U.S. Mail on the following:

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James Wolfram, Plaintiff(s) vs. Pardee Homes of Nevada, Defendant(s)

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Plaintiffs Motion for Leave to file a Second Amended Complaint

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- Mr. Jimmerson indicated the requested amendments addressed Plaintiff's claims for special damages, specifically claims for attorney's fees. Furthermore, Mr. Jimmerson argued in support of the Motion, stating that the facts as pled established the necessity for attorney's fees under the provisions of Sandy

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Valley. Ms. Lundvall argued in opposition, stating that the claims for attorney's fees as special damages were futile, as they were not recoverable. Additionally, Ms. Lundvall argued issues of prejudice against her clients, and the undue delay of bringing forth the claims. COURT Found there was no undue delay and no prejudice to the Defendant in bringing the claims for special damages. COURT ORDERED Motion CONTINUED to the Chamber's Calendar for a written decision; Counsel to provide supplemental briefing by May 10, 2013 on the issue of futility under the Motion for Leave to Amend. FURTHER ORDERED, Discovery reopened for the limited purpose of obtaining information as to whether the attorney's fees and costs incurred by James J. Jimmerson's firm were special damages, and whether Plaintiffs incurred individual time and effort damages.

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DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Breach of Contract	C	OURT MINUTES	May 16, 2013	
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May 16, 2013	3:00 AM	Minute Order	MINUTE ORDER RE: PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT	

HEARD BY:

Earley, Kerry

COURTROOM:

COURT CLERK: Louisa Garcia

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- This matter was heard on April 26, 2013, after extensive oral argument by counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendant, the Court granted both parties leave to file supplemental briefs. The matter was subsequently placed on the Chamber Calendar of Department IV on May 15, 2013.

Upon review of the papers and pleadings on file in this matter, including Plaintiff's Supplement to Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint and Defendants' Supplemental Brief in support of its Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint, the Court finds as follows:

First, the Court notes that in the absence of any apparent reason involving undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on behalf of Plaintiffs, the leave to amend should be freely given. Stephens v. Southern Nevada Music Co., 89 Nev. 104 (1973). The Court finds no such reasons to be present in the instant case. Further, the Court ordered at the court hearing on April 26, 2013 that discovery is to be reopened for the limited purpose of Defendant obtaining information regarding any alleged attorney s fees as special damages as well as any alleged time and effort damages incurred by Plaintiffs. The Court granted Defendant the opportunity to conduct the aforementioned discovery to avoid any prejudice to Defendant.

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Second, the Court addressed the issue of whether Plaintiff's proposed amendment was futile because Plaintiff's request for attorney's fees as special damages is not viable pursuant to Sandy Valley Assoc. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc., 117 Nev. 948 (2001).

The Sandy Valley case is the seminal case regarding the issue of whether attorney s fees may be considered as an element of special damages or as a cost of litigation. The Nevada Supreme Court held attorney s fees may be considered an element of special damages in those rare cases when they were reasonably foreseeable and the natural and proximate consequence of the injurious conduct. 117 Nev at 957. The above referenced general criteria in the Sandy Valley case allows the Court to determine in a specific case if a Plaintiff's damages could include attorney s fees as special damages. The Sandy Valley case and its progeny discuss specific types of claims that allow attorney s fees as special damages. However, even if a Plaintiff's claim does not fall under all of the specific types of claims cited in those cases, the general criteria in Sandy Valley is still determinative of whether a case is eligible for attorney's fees as special damages.

Based upon the foregoing, the Court does not find that the Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint should be denied on the basis that the amendment sought is futile under Nevada law. Whether Plaintiffs during the trial of this matter provide evidence to fit the narrow circumstances of Sandy Valley and its progeny will be decided by the Court at the appropriate time.

Therefore, the Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint. Counsel for Plaintiffs is to prepare a proposed order and provide a copy to Defendant's counsel for approval as to form and content.

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of this minute order distributed to the following parties via facsimile: James M. Jimmerson, Esq. and Patricia Lundvall, Esq. (LG 5/16/13)

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DEPT NO.: IV

DEFENDANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ITS OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Hearing Date: May 15, 2013 Hearing Time: In Chambers

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Pardee Homes of Nevada ("Pardee" or "Defendant") submits the following Supplemental Brief ("Brief") in Support of its Opposition ("Opposition") to the Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint ("Motion"). This Brief is filed at the direction of the Court from the hearing on the Motion held April 26, 2013 and is limited to the single issue of whether Plaintiffs proposed amended complaint alleges bad faith or other intentional misconduct by Pardee, as requested by the Court. This Brief is supported by the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the supporting exhibits to the Opposition, the papers and pleadings on file in this matter, and any additional argument the Court may permit at the hearing of this matter.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of May, 2013.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. Legal Standard.

As set forth in Pardee's Opposition, granting a party leave to amend under NRCP 15(a) is not appropriate when the amendment would be futile. See Reddy v. Litton Industries, Inc., 912 F.2d 291, 296-97 (9th Cir. 1990). Futility occurs when the proposed amendment is frivolous or attempts to advance a claim that is legally insufficient. See Allum v. Valley Bank of Nevada, 109 Nev. 280, 287, 849 P.2d 297, 302 (1993) (citation omitted) ("It is not an abuse of discretion to deny leave to amend when any proposed amendment would be futile."). If the proposed amendment could not withstand a motion to dismiss, then the amendment should be denied as futile. See 6 Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller & Mary Kay Kane, Federal Practice and Procedure Civ. 2d §1487 (2006). In this case, Plaintiffs' request for attorneys' fees as special damages is insufficient under Nevada law and would not withstand a motion to dismiss. Therefore, the Motion should be deemed futile and denied with prejudice.

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B. Plaintiffs' Proposed Second Amended Complaint is Futile Because Nevada Law Does Not Permit the Recovery of Attorneys' Fees as Special Damages in This Case.

Under <u>Sandy Valley Assoc. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc.</u> and its progeny, the recovery of attorneys' fees as special damages is extremely limited. 117 Nev. 948, 957, 35 P.3d 964, 969 (2001). And in <u>Sandy Valley</u> the court made clear that "the mere fact that a party was forced to file or defend a lawsuit is insufficient to support an award of attorney fees as damages." <u>Id.</u>, 117 Nev. at 957, 35 P.3d at 970. Yet file a lawsuit is exactly the only thing Plaintiffs claim they were forced to do. <u>See Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, pp. 17-18 (plaintiffs argued the only way to get the documents needed to determine if they were/were not entitled to further commissions was to file a lawsuit).¹</u>

As set forth in the Opposition, this case does not fit any of the narrow circumstances contemplated by the Nevada Supreme Court allowing a party to recover its attorneys' fees as special damages. In <u>Horgan v. Felton</u>, the court specifically clarified that "[a]s an exception to the general rule, a district court may award attorney fees as special damages in *limited circumstances*." 123 Nev. 577, 583, 170 P.3d 982, 986 (2007) (emphasis added). Plaintiffs here contend the limited circumstances that apply to their case is they could not get all of the documents they wanted to confirm they were not entitled to additional commissions. <u>See</u> Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants Motion for Summary Judgment, 17:8-13. ("The essential piece of information missing from the letter is the confirmation that the other transactions between [Pardee and Coyote Springs Investment LLC] were not subject to the Option

¹ Pardee disagrees vehemently with that contention.

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Agreement: namely some disclosure of the other transactions sufficient to confirm to Plaintiffs that they were not entitled to a commission for those transactions.")²

In <u>Horgan</u>, a quiet title action, the court made it clear that in order to support the proposition that attorneys' fees are available as special damages, there must be elements of "intentional malicious" and "calculated" acts on the part of a defendant that forced the plaintiff into litigation. 123 Nev. at 585-86, 170 P.2d at 987-88 (internal Further, in Sandy Valley, the court stated that "actions for quotation omitted). declaratory or injunctive relief *may* involve claims for attorney fees as damages when the actions were necessitated by the opposing party's **bad faith conduct**." 117 Nev. at 958, 35 P.3d at 970 (emphasis added). In this case with regard to Plaintiffs' request for leave to amend their complaint a second time to add a claim for attorneys' fees as special damages, the issue is whether the Plaintiffs have alleged or asserted in their proposed amended complaint that Pardee engaged in intentional, malicious, calculated and/or bad faith behavior that forced Plaintiffs into litigation. If not, their Motion must be denied because the purported amendments are futile.

A review of the proposed Second Amended Complaint reveals that it is void of any allegations that Pardee engaged in intentional, malicious, calculated or bad faith behavior directed toward Plaintiffs. The proposed Second Amended Complaint generically alleges that Pardee "failed to act in good faith and to the best of its ability, and also failed to deal fairly with Plaintiffs, thereby breaching its duties to so conduct itself and injuring Plaintiffs' rights to conduct its business and its ability to receive the benefits of the Commission Letter." See proposed Second Amended Complaint, at ¶ 30, a copy of which is attached to Plaintiffs' Motion as Exhibit 1. Plaintiffs argued at the April 26, 2013, hearing that their cause of action for breach of the covenant of good

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² Pardee continues to be perplexed by Plaintiffs' position. By their argument Plaintiffs concede they were not entitled to any commission from the other transactions between Pardee and CSI, but they only wanted to be told or confirm that they were not entitled to further commissions. Such an argument is obviously circular: Pardee allegedly breached a duty to inform by not informing Plaintiffs about a transaction in which they were not entitled to commission?

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faith and fair dealing is synonymous with a claim for bad faith, thereby satisfying their pleading requirement regarding their claim that they are entitled to attorney fees as special damages. This position contradicts Nevada law and is misleading to the Court.

In order to properly allege a contractual breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, the claimant must show that: (1) plaintiff and defendant were parties to the contract; (2) the defendant owed a duty of good faith to the plaintiff; (3) the defendant breached that duty by performing in a manner that was unfaithful to the purpose of the contract; and (4) the plaintiff's justified expectations were thus denied. See Perry v. Jordan, 111 Nev. 943, 947, 900 P.2d 335, 338 (1995); Hilton Hotels Corp. v. Butch Lewis Prod. Inc., 107 Nev. 226, 232, 808 P.2d 919, 922-23 (1991) ("Hilton I"). None of these elements (as pled by Plaintiffs) involve or concern intentional, malicious, calculated or bad faith conduct. Moreover, these elements are drastically different than the elements required to establish a claim for bad faith.

Nevada law states that "bad faith is not simply bad judgment or negligence." Hulse v. Sheriff, Clark County, 88 Nev. 393, 398, 498 P.2d 1317, 1320 (1972). Rather, a showing of bad faith "requires" that the party acting in bad faith actually held a dishonest purpose or consciously committed a wrongdoing. See United States v. Gilbert, 198 F.3d 1293, 1299 (11th Cir. 1999); Groder v. United States, 816 F.2d 139, 144 (4th Cir. 1987). Thus, the party seeking to assert "bad faith" must allege and prove that the party was specifically acting with a dishonest purpose, consciously acting improperly, or purposefully breached its duties. Id. Plaintiffs have the burden to both allege and prove such, and must make this showing by clear and convincing evidence. See Groder v. United States, 816 F. 2d 139, 142 (4th cir 1987); So. Comfort Builders, Inc. v. United States, 67 Fed. Cl. 124, 154-155 (2005); see also Powell v. Foxall, 65 S.W.3d 756, 763 (Tex. App. 2001) (cited with approval by <u>Jordan v. State ex. rel. Dep't</u> Motor Vehicles and Public Safety, 121 Nev. 44, 71 n.44, 110 P.3d 30, 41 n.44 (2005)).

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When one compares the essential elements of these two separate claims it is clear that Plaintiffs' contention that Pardee "failed to act in good faith and to the best of its ability, and also failed to deal fairly with Plaintiffs" is legally insufficient to allege a bad faith claim. Simply put, Plaintiffs proposed amended complaint makes absolutely no mention of intentional or malicious or calculated or bad faith conduct by Pardee. From the very beginning and continuing to date, this case has always been about two differing interpretations of an admittedly clear and unambiguous agreement. Therefore, the proposed Second Amended Complaint is futile and the Motion should be denied.3

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of May, 2013.

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Pardee has limited this brief to the single issue requested by the Court. Pardee continues to advance all other reasons why Plaintiffs' motion should be denied.

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1	MS. LUNDVALL: No further questions, your
2	Honor.
3	MR. J.J. JIMMERSON: And I don't have
4	anything, Judge. Thank you.
5	THE COURT: Okay, thank you very much,
6	Mr. Andrews.
7	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
8	Here's your pen back.
9	THE COURT: Okay.
10	MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Your Honor, can we take
11	our morning break?
12	THE COURT: Yes. I was ready for it too, but
13	I wanted to make sure if we could get him out of here,
14	we would not hold him up.
15	MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Thank you.
16	(Brief recess.)
17	THE COURT: All right, do we have another
18	witness, or where are we?
19	MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Yes, your Honor. We're
20	gonna call James J. Jimmerson to the stand.
21	THE COURT: I understand. Are you gonna
22	MR. J.J. JIMMERSON: He's wanted to do this.
23	THE COURT: I was gonna say how long have you
24	waited to
25	MR. J.J. JIMMERSON: 62 years.

1	MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Pat, I'm calling in all				
2	favors for the scope objections to be waived for five				
3	minutes myself.				
4 [.]	JAMES J. JIMMERSON,				
- 5	having been duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole				
6	truth, and nothing but the truth, was examined and				
7	testified as follows:				
8	THE CLERK: For the record, please state your				
9	first and last name.				
10	THE WITNESS: James J. Jimmerson,				
11	J-i-m-m-e-r-s-o-n.				
12	THE CLERK: Thank you.				
13	THE COURT: He's gonna do some housekeeping.				
14	Let's go.				
15	THE WITNESS: Go ahead, Jim.				
16	DIRECT EXAMINATION				
17	BY MR. J.M. JIMMERSON:				
18	Q. I don't know what to call him, Mr. Jimmerson?				
19	A. There you go, that's about as good as it's				
20	ever been.				
21	Q. What's your current occupation?				
22	A. An attorney at law.				
23	Q. And how are you employed as an employee?				
24	A. The firm Jimmerson Hansen, A Professional				
25	Corporation, employees me. I'm the president and				

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1	secretary.
2	Q. And how long have you been at Jimmerson
3	Hansen?
4	A. 1983 or '84.
5	Q. And how long have you been practicing law?
6	A. 37 years.
7	Q. And give us a brief history of some of your
8	career highlights, awards, etc.
. 9	MS. LUNDVALL: You know, your Honor.
10	THE COURT: We'll stipulate.
11	MS. LUNDVALL: Is this gonna be relevant.
12	THE COURT: I'll stipulate for foundation.
13	Just, why don't you just do his qualifications for
14	saying what the hourly rate was, his knowledge on that.
15	Isn't that the substance basically?
16	THE WITNESS: Totally.
17	MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Exactly.
18	THE COURT: I'm sure Ms. Lundvall will
19	stipulate he's qualified to practice law, he has the
20	experience to do what he does, but do what you want.
21	THE WITNESS: All right.
22	THE COURT: I want to hear your highlights.
23	THE WITNESS: I don't want to tell them to
24	you. I'm just kidding, that's fine.
25	THE COURT: I think I've watched them.

OBY MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: 1 I'll withdraw the question, Mr. Jimmerson. 2 Q. What is your hourly rate you charged in this 3 4 matter? 5 \$550. Α. Are you familiar with the market rate Q. 6 generally for this type of litigation in Las Vegas? 7 8 Α. Yes. And for your level of experience and 9 Q. expertise, is this above market? Below market? At 10 market? 11 I think it's probably at market. 12 It might be a little lower. I've seen where other civil litigation 13 firms now are in the 6- to 800 an hour range. 14 15 Okay. Do you supervise associates and other staff in the course of this matter? 16 I did. I do. 17 Α. And do you believe, are they attached to an 18 hourly rate as well? 19 20 A. They are. 21 And how do you assign that hourly rate? Q. I evaluate their length of experience as 22 Α. lawyers, their skill irrespective of length of service, their efficiency, if they're able to accomplish a great 24

deal in a shorter period of time, as opposed to taking

a lot of hours to accomplish what we think might take a little shorter time. So I look at their qualifications, I look at their efficiency, I look at their dedication. And there are factors under both Supreme Court Rule 1.5 and a case many years ago in 1969 called Brunsell versus Golden Gate National Bank that gives guidance to the Court. There's also, in the family law world, a case called Love versus Love, but between those sources. 10 There are some common factors that lawyers and the Court look to toward setting reasonable fees 11 12 that are reasonably and necessarily incurred. 13 Q. And did you apply those factors as you set your rates as it pertains to this case? 15 A. I do. Q. And can you please flip to Exhibit 31A? 16 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, all I have is 31. 17 Maybe counsel can give me a 31A. 18 THE COURT: Here's what I have as 31A. 19 20 Am I right? 21 MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Yes, yes, your Honor. 22 Are we all on 31A now? THE WITNESS: I will tell you the book 24 doesn't distinguish, Mr. Jimmerson, between 31 or 31A. THE COURT: We were supposed to do this 25

insert over the pink. THE WITNESS: We have the pink. 3 THE COURT: Do you have this? THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am, I do. 5 THE COURT: This is what I have. MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Yes, that's, that's 31A. 6 7 We did basically a substitute. 8 THE COURT: We did a substitute, so we need 9 the highlight in green. 10 Do you have it? THE CLERK: I'll give him my copy here. 11 12 THE COURT: That book may not have it. We'll give you the copy in the Court's exhibits. Okay, all 13 14 right. We can fix that. 15 Kristin said it must have happened when she wasn't here. 16 17 MS. LUNDVALL: I agree, your Honor. 18 THE COURT: We'll stipulate. 19 BY MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: 20 Q. Mr. Jimmerson, what is that exhibit? 21 It is marked as Exhibit 31A. It is a portion 22 of the billings to Mr. Wolfram and Mr. Wilkes, pursuant to our written fee agreements, for work that began in 24 November of 2010 through roughly mid June of 2013, that 25 focuses upon the work we did in this case prosecuting

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the three claims in the complaint filed December of 2 2010. Is it a true and accurate copy of those 3 records? 5 I believe it is. 6 Q. Okay. I personally reviewed this, obviously, before 7 Α. 8 I came here today. All right. Is that the bill that you would 9 Q. send to Mr. Wolfram or Mr. Wilkes? 10 11 Α. Yes, it has been sent --12 Q. Okay. -- to each of them. 13 Α. 14 I can see there's highlights on that. Q. 15 you, were those highlights part of the original bill 16 sent to the client, or were they added later? They were added later. 17 Α. No. 18 Q. Why were they added later? Well, we were trying to present, as part of 19 Α. the plaintiffs' case in chief, the damages that would 20 speak to a couple of elements. One would be --21 22 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, I don't think this witness is entitled to argue to the Court. 23 24 THE WITNESS: I'm not. MS. LUNDVALL: I think he's entitled to 25

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describe what the highlights are. 1 THE COURT: Explain the purpose of the highlights. 3 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you. THE WITNESS: The purposes of the highlights 5 is to allocate the work that we believe is the totality of work that is directed to the first claim for relief from seeking an accounting from Pardee Homes of Nevada, Inc. BY MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: 10 Are there highlights pertaining to other two 11 claims for relief? 12 The first claim for relief, I apologize. 13 first claim for relief for accounting, the second claim 15 for relief is for the breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and the third claim is 16 17 breach of contract for failure to keep them reasonably 18 informed. MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, I'm going to move 19 to strike the last objection [sic]. The complaint is 20 21 itself -- the last piece of testimony. The complaint 22 itself would identify the specificity of the allegations. 24 THE COURT: It would. I just want to orient, because obviously they've broken it up, so for our

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1 purposes, that's what you're doing. THE WITNESS: And for the record, the 2 complaint is Exhibit O at trial. 3 Go ahead. 5 MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: I would like to move this into evidence as Exhibit 31A. 6 THE COURT: Any objection, Ms. Lundvall? 7 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, our objection would be based upon relevance, but I believe that the Court has already dealt with this issue, so there would 10 be a conditional admission. 11 12 THE COURT: I'm gonna go ahead and admit it. You have your record on the issue. 13 Thank you. MS. LUNDVALL: I do. 14 15 THE COURT: You're not waiving anything by --MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you, your Honor. 16 THE COURT: It's admitted. 31A is admitted. 17 18 BY MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Have you come to a conclusion as to a 19 calculation of attorney fee damages as it pertains to 20 21 the accounting claim? 22 Yes. And how did you arrive at that 23 Q. conclusion? What was the formula you applied? 24 I focused upon the task undertaken and 25 Α.

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whether it had a direct relationship to accounting and work needed to process our claim for accounting, "our claim," meaning Mr. Wolfram and Mr. Wilkes. I, for those specific tasks, I assigned a 100 percent charge. If I charged \$250 for that day's entry, I would charge a hundred percent for that. That is in yellow.

In addition, I added to that one third of the unyellowed amount, which I call the white entries, just simply black and white entries, because of the three counts, we just associated one third for the accounting counts of those unyellowed numbers, and the total is a little over \$135,000 between the entire period of November 2010 through June, the middle of June 2011, which would put it essentially before we began the trial.

Go ahead.

- Q. Mr. Jimmerson, do you see that there is a set of pink or purple highlights?
 - A. I do.

- Q. Okay. And what do those apply to?
- A. Those are specifically the breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and breach of contract regarding failure to provide, to keep the clients reasonably informed. On subpoenas and custodians of records depos, and a finite pinpointed

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effort for those matters only totaling 7,600 and change, but \$7,600. 2 Okay. Do you believe that --3 Q. And let me add, the \$7,600 is part of the Α. 4 135,000, it's not to be added on. 5 THE COURT: Okay. So the pink highlighted 6 ones are not to be added on, they've already been 7 assigned? 8 THE WITNESS: They were \$7,600 for purposes 9 of what we felt we had to do to obtain this information 10 under Counts 2 and 3, but they're part of the 135,000. 11 We aren't seeking a ago duplication. 12 13 THE COURT: That's what the highlights are? 14 THE WITNESS: That's correct. 15 BY MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: Have you supervised or been a participant in 16 Q. the work since the drafting of the complaint in this 17 matter? 18 19 Α. Yes. And has that supervision or participation 20 been continued to the present? 21 22 Α. It has. Do you believe that these charges are a fair 23 Q. and, fair and reasonable in light of the factors that 24 you discussed? 25

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1	A. I do.
2	Q. Do you believe Mr. Wolfram and Mr. Wilkes
3	have received fair value for the charges?
4	A. I do.
5	MR. J.M. JIMMERSON: That's all I have, your
6	Honor.
7	THE COURT: Okay. I need to understand
8	why don't you do cross-examination. I'm sorry.
9	CROSS-EXAMINATION
10	BY MS. LUNDVALL:
11	Q. Let me see if I can't understand your
12	testimony. Anything in yellow, you're asking for in
13	total; is that correct?
14	A. Yes. As aimed for the accounting claims,
15	Ms. Lundvall.
16	Q. Anything in black and white, you are dividing
17	that by three and asking for that?
18	A. That's right, as part of the accounting
19	claim.
20	Q. And anything in purple, that you're not
21	asking for?
22	A. No. Purple is what I call the breach of
23	contract for the keep reasonably informed information
24	and breach the implied covenant.
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KERRY L. EARLEY DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT IV

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JAMES WOLFRAM AND WALTER D. WILKES and ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES LIVING TRUST, ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES, TRUSTEE,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: A-10-632338-C

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CLERK OF THE COURT

JUDGMENT

On October 23, 2013, the above-referenced matter came on for bench trial before the Honorable Judge Kerry Earley. The Court, having reviewed the record, testimony of witnesses, the documentary evidence, stipulations of counsel, the papers submitted by the respective parties, and considered the arguments of counsel at trial in this matter, entered Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law on June 25, 2014.

In the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Court ordered the parties to provide supplemental briefing within 60 days detailing what information Defendant Pardee homes of Nevada ("Pardee") and its successors and/or assigns should provide Plaintiffs James Wolfram and Walt Wilkes ("Plaintiffs") and their successors and/or assigns consistent with the Court's decision on the accounting cause of action.

After reviewing the parties' supplemental briefing, the Court then entered an order on May 13, 2015 reflecting its decision on the supplemental briefing (the "Accounting Order"). Having

considered the entire record presented at trial, including testimony of witnesses, the documentary evidence, stipulations of counsel, the papers submitted by the respective parties, and the arguments of counsel at trial in this matter, and in accordance with the findings of fact and conclusions of law incorporated by reference in the May 13, 2015 Order and June 25, 2014 Order, this Court enters judgment as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT JUDGMENT IS ENTERED in favor of Plaintiffs and against Pardee on Plaintiffs' causes of action for breach of contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Plaintiffs are entitled to damages from Pardee in an amount totaling \$141,500.00, of which \$6000.00 are consequential damages from Pardee's breach of the Commission Agreement and the remaining \$135,500.00 are special damages in the form of attorney's fees and costs.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT JUDGMENT IS
ENTERED in favor of Plaintiffs and against Pardee on Plaintiffs' cause of action for accounting.

Pardee shall provide Plaintiffs with future accountings related to the Commission Agreement consistent with the Accounting Order entered by the Court on May 13, 2015.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT JUDGMENT IS
ENTERED in favor of Plaintiffs and against Pardee on Pardee's cause of action for the breach of
implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

The Court reserves jurisdiction over this Judgment regarding the issues of attorney's fees, costs, and legal interest, therefore, this Judgment may be amended upon entry of any further awards of interest, costs, and/or attorney's fees.

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EARLEY, DISTRICT COURT.

KERRY L. EARLEY
DISTRICT JUDGE
DEPARTMENT IV
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on or about the date filed, I electronically served, sent by facsimile, emailed, or placed a copy of this order in the attorney's folder on the first floor of the Regional Justice Center as follows:

James J. Jimmerson, Esq. - The Jimmerson Law Firm Michael C. Flaxman, Esq. - The Jimmerson Law Firm Pat Lundvall, Esq. - McDonald Carano Wilson Rory T. Kay, Esq. - McDonald Carano Wilson

Kelly Tibbs

Judicial Executive Assistant

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JONE, LASH Sr. Vice President (310) 475-3525 ext. 251 (310) 446-1295

September 1, 2004

Mr. Walt Wilkes General Realty Group, Inc. 10761 Turquoise Valley Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89144-4141

Mr. Jim Wolfram Award Realty Group 10761 Turquoise Valley Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89144-4141

Re: Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions dated as of June 1, 2004, as amended (the "Option Agreement") between Coyote Springs Investment LLC ("Coyote") and Patdee Homes of Nevada ("Pardee")

Gentlemen:

This letter is intended to confirm our understanding concerning the pending purchase by Pardee from Coyote of certain real property located in the Counties of Clark and Lincoln, Nevada pursuant to the above-referenced Option Agreement. Except as otherwise defined herein, the capitalized words used in this Agreement shall have the meanings as set forth in the Option Agreement.

In the event Pardee approves the transaction during the Contingency Period, Pardee shall pay to you (one-half to each) a broker commission equal to the following amounts:

- (i) Pardee shall pay four percent (4%) of the Purchase Property Price payments made by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Option Agreement up to a maximum of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000);
- (ii) Then, Pardee shall pay one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the remaining Purchase Property Price payments made by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Option Agreement in the aggregate amount of Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000); and
- (iii) Then, with respect to any portion of the Option Property purchased by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, Pardee shall pay one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the amount derived by multiplying the number of acres purchased by Pardee by Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000).

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Pardee shall make the first commission payment to you upon the Initial Purchase Closing (which is scheduled to occur thirty (30) days following the Settlement Date) with respect to the aggregate Deposits made prior to that time. Pardee shall make each additional commission payment pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above concurrently with the applicable Purchase Property Price payment to Coyote. Thereafter, Pardee shall make each commission payment pursuant to clause (iii) above concurrently with the close of escrow on Pardee's purchase of the applicable portion of the Option Property; provided, however, that in the event the required Parcel Map creating the applicable Option Parcel has not been recorded as of the scheduled Option Closing, as described in paragraph 9(c) of the Option Agreement, the commission shall be paid into escrow concurrently with Pardee's deposit of the Option Property Price into Escrow and the commission shall be paid directly from the proceeds of said Escrow.

Pardee shall provide to each of you a copy of each written option exercise notice given pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, together with information as to the number of acres involved and the scheduled closing date. In addition, Pardee shall keep each of you reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due dates of your commission payments.

In the event the Option Agreement terminates for any reason whatsoever prior to Pardee's purchase of the entire Purchase Property and Option Property, and Pardee thereafter purchases any portion of the Entire Site from Seller, at the closing of such purchase, Pardee shall pay to you a commission in the amount determined as described above as if the Option Agreement remained in effect.

For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Pardee" shall include any successor or assignee of Pardee's rights under the Option Agreement, and Pardee's obligation to pay the commission to you at the times and in the manner described above shall be binding upon Pardee and its successors and assigns. Pardee, its successors and assigns, shall take no action to circumvent or avoid its obligation to you as set forth in the Agreement. Nevertheless, in no event shall you be entitled to any commission or compensation as a result of the resale or transfer by Pardee or its successor in interest of any portion of the Entire Site after such property has been acquired from Seller and commission paid to you.

In the event any sum of money due hereunder remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days, said sum shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date due until paid. In the event either party brings an action to enforce its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

This Agreement represents our entire understanding concerning the subject matter hereof, and all oral statements, representations, and negotiations are hereby merged into this Agreement and are superseded hereby. This Agreement may not be modified except by a written instrument signed by all of us. Nothing herein contained shall create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between the parties hereto unless expressly set forth to the contrary. The language of this Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Nevada according to its normal and usual meaning, and not strictly for or against either you or Pardee.

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Our signatures below will represent our binding agreement to the above.

Sincerely,

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA, a Nevada corporation

Jon E. Lash Senior Vice President

LISA M. LAWSON
Commission # 1335608
Notary Public - California
Los Angeles County
My Comm. Expires Dec 27, 2005

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this day of September 2004.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the County of

Los Angeles, State of California

Agreed to and accepted:

GENERAL REALTY GROUP, INC.

By. Walt Wilker

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me

this 4 day of Staten 12004.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the County

of Clark, State of Nevada

Notary Public - State of Nevada County of Clark LYNDA C. DILLON My Appointment Expires No: 97-0819-1 June 5, 2008

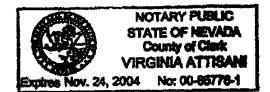
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AWARD REALTY GROUP

By: 100 Wolfram

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 6 day of 5597, 2004.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the County of Clark, State of Nevada



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                        CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA
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                                                                  3 so I will start with how I've done the orders so you
                                                                    can kind of follow what the Court's doing.
5 JAMES WOLFRAM,
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             PLAINTIFF,
                                                                  6 duplicates, I have plaintiffs' motion to strike
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   vs.
                                       CASE NO. A632338
                                                                  7 judgment entered June 15th, 2015, pursuant to NRCP
8 PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,
                                                                  8 52(b) and NRCP 59 as unnecessary and duplicative orders
             DEFENDANT.
                                                                  9 of final orders entered on June 25th, 2 thousand -- I
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                                                                12 entered on the 6/15/2015 was punitive -- no, fugitive.
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                                                                16 NRCP 58(a), Mr. Jimmerson.
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               BEFORE THE HONORABLE KERRY L.
                         DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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                                                                           MR. JIMMERSON: Yes, your Honor.
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                                                                           THE COURT: And I, I will tell you I do agree
                HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016
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                                                                    that we do need a judgment. It does require the entry
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                           AT 10:00 A.M
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                          LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
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21 APPEARANCES:
                                                                22 extensive research as best I could on my own to see,
                               JAMES J. JIMMERSON, ESQ. MICHAEL C. FLAXMAN, ESQ.
   For the Plaintiff:
                                                                23 you know, when it came up, Hey, was the, was my order,
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                               PATRICIA K. LUNDVALL, ESQ.
    For the Defendant:
                                                                24 my findings of fact, conclusions of law order that was
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                               RORY T. KAY, ESQ.
                                                                 25 entered on 6/25/2014, plus, as we know, the
25 Reported by: Loree Murray, CCR No. 426
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       LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016
                                                                  1 supplemental one which was required because I had asked
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                 10:00 A.M.
                                                                  2 for that on the supplemental briefing regarding the
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                                                                  3 future accounting, and that was entered on 5/13/2015,
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                                                                    and had this judgment was subsequent, but you tell me.
          THE COURT: Good morning, counsel.
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                                                                           I do believe under NRCP 58(a) that a judgment
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          MR. JIMMERSON: Good morning.
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                                                                    was required.
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          MS. LUNDVALL: Good morning, your Honor.
                                                                           MR. JIMMERSON: Right.
          THE COURT: Thank you very much for letting
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                                                                           THE COURT: Do you agree with me? Or if I'm
    me do this session today. I was in the middle of a
                                                                    off, tell me why.
10 triple kidnapping. I thought it was unfair to you and
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                                                                           MR. JIMMERSON: Thank you, Judge.
11 kind of unfair to the Court because I had worked on all
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                                                                           THE COURT: Yes. I want to start there.
12 this, but I just could not give you the time in the
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                                                                           MR. JIMMERSON: I do not agree with you, but
13 middle of that, so thank you for letting me reset it.
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                                                                    thank you very much.
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          MS. LUNDVALL: I'm hoping it wasn't you that
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                                                                           THE COURT: So I'm not doing substance. We
15 was being kidnapped.
                                                                 15 don't go to the substance yet. I really want to --
          THE COURT: Not at all. We were in the trial
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                                                                           MR. JIMMERSON: I read you loud and clear.
17 for a while, three weeks, but it was one of those cases
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                                                                           THE COURT: I worked very hard to do issue by
18 we were trying to complete before Christmas. We made
                                                                 18 issue, and I'm sure you feel the same way, because we
19 it, whatever, so we were just out of time. And typical
                                                                 19 could be here -- okay, so I want to be very clear on
20 in criminal, you did not know it was going to go
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                                                                22 fugitive document under NRCP 58(a).
    motions in the order that I think they should go in.
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                                                                           MR. JIMMERSON: Thank you, Judge.
                                                                           THE COURT: Okay. I'm not trying to be --
24 Bear with me and make sure.
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                                                                 25 loud and clear I guess is good.
          I've gone through them all, but I have broken
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Page 5 Page 7 MR. JIMMERSON: Yes, your Honor, and I MR. JIMMERSON: Exactly. 1 appreciate the direction, and I will speak to that, as 2 THE COURT: Absolutely, and that was very you say, and not to the substance. 3 explicit --THE COURT: Right. I'm not there yet. 4 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. MR. JIMMERSON: I will comply with the 5 THE COURT: -- in my order, because I did not Court's orders. have information at trial on how we could do that --7 We had this trial submitted to you December MR. JIMMERSON: Correct. of 2013. You issued your first order, I believe it was THE COURT: -- when I looked through all the 8 June 25 -evidence. That's very true. 10 10 THE COURT: 2014, yes, my findings of fact, MR. JIMMERSON: But then say I can't read 11 conclusions of law and order. 11 your mind, you would need to tell us whether you 12 intended that to be a final judgment on the monetary MR. JIMMERSON: Right. Now, you, you would 12 know what you intended. 13 issues and the --13 THE COURT: Absolutely. THE COURT: I will tell you I did not. I 14 14 15 envisioned, and I'm very honest and up front, I 15 MR. JIMMERSON: I don't, I don't have, you 16 know, the opportunity to go inside your mind what you 16 envisioned after we did the second one, I expected, 17 were thinking, but I know what you produced, and I 17 after we did the supplemental and we got all that 18 worked out, and that was my second order, I envisioned 18 think the work product that you did evidenced you spent a final judgment. 19 really a lot of time and effort and concern, and, you 19 20 know, every effort to be fair to both parties and a 20 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. 21 THE COURT: And the reason I wanted that is 21 very good effort to interpret the evidence as you 22 understood it, and you made your findings. 22 so both parties would know here's where we're at, and So what you did procedurally is you issued 23 here's, you know, especially in a case like this, and 23 24 your ruling on June 25, 2013. 24 everybody is a very zealous advocate, as we know, and 25 THE COURT: And order. 25 there were a lot of issues. That's why I worked so Page 6 Page 8 MR. JIMMERSON: And you addressed all of the hard, you know, I'm not asking for -- I worked so hard. 2 issues that were presented by both sides at trial on MR. JIMMERSON: I understand. seven days between October and December 2013. And then 3 THE COURT: I'm just saying that's why I we also followed our request, plaintiffs' request for tried to be as explicit as I could in this one, and I an accounting, which the Court granted as part of its envisioned that going into a judgment. findings of fact and conclusions of law of June 25. MR. JIMMERSON: All right. 6 7 7 THE COURT: So I did, and that's why I did THE COURT: Right. MR. JIMMERSON: So what we had at that point, not put "judgment." 9 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. in my judgment, was, and my interpretation of what you 10 had done is a final order and judgment. You didn't use 10 THE COURT: I'll be honest, I thought about 11 the word "judgment." 11 it until I realized I need the supplemental briefing on 12 THE COURT: I did not. 12 what we were gonna do on the accounting, and I wanted a MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. But you used the word 13 13 judgment under 58(a) to have no questions. 14 "order" where you have findings of fact, conclusions of 14 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 15 law and order that resolves all matters with regards to 15 THE COURT: And where each party, especially 16 our breach of contract, our breach of the implied 16 in a case like this, I will tell both of you, since 17 covenant of good faith and fair dealing and our need 17 there are future duties based on what Pardee may do in the future, that's why, that's why I did what I did. 18 for accounting, and you then granted our request which And if I would have found enough facts and 19 we had made to you in our opening statement and 20 evidence in what was given at the trial to have done 20 throughout the trial and our closing statements that 21 there be a second proceeding of some sort. 21 the accounting thing, I would have, but until I ruled 22 on the accounting, I, I looked for -- there was not THE COURT: Right. I wanted supplemental 22 23 briefing on how we were going to decide, since I enough evidence for me to feel comfortable in saying 24 what Pardee should do to comply with that future. granted the accounting, how we can agree this should be I felt like, and I'll be -- I, I wanted more 25 done based on the evidence. 25

Page 9 Page 11 1 information to be able to then complete that part of 1 figured out what happened. 2 the order. 2 MR. JIMMERSON: If you, as you've been very 3 MR. JIMMERSON: And we agree, because --3 clear now to say that no, you did not intend, even with THE COURT: Okay. And that's why. In fact, 4 4 the supplemental amendment of findings of fact, you agreed because you all worked on it for me very 5 conclusions of law in May of 2015 to have served as the 6 hard. 6 final order of the Court. 7 MR. JIMMERSON: And in the fall of -7 THE COURT: Final judgment. THE COURT: I agree both of you worked very 8 MR. JIMMERSON: Final judgment then. hard to get me that --9 THE COURT: And that is why did I not put the 10 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. 10 word "judgment." I thought about it, I mean I did, I 11 THE COURT: -- supplemental order, and that's 11 addressed it, but I did not for those reasons. 12 why I also didn't put "judgment" on that when it was 12 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. 13 given to me, can I be very honest, on the one, and you 13 THE COURT: Because I wanted to have what 14 want me to be, 5/13/2015. needed to be done with accounting, and I wanted one 15 MR. JIMMERSON: May 13, yes, your Honor. 15 document, a judgment, so that both the plaintiffs, THE COURT: I'm telling you in my head that's 16 especially with these future issues, and Defendant 17 why when I had these two, then I did envision a final 17 Pardee would know, especially on a case like this, 18 judgment. 18 here's the document, here's what it means, especially 19 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. after this case, when --20 THE COURT: So we would have one document so MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 20 21 both parties would know where we're at, what was owed 21 THE COURT: -- I wanted to make sure what was 22 and what was then -- and then I envisioned after the 22 done here was explicit for both parties so hopefully 23 judgment that we then would have the costs and the you would understand so we don't have any more 24 attorney's fees and all the post-judgment, so I did, I 24 litigation over this commission agreement. 25 will be honest. 25 MR. JIMMERSON: Let me just finish. Page 10 Page 12 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. Well, then you have 1 1 THE COURT: That's why I did it that way. resolved the matter. 2 That's why when I got a judgment, I was not, I was THE COURT: Okay, so that's, that's why. So 3 3 expecting it. that was when I --MR. JIMMERSON: Got it. 4 MR. JIMMERSON: The purpose for our, the 5 THE COURT: Does that makes sense? purpose for our motion, just so I can complete my MR. JIMMERSON: It does. 6 THE COURT: If I hadn't, I would have called 7 statement, was when you did issue your what is called 7 your amendment to findings of fact and conclusions of 8 both parties and said, I don't expect a judgment. law, your May 13th, 2015 supplemental order --MR. JIMMERSON: Let me just say that over 10 THE COURT: Correct. 10 many years of litigation, as you have seen as well and MR. JIMMERSON: -- that in our judgment 11 11 opposing counsel, I'm sure, that orders can be 12 completed --12 interpreted --THE COURT: No. 13 13 THE COURT: Absolutely. 14 MR. JIMMERSON: - as a judgment and as 14 MR. JIMMERSON: -- your decision making relative to facts and law and final order. No one took 15 final --16 an appeal from either order, June of '14 or May of 16 THE COURT: Absolutely. 17 MR. JIMMERSON: - and appealable within the 17 2015, so that became a final order. That is why I did 18 not belief it appropriate for Pardee to submit a Nevada rules of appellate procedure. 19 judgment as it did in the middle of June. 19 THE COURT: I agree with you. THE COURT: Right, and why you might not have MR. JIMMERSON: But nonetheless, if this was 20 20 21 been looking for it. 21 your intent, then so be it. MR. JIMMERSON: Well, I wasn't, correct. 22 22 THE COURT: I agree with you. That's why --23 THE COURT: I, I have put this all together. 23 but that was my intent. 24 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay. 24 And I want you to understand my thought 25 THE COURT: It's like anything else, I 25 process, so that's why I did that, and my once again my

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1 thought process, I want one judgment so both parties

2 will know here's where we're at, I mean, and make it as

3 explicit -- and that's why I went into as much detail

4 on the findings of fact from my order of 6/25/2014, and

5 that's why I worked diligently with you, as you know,

to come up with a supplemental.

And you worked together, I commend both of

8 you, so we could actually resolve that supplemental

9 issue on the accounting, so that's why I wanted a

supplemental, and you did, order on findings of fact,okay?

MR. JIMMERSON: Very good.

13 THE COURT: So based on that, I hope I did it

14 right, I'm doing them in order here, I'm denying that

15 just pursuant to NRCP 58(a), that I did envision, I did

16 want a judgment, and that was this Court's intent on

17 this case, okay?

18 MR. JIMMERSON: Okay.

19 THE COURT: And I'm not -- okay. So that

20 takes -- I'm gonna put them here in order.

Okay. Then number two, this is plaintiffs'

2 motion pursuant to NRCP 52(b) and 59(a) to amend the

23 Court's judgment entered on June 15th, 2015, to amend

24 the findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment

25 contained therein, specifically referring to the

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1 case, whether it be a good practice or a poor practice,

2 I, personally, do not review many of my emails or any

3 of my emails on a daily basis. I have staff helping

4 me. This became an issue in this case prior to June of

5 2015.

6 In the fall of 2014, the defendant, Pardee,

7 through counsel, submitted a document to me by email

8 only and to myself addressed only and to no other staff

9 which I did not read.

By virtue that we had hearings and I

11 communicated my objection to that to the Court and my

12 custom and practice of not reviewing email, I wrote

13 correspondence to opposing counsel of Pardee,

14 explaining that and that I wanted to make sure that

15 they added my secretary, who still remains my

16 secretary, Kim Stewart, and the associate assigned to

17 the case at the time, which was Burak Ahmed, and so the

18 defendant clearly knew that sending me an email had a

9 fair chance of not being read based upon its prior

20 experience.

This repeated itself in June of 2015, as the

22 Court sees. The judgment as proposed by defendant was

submitted to me by an email, copied to no one, despite

24 my prior request that it be sent to my secretary, who

25 remained the same, and to the associate on the file.

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1 language included in the judgment at Page 2, Lines 8

2 through 13 of the judgment, at Page 2, Lines 18 through

3 23, to delete the same or amend the same to reflect the

4 true fact that plaintiff prevailed on their entitlement

to the first claim for relief for an accounting anddamages for their second claim for relief of breach of

7 contract, and their third claim for relief for breach

8 of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing,

9 and that that defendant never received a judgment in

10 its form and against plaintiffs whatsoever as it

11 mistakenly stated within the Court's latest judgment,

12 and you were referring to the June 15th, 2015, okay.

This is the nuts and bolts. This is where

14 we're going now.

MR. JIMMERSON: Right.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

MR. JIMMERSON: All right, Judge. Thank you.

THE COURT: You're welcome. That's the place

19 to start.

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MR. JIMMERSON: As the Court has properly

21 noted, we did not anticipate the need for a third

22 document called "Judgment," which the Court has already

23 discussed with us, and the Court's indicated otherwise

24 that it did want this judgment.

Now, as you saw from the history of this

1 That was not complied with.

You then received the judgment, and you, like

3 many other fine jurists, pause when you receive a

4 document like that. You don't immediately sign it the

5 next day, not only because you might have many other

6 things to do at that moment, but as a matter of good

7 practice.

8 THE COURT: Uh-huh.

MR. JIMMERSON: You want to make sure that

10 both side have some opportunity to object, to

11 communicate between themselves, you know, to take some

12 action to advise the Court with regard to the propriety

13 of entering such a document.

14 THE COURT: Well, it's not just, I will tell

15 you right now it's not just good practice, it's the

16 rules of this Court, the rules of this Court from the

17 beginning on this. And I actually have spent a long

18 time, the rules of Department IV have always been, from

19 the beginning, and they were complied with, I looked

20 back in the history, that when there is an order for a

21 -- and I consider a judgment an order, that it is to be

22 signed as to form and content and approved, whoever

23 drafted it, approved by the other, or then my rule is

24 if not, then if someone submits one that has not had

25 the approved to form and content, I am to receive

Page 17 1 either a letter or information why, what efforts they MR. JIMMERSON: And what's deeply offensive 2 by Pardee here is that they knew that I don't read this made, and if the other side wants to do it, they are to 3 either send me a letter to explain here's why we don't 3 and I had requested them to have them sent to my staff approve it, or send me another proposed. 4 by virtue of there had been an issue in the fall of 5 2013 in a court hearing we had here in which MR. JIMMERSON: Agreed. THE COURT: I don't sign orders - and I 6 communication I had directly with Pardee's lead counsel 6 that they include in my staff, which they did not do in 7 looked back through this case, because that has been my practice since I've been on the bench, since July of the following June. 9 2012, and I looked back, and this case did exactly THE COURT: Okay. 10 10 that, whether it was Ms. Lundvall's firm or whether MR. JIMMERSON: Now, when I say I can't look 11 into your mind, I want to say that again, but one thing 11 your firm, gave me the orders, and I looked back all 12 we can say is that this Court worked very hard and made 12 the way from 10/23/2013 it was done that way, 13 1/25/2013, 3/14/2013, 4/12/2013, 5/30/2013, 6/5/2013, 13 rulings in the findings of fact and conclusions of law 14 7/23/2013, 10/8/2013, 8/14/2014 and 5/13/2015. and order that you would recall, you know as your 15 The only order other than this judgment of 15 findings -16 6/15/2015 that was not approved for form and content is THE COURT: Absolutely. 16 17 MR. JIMMERSON: And let me say that if you, 17 one done by Judge Bonaventure when I was, I think I was 18 and I have done this, if you compare your order to the 18 at the judicial college that week, but whenever it was proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law of the when there was a collection issue that I wasn't here, I 20 did not sign that. plaintiff and as the defendant, you drew upon both as 21 well as making your own independent findings within My other ruling is when a senior judge or this judgment, so it is very clear to me --22 someone else sits in here, I will not sign their orders unless they either give me a letter or - because I 23 THE COURT: I did not adopt your findings. 24 MR. JIMMERSON: Correct. 24 can't always tell by minutes what exactly happened. 25 THE COURT: And did I not adopt --25 That is the only one. Page 18 MR. JIMMERSON: Correct. So for the record, this judgment of 1 1 2 THE COURT: I literally spent a week of my 2 6/15/2015, it's not my good practice that I would pause, it didn't comply with the known practice and the time off, I'm paid a lot, I'm supposed to do that, to standard order of this Court that both of you are aware 4 do that for you. 5 MR. JIMMERSON: Exactly. of and you complied with until this one on 6/15. 5 6

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6 MR. JIMMERSON: This order --7 THE COURT: So I wanted that in the record. And I looked back to make sure if for some reason I had 9 made a waiver in this case, and I certainly had not. MR. JIMMERSON: And the Court should --10 11 THE COURT: I wanted that on the record. 12 MR. JIMMERSON: Thank you. 13 And the Court should note, of course, that I was not given that opportunity to sign off on this 14 15 document. 16 THE COURT: It's my understanding from your 17 affidavit you were not. MR. JIMMERSON: Correct. They sent me an 19 email that included this document. They knew that I 20 don't read my emails as a matter of course. They then submitted it to you in a day or two following that and 22 you signed it, but on the face of the document the judgment is very clear that I did not sign off on that, 24 and just the face of the document evidences the same. THE COURT: It does. 25

THE COURT: So don't -- all you have to do is look at your two proposed and you will see that's not 8 what I did. 9 MR. JIMMERSON: Absolutely right. 10 THE COURT: And I reviewed all the testimony 11 again, because as you recall, unfortunately after your 12 next week of trial, I had to start the Actos trial. 13 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 14 THE COURT: Hopefully I never have to do that again, I've learned if I do a bench trial I'm not gonna 15 let them back me up, but you learn when things happens. 17 So I will tell you for the record I read 18 every transcript again. I, wherever I sat, at home, I 19 read every -- because honestly, it's like the trier of 20 fact, I can't remember all of the testimony and it was 21 extensive. And we had that break also, remember, 22 Mr. Jimmerson? 23 MR. JIMMERSON: Yes, your Honor, I do. 24 THE COURT: Okay. So that is true. MR. JIMMERSON: The point being that you well 25

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1 know more than opposing counsel or myself your intent 2 and --

3 THE COURT: I do.

MR. JIMMERSON: -- your convictions with

5 regard to the entry of findings, conclusions, and the

final order that you entered on June 25th of 2014 as

7 supplemented by your amended findings of May 13th of

8 2015.

9 Speaking to your findings of fact and

0 conclusions of law and order of June of 2014, you know,

11 having listened to all the testimony, from opening

12 statements to closing remarks and all the testimony in

13 between, that there was never a claim by the plaintiff

14 for \$1.9 million in damages that you have found in the

15 judgment that was asserted improperly by Pardee as part

16 of this judgment submitted to you in June and that you

17 signed on that date.

Here specifically what the finding says that

19 we ask pursuant to this motion be stricken or deleted,

20 and as you properly noted, Judge, it's at Page 2,

21 Lines 8 through 17, and again at Page 2 at Lines 18

22 through 23.

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23 THE COURT: I marked it up. I got it.

MR. JIMMERSON: Plaintiffs' claimed

25 \$1,952,000 in total damages related to their causes of

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THE COURT: Absolutely, I saw the dominoes.

2 MR. JIMMERSON: So I'm speaking to this --

THE COURT: I worked on it.

4 MR. JIMMERSON: This is the central issue in

5 all seven motions, and once you resolve this, it will

6 help resolve every other issue.

7 THE COURT: I'm aware of that. I analyzed

B it. I'm very aware of that, Mr. Jimmerson. Believe

9 me, I'm aware of that.

10 MR. JIMMERSON: All right. Judge, I think

11 that Pardee is really acting in bad faith by making

12 this type of a finding and making this kind of order,

13 which would never have been approved by me had I seen

14 it. Let's go through it.

The deposition of James Wolfram that was

16 taken in 2013 just before trial, at page -- it was also

17 taken in 2011. It was two volumes of the deposition of

18 James Wolfram, but reading from the deposition of

19 November 8th, 2011, Page 102, Ms. Lundvall, on behalf

20 of Pardee, asked Mr. Wolfram, on behalf of the

21 plaintiffs, she said this:

22 All right. Can you tell me - I'm reading

23 from Lines 7 through 9 of his deposition.

All right. Can you tell me how much that you

believe you've been damaged, sir, and that

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1 action. Specifically, Plaintiffs' claim \$1,800,000 in

2 damages related to lost future commissions from

3 Pardee's purported breach of the commission agreement,

4 \$146,500 in attorney's fees incurred as special damages

5 and for prosecuting the action, and \$6,000 in

6 consequential damages for time and effort expended

7 searching for information regarding what Pardee

8 purportedly owed them under the commission agreement.

And you make the order based on that Lines 18 through 22, It is hereby ordered, adjudged, and decreed

11 that judgment is entered against the plaintiffs and for

12 Pardee as to plaintiffs' claim for \$1,800,000 in

13 damages related to lost future commissions under the

14 commission agreement.

Pardee has not breached the commission agreement in such way, any way in which as to deny

7 plaintiffs any fixture commissions and Dardee has neid

17 plaintiffs any future commissions, and Pardee has paid18 all commissions due and owing under the commission

19 agreement.

This is a phony assertion of words that are

21 not supported by your findings of fact, conclusions of

22 law, and it's an attempt by them which followed

23 immediately after this for this ridiculous claim for

24 attorney's fees, that somehow they were the prevailing

25 party. You see the dominoes that fall.

you're seeking to recover from Pardee?

Mr. Wolfram: I can't. I don't know enough

about what I'm talking about. I don't know

enough about what I'm talking about. That's

5 the reason this whole thing has come about.

6 I can't tell you that. I don't have enough

information, end of quote.

That's during discovery, and that's Pardee's

9 direct inquiry. It is the only inquiry that Pardee

10 makes with regard to plaintiffs' damages. They never

11 serve any interrogatories, they never serve any

12 requests for production of documents that speak to

13 damages. They never inquire about that.

Nowhere in the opening statement does the

15 defendant speak to \$1.8 million. Nowhere does the

16 plaintiff speak to \$1.8 million. The \$1.8 million only

17 appeared as a number in two places, and I will tell you

18 exactly where they are, and none of them are part of

19 the court record in terms of the trial.

The first reference to \$1.8 million is filed

21 as a 16.1 supplemental disclosure by plaintiff in

22 2 thousand -- is it '11 -- 2013, that said that if the

23 30,000 acres were all designated single-family

24 production residential property as defined under the

25 option agreement, and if you were to take a \$40,000 per

Page 25 Page 27 1 acre, and multiply that over the number of acres that 1 THE COURT: The Court disagreed. 2 2 are being built out over the next 40 years, and you MR. JIMMERSON: Agreed. 3 multiply that by 1.5 percent, our clients could be 3 THE COURT: I looked at the evidence, but 4 entitled to up to \$1.8 million in damages, period. 4 that's what you were talking about. That's it. 5 MR. JIMMERSON: That's exactly --6 The second time that that number was raised THE COURT: Not future, as in future that I 6 7 was in our opposition to the plaintiffs' motion for would have thought of by this accounting. 8 summary judgment that was argued and briefed in 2013, 8 MR. JIMMERSON: Correct. 9 which was denied by the Court in denying the defense's 9 THE COURT: So it wasn't future, so that was 10 motion for summary judgment, where we stated that up to 10 very unclear until I --11 30,000 acres could lead to future commissions of MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 11 12 \$1.8 million. THE COURT: That was not what it really was, 12 13 Neither one of those references were ever 13 it was potentially past commissions --14 introduced into evidence or spoken to you, and I say to 14 MR. JIMMERSON: You got it. 15 you more than anything, and we can talk for seven hours 15 THE COURT: -- under the commission agreement 16 today, but in the next three minutes, you can answer letter, which I'm, I almost know word for word right 17 this question. now, the commission agreement based on your 18 Did you hear any testimony by the plaintiff 18 interpretation, what your interpretation was. I 19 or by the defendant or any rebuttal or opposition by understood it. I read the testimony. 20 the defendant or the plaintiff of any claim of 20 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 21 \$1.8 million? The answer is no. How do we know that? 21 THE COURT: Which I admit, during trial I did 22 Because you start with the opening statement of 22 not, I did not find that I thought any would be due and 23 plaintiff, Mr. Jimmerson, the opening statement of 23 owing. 24 Pardee, Ms. Lundvall. There's not one reference to a 24 MR. JIMMERSON: I understand. claim for future commissions of \$1.8 million that is 25 THE COURT: There was never anything that I Page 26 Page 28 due now. Not anything. 1 -- I don't even remember if I had gone that way how I What is said, in fact, to you in our opening 2 would have figured an amount out. In fact, when I was statement by myself is we don't know. We're looking 3 looking at it, I'm not gonna go through it, I didn't. for whether or not future commissions are owed. We 4 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. need the information. 5 THE COURT: I didn't go there, because I THE COURT: And by "future commissions," you found that I did not the feel that what I said --7 mean if I had agreed that when they change, where --7 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 8 8 the option property, and if I had agreed with that, THE COURT: It's in my findings. that your claim was that they had already, Pardee had 9 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 10 10 already sold to -- bought from CSI, what property that THE COURT: I told you my reasoning. I did 11 was option property, and that would have been due and 11 not feel that there was anything more due and owing. 12 owing. 12 MR. JIMMERSON: You're correct. 13 MR. JIMMERSON: Correct. 13 THE COURT: And I felt that they -- that was 14 THE COURT: Under the commission. 14 my choice. I was the trier of fact. I felt that the 15 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 15 changes that were done did not make it option property THE COURT: So when you say "future," that's 16 16 and did not make it something that commissions were --17 not really -- that's, that's -- I don't understand that 17 I was very clear, and that was obviously --18 one, because not future, not for future if they were MR. JIMMERSON: I'm really glad, I'm really 19 selling in the future, but may have been owed if, once 19 glad that you prepared for today's hearing. You are a 20 you got all those documents and all those amendments hot bench right now. You really know this stuff. 21 and we had discussion, I understand it completely, I 21 THE COURT: Well, this --22 went through it, you felt like your position was that 22 MR. JIMMERSON: So thank you. 23 they had already sold property under that option 23 THE COURT: I invested so much time for both 24 agreement. 24 of you, I felt in my heart. I wanted this right, you 25

25 know.

MR. JIMMERSON: Right.

This, this is the most distressful thing I've ever gone through, I'll be honest, because, you know, you work so hard, and, you know.

MR. JIMMERSON: Right. So I can explain to 5 you ---

THE COURT: It's a tough job. You work so 7 hard because I, as any judge would do, this was so 8 important --

9 MR. JIMMERSON: So you understand.

10 THE COURT: -- that this be done right for

11 both of you, very much so. Whether you agree how I do

12 it or not, I certainly have put the time in and am

13 trying very hard to do what's fair for both of you, as

14 I'm supposed to. That's my job.

15 MR. JIMMERSON: You bet.

16 THE COURT: I'm not asking that you say, Good

17 Job, Earley, you're doing your job. That is my job.

18 But right or wrong, I will tell you I have invested the

time that I know was required, not only for all the

20 motions prior for the trial, but for all of this.

21 MR. JIMMERSON: Well, this motion certainly

22 is --

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23 THE COURT: You're not having a judge that

24 doesn't get it. I get.

MR. JIMMERSON: This motion is aimed at the

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1 enough evidence within the option agreement and its

2 amendments to evidence that Pardee had the right to go

3 horizontally to the east and not vertically to the

north within Parcel 1. That's something we obviously

didn't agree with, but that was your findings.

THE COURT: That was my findings from looking 6

at the evidence, absolutely. MR. JIMMERSON: But the important, the 8

pertinent part as a result of that is, as you correctly

10 characterized and analyzed what the issues were, there

11 was never a claim by Jim Wolfram or Walt Wilkes at

12 trial or in their depositions that they had an existing

13 obligation owed to them by Pardee of \$1.8 million or

14 any number that even resembled such a number.

His only claim for damages when he was asked 15 16 about that by Pardee's counsel, Ms. Lundvall was, I

17 spent, you know, hours trying to find information. I

18 used \$80 an hour. The Court awarded \$75 an hour, and

so I'm entitled to \$7,200. The Court awarded \$6,000,

20 and then the Court --

21 THE COURT: That was based on the evidence.

MR. JIMMERSON: Right. And the Court looked

23 upon the testimony that I offered, as provided by the

Supreme Court rules, of approximately \$146,500. The

25 Court awarded \$135,500, combined for a judgment of

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1 improper insertion of a finding that was not

2 appropriate. Certainly it was not something the Court

3 did. The Court found actually otherwise, the reverse

of that, in your order.

Just so you understand, the \$1.8 million is

based upon a theoretical purchase of all the remaining

property and assuming that all of it's designated by

8 Pardee as single family over the next 30 years. That's

9 how you got the \$1.8 million. This case wasn't about

10 \$1.8 million. It was exactly what you said.

We believed, which you found differently, but 12 we believed they only had the right to build within

13 Parcel 1, and if they went east of Parcel 1 it would be

14 the exercise of option property.

15 THE COURT: And that would have been past 16 damages.

17 MR. JIMMERSON: Exactly. And the amount of

18 those acres was unknown to us, because we didn't know

19 how much was to the east of the line on the east side

20 of Parcel 1, and that's why we were asking for the

21 accounting.

Now, you resolved that against the 22

23 plaintiffs --

24 THE COURT: I did.

MR. JIMMERSON: - and said that there was 25

1 \$141,500. That's what the Court did. The Court found

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2 that there were no further commissions due and owing

because the Court found they had the right to build

east horizontally. I'm with you.

5 THE COURT: I was very detailed in my

findings of fact and conclusions of law and order. 6

7 MR. JIMMERSON: And the last part of that

was, as you know, during the course of the trial and

having listened to the testimony of Lash, Andrews, and

10 Whittemore, we double checked the County Commission

records and found that they had redesignated a

12 multi-family parcel, Res. 5, if you remember the map.

13 THE COURT: To single.

MR. JIMMERSON: To single-family production

15 real estate, and you ruled against us again there.

THE COURT: I did.

17 MR. JIMMERSON: Where you said --

THE COURT: Based on the evidence.

MR. JIMMERSON: -- that the redesignation 19

would not entitle the plaintiffs to those damages. 20

THE COURT: Right.

22 MR. JIMMERSON: And as you've seen in both

the proposed findings that the plaintiffs submitted as

24 well as the testimony that Res. 5 was in the ballpark

25 of a 50 acre parcel which you could you multiply times

Page 33 1 40,000 times 1/2 would be about a \$30,000 commission. And we didn't know what that would be, that would be

something you would take up in the second part of the trial, accounting trial, which was obviated by the

Court's ruling that they could redesignate.

THE COURT: I agree with that. I agree with that in the record, yes, I do.

MR. JIMMERSON: So what I have to say to you is sort of like this: If you stick to your guns with 10 regard to your findings of fact and conclusions of law 11 and order, then you can clearly see how Defendant

12 Pardee has misled the Court and has inserted a finding 13 that led to an order that somehow they prevailed in

14 this case is completely a mischaracterization and

15 distortion of this trial.

16 I want to go further, because there's just 17 nothing -- again, it's just a preposterous suggestion. 18 Judge, in the opening statement by either party, no one raises the \$1.8 million. Number two, nobody ever

20 claims that that's been done, because the \$1.8 million 21 on its face is a hypothetical calculation of if 30,000

22 acres of option property in the next 35 years from the

23' time of trial were exercised, that would be a possible

24 commission due to the plaintiff.

25 THE COURT: Right. Page 35

1 Parcel Map 1, would have been option property. I got 2 it.

3 THE COURT: You can disagree, but --

4 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. But that certainly

does not obviate the need and the obligation of Pardee

to pay a future commission in the event they, in the

7 future, by additional property, designate it

8 single-family production residential property, and that

would entitle the plaintiffs to additional commission.

10 In fact, you remember the testimony of 11 Jon Lash was that the next purchase by Pardee of option

12 property will be a commissionable event owed to the

13 plaintiffs.

14 THE COURT: And that's why we have the 15 supplement.

16 MR. JIMMERSON: Exactly.

17 THE COURT: To say if they do it, you'll have 18 the information, you'll be on the same page, and you'll

know that it was option property that was pursuant to

the commission agreement.

21 MR. JIMMERSON: The findings --

THE COURT: I understand that.

23 MR. JIMMERSON: The findings of fact,

24 conclusions of law of yourself that was entered in

25 June --

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THE COURT: June 25th, 2014, right. 1

MR. JIMMERSON: It makes no reference to a

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3 \$1.8 million and makes no reference to the defendant Pardee prevailing at all. I know you have but I did it

again, of course in preparation, read every single

finding of fact and conclusions of law of your findings

of fact, conclusions of law order, and you will find

the following:

One, that an accounting is warranted. The 10 first claim for relief by the plaintiffs is warranted,

and there will be an accounting that we will determine

12 how to do that by briefs 60 days from then, and that

13 there was an entitlement to accounting because of the

special relationship that existed between the

plaintiffs and Defendant Pardee because of the reliance

16 and the need, you know, and control that the plaintiffs

17 needed of the defendants and the defendant's control of

18 all the information that would be able to be and was

19 required by contract to be provided the plaintiffs that

20 hadn't been provided.

21 And third, that there had been an intentional 22 bad faith withholding of information, particularly as

23 it related to designation of property that the

24 defendant owed to the plaintiffs, and therefore, the

25 plaintiffs were entitled to accounting and we will do

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MR. JIMMERSON: That's all, but everybody 2 understood that that wasn't the case. The case here was for information. The breach of contract was

4 failure to give information. The first claim was for

an accounting. The second claim was for breach of contract, not for money damages due and owing, but for

information, and the third is the breach of implied

covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

So all I'm gonna try to say to you is this, 10 You have the affidavit of plaintiffs' lead counsel who 11 says 90 percent of our time was devoted to defeating

12 their claim for \$1.8 million. Well, first of all, if

13 you just calculate the amount of time that they charged

14 their client, as evidenced by their bills through the 15 time in 2013 when this fifth disclosure was made, they

16 already had 20 percent of their time already expended,

17 so it couldn't be 90 percent, but beyond that, when you

18 look at the entries of their, the specific entries

19 within their billings, you don't see any reference to

\$1.8 million. It's just a phony claim. What they won in your finding was that there 21

22 was no present commissions due to the plaintiffs beyond what had been paid because the Court found that it had

24 the right, Pardee had the right to build east 25 horizontally and to, and that, at least in the first

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1 so by supplemental brief. That's your findings with regard to the first

claim. 3 You have to understand from this case, and I know you do, this was never a case of plaintiffs are entitled to commissions in the amount of blank dollars. Read the complaint, read the second -- first amended complaint and the second amended complaint, they all say the same thing, the breach of contract is the failure to provide the information that this special 11 relationship and superior knowledge that Pardee had, 12 and we don't know whether or not there's additional 13 monies due and owing, and if there is we want them to 14 be paid to us but we need that information. And that 15 was consistent throughout the case. You couldn't have

17 against any defendant. 18 These plaintiffs are taking on the behemoth 19 of Pardee. They filed a complaint because they had written four or five letters beforehand requesting the information and they were not provided it. 21

16 found a more conservative complaint by any plaintiff

22 Mr. Lash independently tells Chicago Title 23 not to give information to Mr. Wolfram, and the Court makes that finding within its orders. So when you look 25 at that, you have your Court's specific findings,

- 1 find breach of that. There was certainly a covenant
- 2 that ran with this contract, and the covenant of good
- 3 faith and fair dealing was not complied with by Pardee,
- 4 I find a breach and I find the same damages of
- 5 \$141,500, and you have entered the order that says so,
- 6 and then you have the accounting in 60 days.

So I want you to know how preposterous, it's

- 8 the only word I thought of it can be, you know. I
- could be melodramatic. I don't want to do that. I
- 10 want to be as professional as we all can be, but it's a
- 11 preposterous claim this be inserted into a complaint.
- 12 You don't make any findings, any findings that the
- 13 defendant prevailed. You don't make any findings
- 14 that's in this judgment that says that the Court has
- 15 ordered judgment in favor of defendant and against the
- 16 plaintiff on this issue at all. It's not referenced
- 17 anywhere. Why? Because it was not an issue tried at
- 18 trial.

19 I have gone back and have provided to you in

- 20 this record the proposed --, the opening statements --
- well, I've given you the entire transcript. We have
- the entire transcript. It's part of the record, the
- 23 entire transcript. There's not one word of
- 24 \$1.8 million or the plaintiffs' claim for \$1.8 million.
- 25 and therefore, your Honor, you should enter a judgment

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1 in favor of us to say that we defeated them on that

2 issue.

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In the opening statement of Pat Lundvall

doesn't reference one thing about, you know, your

5 Honor, the plaintiffs are making a claim of

- 6 \$1.8 million, and you need to make a finding against
- 7 them. That wasn't an issue, because it was a
- 8 theoretical mathematical calculation of all the rest of
- the 30,000 acres, all of it being designated as
- 10 single-family production real estate, and all of it
- 11 being built out for the next 35 years at the time of
- 12 trial. Everybody understood that, and the testimony of
- Jim Wolfram from his deposition first given in 2011
- right through the present evidenced that. 14

15 My opening statement is recorded in our 16 briefs. It simply states, Judge, this is a case about 17 a need for information and the damages that followed

18 therefor. The trial, at the trial Mr. Wolfram took the

19 20 witness stand on two different occasions, Mr. Wilkes 21 went one time, and the Court may remember the 22 difficulty that Mr. Wolfram had on the first day in

23 terms of some of the questions that were asked, but he

was on the stand for many, many hours. At no time did

25 plaintiffs' counsel -- excuse me, defendant's counsel,

plaintiff prevails as to the accounting.

Second claim for relief, breach of

- contracted, granted. I find that there was a contract, 4 I find that the duties of the plaintiffs have been
- fully satisfied, I find the duties of the defendant
- were not satisfied and that they did not provide the
- information required to do so, and I find in favor of 8 the plaintiffs.

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damages pursuant to Sandy Valley of the time and effort 11 of Mr. Wolfram pursuant to decisional law both in 12 California and elsewhere that allows for that in the 13 modest amount of \$6,000, and I allow \$135,500 in

What damages do I award? I award the special

attorneys fees out of I think we requested about 15 \$146,000 in attorney's fees, that I'm satisfied is

16 directly and devoted and required only as the result of

17 the failure of the defendant to provide the information

18 it was obliged to do, and that's the judgment, \$141,500 19 plus interest as we go forward.

20 That's your findings on breach of contract, 21 and you were very specific to find there was a breach, 22 and you find the bad faith of the defendant with regard to the failure to provide this information. 23

The third claim for relief, breach of the

25 implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, you

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1 let alone plaintiffs' counsel, but certainly at no time

- 2 did defendant's counsel ask a single question about
- 3 \$1.8 million. At no time was Mr. Wolfram asked a
- 4 question like: Are you claiming today that you were
- 5 entitled to lost commissions of \$1.8 million? That was
- 6 not asked. It's not part of this case. It was simply
- 7 a theoretical calculation of what could be owed in the
- 8 event of all this happening in the next 35 years, not
- 9 what's going on in 2013 when this case was tried, not
- 10 one question about that by Pardee's counsel, not one
- 11 question of Mr. Wilkes with regard to that.
- There is no evidence, there is no exhibit
- 13 that references \$1.8 million. There is no entry of
- 14 time by Jimmerson Hansen by McDonald's Carano that
- 15 references \$1.8 million.
- 16 This case was about whether or not the
- 17 defendant had breached its duty to provide information
- 18 and whether or not it owed to the plaintiff an
- 19 accounting for that information. That's what this case
- 20 is. And it was hotly contested, as the Court
- 21 indicated, and there was a lot of, you know, intense
- 22 work, and it was very, the best way to describe it, a
- 23 hotly contested case, but at no time did the defendant
- 24 at any time make reference to plaintiffs' alleged claim
- 25 of \$1.8 million, because plaintiff never made that

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- 1 claim in any complaint, any amendment to that complaint
- 2 and any document. There's not one piece of information
- 3 introduced in evidence or argued to you orally that
- 4 references that.
- THE COURT: Right.
- 6 MR. JIMMERSON: So when I saw this judgment
- 7 here in June of 2015, having not been given the
- 8 opportunity to sign off on it as the Court's standard
- 9 rule would require, I moved to strike this document
- 10 specifically, as it found your finding plaintiffs'
- 11 claim \$1,950,000 in total damages.
- 12 Judge, none of the findings of fact and
- 13 conclusions of law of either side, plaintiff or
- 14 defendant, makes any reference to this, nor, as I
- 15 mentioned before, was there any interrogatories or
- 16 requests for production of documents or requests for
- 17 admissions or any use of depositions, Rules 30, 33, 34,
- 18 36 ever promulgated by the defendant on this issue of
- 19 alleged entitlement to \$1.8 million.
- 20 And you have your own recollection, which is
- 21 the most important. Did the plaintiff ever make a
- 22 claim during the course of this trial for
- 23 \$1.952 million? The plaintiffs claim \$1,952,000 in
- 24 total damages, that was a lie. That's untrue. And you
- 25 heard the trial.

- THE COURT: I did.
- 2 MR. JIMMERSON: That has no basis to be part
- 3 of this judgment.
- 4 And then what they say is: It is hereby
- 5 ordered, adjudged, and decreed that judgment is entered
- 6 against plaintiffs and for Pardee. Read your findings
- 7 of fact and conclusions of law.
 - THE COURT: I did.
- 9 MR. JIMMERSON: Is there any entry of any
- 10 judgment against the plaintiffs in those findings? No.
- 11 It is concocted. Why is that? Because there's an
- 12 ulterior motive by Pardee. Pardee is trying to find a
- 13 way to get their attorney's fees back.
- 14 They expended an extraordinary amount of
- 15 money, \$550,000 they claim in this case, and they want
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- 90 percent of it returned to them because theyprevailed on a claim that didn't exist, that you never
- 18 heard, that they introduced no evidence on somehow so
- 19 they would have the basis to make this claim. And then
- 20 what hannens after this judgment is entered? They
- 20 what happens after this judgment is entered? They
- 21 filed a motion for attorney's fees which you will rule
- 22 upon today or in the future.
- And then based upon this alleged finding that
- 24 plaintiffs claim \$1,952,000 or \$1.8 million in damages
- 25 related to lost future damages, and therefore a
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 - 1 judgment is entered, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and2 decreed that judgment is entered against the plaintiffs
 - 2 decreed that judgment is entered against the plants
 - 3 and for Pardee as to plaintiffs' claim for \$1,800,000
 - 4 in damages related to lost future commissions under the
 - 5 commission agreement, that can't possibly be, because
 - 6 as you properly stated, we don't know what purchases
 - 7 Pardee is going to make from CSI in the future for the
 - 8 next 35 years, so how could we possibly have won a
 - 9 claim that's going to be over the next 35 years when
 - 10 everyone in this courtroom will be dead?
 - Please understand that was the whole purpose
 - 12 of this judgment, because how is Sharon or Jim's
 - 13 children going to follow what's going on in the next 35
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 14 years?
 - Now, we had no idea about the transfer of
 - 16 Weyerhaeuser and all the other things and the
 - 17 litigation with the Seeno brothers that may have
 - 18 affected the future events, but as we tried this case,
 - 19 nobody was asking for \$1.8 million or the like.
 - So then they enter order is against
 - 21 plaintiffs for Pardee as to plaintiffs' claim for
 - 22 \$1,800,000 in damages. We never made that claim.
 - 23 There's not a document to support that. There is not
 - 24 one piece of testimony about it. What can I say? The
 - 25 words \$1.8 million or a claim for anything like that, a

Page 47 Page 45 MR. JIMMERSON: In your own findings you 1 million dollars, 1.3, 1.5 was never referenced in this granted plaintiffs as the prevailing parties and trial. 3 I reviewed the trial transcript. It's not 3 against the defendant, 141,500. That's fine. 4 there. I reviewed the opening statements by both 4 Let me turn to the next page of the judgment. parties. It's not there. I reviewed the findings of 5 THE COURT: I got it. 6 MR. JIMMERSON: And it concludes -- I guess 6 fact proposed by both of parties. It's not there. So you tried this case. You know it was not 7 that's it, right? 8 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 8 there, and so your, you know, your entry of this MR. JIMMERSON: Am I missing a page? 9 judgment based upon, as I understand, your receiving 10 this judgment from the defense counsel for Pardee, 10 THE COURT: It's three pages. I've got it 11 here. 11 waiting some time to hear from the Jimmerson Law Firm, 12 MR. JIMMERSON: All right. And then you 12 having heard nothing you entered the judgment. 13 referenced the need for the accounting and going 13 THE COURT: I will clear up the record on 14 exactly what happened there. forward. 15 THE COURT: And it incorporated, I mean 15 MR. JIMMERSON: I don't know. 16 THE COURT: I know, so I will put everything 16 incorporated my order of May 13th, 2015. 17 MR. JIMMERSON: Exactly. Exactly. So that's 17 on the record. MR. JIMMERSON: That's fine. 18 that. 18 19 19 THE COURT: The record for you is you did not THE COURT: I'm very familiar with this approve this and you did not see it, and that's what 20 judgment. 21 you're saying as a matter of law. MR. JIMMERSON: Now, because you really have 22 MR. JIMMERSON: That's exactly right. 22 prepared for this, I'm so grateful for that, because 23 THE COURT: I mean as an officer of the two years have passed and it's easy to miss some of the Court, and that's fine, and I -nuances and minor details, which is understandable, but 24 25 having gone back, you will understand, you know, 25 MR. JIMMERSON: Regardless, regardless of Page 46 Page 48 1 otherwise I was prepared, am prepared, I'm sure counsel that, Judge, is it an improper finding. 2 will do the same on behalf of the defendant, I can walk THE COURT: I understand we went the next 3 you through every single trial exhibit. Your Honor step, which is substance-wise, does that judgment 4 remembers the -actually reflect my findings of fact and conclusions of 5 THE COURT: I am very aware of the trial 5 law --MR. JIMMERSON: You got it. 6 exhibits. 7 MR. JIMMERSON: There's no reference to it. THE COURT: -- and order that was entered on 8 There's no evidence of plaintiffs claiming 6/25/2014 and the subsequent one on 5/13/2015, I \$1.8 million. understand. 10 THE COURT: I understand. MR. JIMMERSON: And I would submit that it 10 11 MR. JIMMERSON: There's no ability, there was 11 does not. THE COURT: Okay. 12 12 never an ability of plaintiff to make that claim MR. JIMMERSON: Now, the balance of the 13 because first of all, they didn't have the information. 13 14 judgment, although it wouldn't be how I would have 14 Didn't know what they were entitled to, and more 15 written it, but it does say that judgment in favor of 15 importantly, we knew that they had only built out on 16 511 acres. You'll remember the first one was 1,500 16 the plaintiffs against Pardee on causes of action 17 acres. The second amendment in March of 2005 was 511 17 breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good 18 faith and fair dealing, and the accounting. Listen, 18 acres, everything else being option property, so my 19 Judge, there was never a claim for \$1.8 million. 19 point is we knew that they hadn't built out, you know, 10,000 acres, you know, you can drive out there and 20 That's my point. 21 THE COURT: I understand your position know that, but we were claiming that they had built 22 east beyond where they were entitled to exercise option 22 exactly. MR. JIMMERSON: I don't want to repeat 23 23 property. 24 myself. 24 THE COURT: Right. I understand what you THE COURT: You don't have to. 25 were claiming. 25

Page 49 Page 51 1 MR. JIMMERSON: But because you understand 1 by that recollection. what we were claiming, you know that judgment was never Thank you, ma'am. THE COURT: All right, Ms. Lundvall? 3 entered by you in favor of Pardee and against the 3 plaintiffs. It's just a fiction. And what's so 4 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, let me start with unhappy and unfortunate about it is what happens then 5 a preface, and it is based upon the argument and the 6 is that then becomes the basis for the request for exchange you just had with Mr. Jimmerson. attorney's fees which should be denied as well, as THE COURT: Okay, because I would like to we'll discuss today. start with the first argument on this, on what happened With that deletion, you have from your own with this judgment and why the standing order of 10 findings a very clear point: Plaintiffs prevailed on 10 Department IV was not complied with, because I had 11 its claim for accounting, plaintiffs prevailed on its pieced it together, but maybe you can give -- what I 12 claim for breach of contract for information and the 12 think happened based on me speaking and understanding 13 damages and the special damages under Sandy Valley, and 13 from staff members, but I would like an explanation. 14 by the way, and Liu, which you had read. They make a 14 Why was the standing order of Department IV not 15 motion to set aside, claiming you didn't read Liu. You 15 complied with as far as the judgment that was entered 16 cited Liu in your conclusions of law. 6/15/2015, because you agree it was not approved by 17 THE COURT: I'm very aware of that, 17 Mr. Jimmerson as to form and contented, correct? 18 Mr. Jimmerson. I read that case. I found it on my own 18 MS. LUNDVALL: I would. 19 in between the trial and when -- because there was the 19 THE COURT: So please, I really do want to 20 delay of the Actos trial. know this. Why did you not follow that? 21 MR. JIMMERSON: And you make reference to it 21 MS. LUNDVALL: All right, so let me, as far 22 as --22 in your findings, and when you read Liu, it clarifies, 23 and the Morgan case and it makes it clear that there 23 THE COURT: Let's do that before we get to 24 are other situations in which attorney's fees can serve 24 substance, because that is very, very critical to this 25 as special damages and reversed the trial Court's 25 Court. Page 50 Page 52 denial of that in the Liu case, and my point is that MS. LUNDVALL: All right. You entered your

2 you were very much aware of that issue. So when you have no evidence, no claim of the plaintiffs for \$1.8 million, there's not a document -one thing that the defendant didn't do, as an example, in the only two references to \$1.8 million, they didn't introduce that into evidence. They didn't introduce our disclosures. They didn't introduce the opposition for the motion for summary judgment. They didn't 10 introduce any of that. That's not part of this record. 11 All that is is a theoretical calculation about what 12 might happen in the next 35 years if Pardee were to 13 complete its purchase and its rights under this option agreement to buy the last 30,000 acres less what was 15 being taken down. 16 I don't know what to say to you, Judge. This

17 was wrongly-filed judgment. It should be stricken as 18 to those points. And when it comes to the issue of who 19 prevailed in this case, it's just not close. 20 When you have these arguments, it's just, you know, it's disappointing that Pardee would put the

stuff, all these motions, when you know what happened 24 in this trial more than anyone, and I call upon you to 25 recall that, and I know plaintiffs will be served well

22 plaintiffs under the knife to have to respond to this

6 MR. JIMMERSON: I think it was 2014, 7 Ms. Lundvall. 8 THE COURT: It's 2014. 6/25/2014. 9 MS. LUNDVALL: If that's not what I said, I 10 misspoke and my apologies. All right. In that findings, you requested 11 12 supplemental briefing. 13 THE COURT: Absolutely. MS. LUNDVALL: Okay. So we did the 14 15 supplemental briefing. 16 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 17 MS. LUNDVALL: And in your supplemental 18 briefing you issued a minute order, and that minute 19 order found exactly in the briefing that Pardee had submitted to you, incidentally. THE COURT: Right. You submitted, I agree 21 22 you submitted the order 5/13. Well, I filed it 5/13/2015, and it was signed according to Department 24 IV's -- correct?

MS. LUNDVALL: Correct.

2 findings of fact and conclusions of law first on

MS. LUNDVALL: All right, so in that --

THE COURT: I got that.

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Page 53 Page 55 THE COURT: I mean do you agree with me on THE COURT: Because I'm consistent on that 2 the record, you prepared it and it does have 2 because it's a standing order. I usually try to put it Mr. Jimmerson's reviewed and approved as to form and 3 in the minutes. If not, I will tell you that is a content, correct? standing order, has been from day one. MS. LUNDVALL: In your minute order, you 5 MS. LUNDVALL: And -expressly informed us to work with Mr. Jimmerson. 6 THE COURT: So I want -- so you did not --THE COURT: Okay. well, you did email it to him. MS. LUNDVALL: So as to submit an order. 8 MS. LUNDVALL: I --9 THE COURT: Okay. 9 THE COURT: Correct? 10 MS. LUNDVALL: That was both approved as to 10 MS. LUNDVALL: I sent a letter to the Court, 11 form and content by --11 the copy of the judgment, and we copied Mr. Jimmerson 12 THE COURT: Right. 12 on that letter, and so to the extent that we had no 13 MS. LUNDVALL: By Mr. Jimmerson. 13 ex parte communication with the Court, we weren't 14 THE COURT: And that is part of my standing 14 trying to slide something under his nose. 15 THE COURT: Oh. 15 order, all right. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: And that's what we did. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: Moreover, this Court would 17 17 have called me on something that, in fact, if I had THE COURT: No problem. Then what happened on the June 15th, 2015 18 prepared an order that was not reflective of your 18 19 findings of fact. 19 judgment? Why did you not comply? Why was it not – I 20 20 mean why was it not either -- there's a section for THE COURT: And I would have done it on a 21 approved, and if you -- you either get his approval, or 21 judgment too if -- and let me tell you what happened then, because I have a recollection of this. 22 the second thing that happens in this department, send 23 MS. LUNDVALL: Uh-huh. 23 a cover letter saying you sent an email to 24 THE COURT: Because --24 Mr. Jimmerson on this date, it has been so many days, 25 25 he has not responded, and so we're submitting it, you MS. LUNDVALL: And so do I. Page 54 Page 56 1 know, without his form and content because he has not 1 THE COURT: I'm sure you do. MS. LUNDVALL: What I'm trying to do is try 2 responded? That was not done, correct? MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, from our 3 to explain to the Court what it is that we had did. 4 THE COURT: Done. perspective --5 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 5 My understanding, okay, you submitted it. I 6 MS. LUNDVALL: -- your standing order applies 6 did not see the letter, but sometimes it goes to my law 7 to, and as I read it, it applies to orders. 7 clerk. THE COURT: Oh, my goodness, are you gonna MS. LUNDVALL: We have a copy of the letter say to me -- oh, Ms. Lundvall, are you gonna literally 9 that was appended as one of the exhibits then to our 10 stand there to me and say, Judge, it doesn't apply to 10 opposition to his motion, and that letter was 11 judgments? 11 transmitted to you, and it was copied to Mr. Jimmerson, 12 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor? 12 and so there should be no question about the fact that 13 THE COURT: Is that your, is that your 13 he was aware of what we were submitting to the Court. 14 position? 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 MS. LUNDVALL: What my understanding of your 15 MS. LUNDVALL: And so from that perspective, 16 standing order is, is that when we come before the 16 the accusation that I somehow had ex parte Court and we have contested hearings, and, in fact, 17 17 communications with the Court, that somehow I was gonna 18 that you instructed Pardee by which then to prepare the 18 try to pull the wool over your eyes, and that, 19 order. 19 moreover, somehow you allowed yourself to have the wool 20 THE COURT: No, no, no. I had a standing 20 pulled over your eyes --21 order to do that and you know it. 21 THE COURT: Oh, no, I did not, I was not 22 Are you saying it's your understanding that 22 asleep at the trigger. I love that expression, I was 23 every time if I don't do the order, that you don't do 23 not, but I will tell you what I was asleep at, I was 24 it? 24 asleep at I -- I would never -- a judgment is the same 25 MS. LUNDVALL: No. I'm saying --25 as an order. I have a standing order here, and I want

1 to put in the record what exactly occurred.

This was given to me by my law clerk at the

3 time. I said, Where's the approval for form and

- 4 content, I'm not even looking at it without approval to
- 5 form and content. It was given back. This is why
- 6 there was a time delay.
- 7 Then I said not only do you -- I want
- 8 approval as to form and content, I also want to make
- 9 sure that it is in compliance with my orders of
- 10 5/13/2015 and my findings of fact of 6/25/2014, because
- 11 that's my standing order.
- I will tell you it came back to me, and I
- 13 don't know, and I will tell you exactly what happened.
- 14 It did not have that. I said, No, I will not sign
- 15 this. In fact, I actually, and I will tell you for the
- 16 record, was very uncomfortable with some of these
- 17 sections on Page 2, because I thought, Wait a minute,
- 18 and I, I'm gonna be very honest here, that's why I want
- 19 it to form and content, to make sure, because I, I
- 20 looked at the some of this, I go, Wait a minute, and I
- 21 was -- and I don't know if my staff person either
- 22 misunderstood, because it was -- misunderstood a
- 23 communication or was misinformed, I don't know
- 24 Ms. Lundvall, and I was told before I signed it, No.
- 25 Mr. Jimmerson was aware, and maybe it was my fault, I

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 - 1 that. I accepted information that it had been2 approved, and I will tell you never again. I have a
 - 3 new standing -- I will not even look at orders. They
 - 4 are not even given to me, after this incident, unless I
 - 5 have it approved to form and content or I have either
 - 6 competing orders or a letter from both sides saying,
 - 7 Here's what we disagree with, so that I can put it
 - together, because this is exactly what happens.
 - 9 So I don't know what happened. I will tell

10 you I never got the cover letter, which can happen, you

- 11 know. What's given to me is the order, and I don't
- 12 even know what's in the cover letter. What's given to
- 13 me is the order.

What my distress is about and I own, I did

15 not enforce my procedure. My frustration thing is that

16 I do rely on people to comply with the standing order,

17 and I'm very frustrated. I'm very, I don't know, I

18 don't know what happened, but I will tell you I don't

9 make a distinction on something like a judgment.

To me this is so critical, Ms. Lundvall,

21 after all the work we did on this trial, all the work

- 22 we did on all those motions, and I'll be honest, all
- 23 the work this Court did to really do what I felt was
- 24 fair on the findings of fact, conclusions of law and
- 25 order and the supplemental envisioning -- and I agree

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- 1 didn't cross-examine and do the next question and say,
- 2 And does he have any objection?
- Because I, for the record, once -- once
- 4 again, if he's aware, and my idea of "aware" is he has
- 5 reviewed it and gotten back with the person who's
- 6 proposing it and has no objections. That's how I
- 7 understood it, because that's how -- I mean the
- 8 frustration is I so, I so go by that rule,

Ms. Lundvall.

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- And the one time I didn't, you know, I fell
- 11 asleep at my own procedure and not saying, You know
- 12 what, I want this in writing, but I usually, if it is
- 13 done this way, I want it in writing.
 - I'll be honest, because it was you and
- 15 Mr. Jimmerson and I have such high respect, I felt like
- 16 it must have been, he must have been aware of it and
- 17 said to you, I'm fine, or I would not have signed it.
- 8 And I'm telling you, as a judge, I take
- And the terming you, as a judge, I take
- 19 responsibility that I did not enforce my procedure and 20 get it in writing. I took oral information from my
- 21 staff. I have to own that, and I own that, and I, I
- 22 will tell from my -- I'm not perfect. I'm obviously
- 23 not perfect. I try to have procedures, and you know
- 24 why, so things like this will not happen.
- I mean the repercussions from this, I own

- 1 with you, it should be in a judgment. That's why
- 2 seeing a judgment did not surprise me, it's the content
- 3 that this would have happened, you know.
 - So your thought was I didn't -- you felt like
- 5 if a cover letter came to me that you sent it to him,
- 6 then it was up to the Court to call and see if he had,
- 7 and also Mr. Jimmerson to call us, right, or call you?
- 8 MS. LUNDVALL: Precisely, your Honor.
 - THE COURT: All right.
- MS. LUNDVALL: We had taken your orders and
- 11 we had reduced them then to a judgment.
- 12 THE COURT: No, your version of the judgment,
- 13 I can see that very much.
- MS. LUNDVALL: And so from that perspective,
- 15 and we sent those then along with the cover letter to
- 16 the Court explaining what it was that we had done.
 - THE COURT: Okay.
 - MS. LUNDVALL: And we, and we had copied that
- 19 letter to Mr. Jimmerson, so to the extent that there's
- an accusation that somehow, that we did something in
- 21 bad faith, that we were trying to have --
- 22 THE COURT: I don't find that at all, that's
- 23 why I said I own the responsibility. I can see very
- 24 well why I had those standing orders, and let me tell
- 25 you, nobody in Department IV is gonna get an order

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Page 61 1 after what happened here that does not have — which has been my standing order from day one. I guess I, I'm a little distressed that you would think somehow a judgment, which to me has even more final implications than an order, would not, I will be honest. And I was a practicing lawyer out there like you are, and to me this is a more, I don't want to say critical, but this has --MR. JIMMERSON: Sacred. 9 10 THE COURT: I'm thinking of my word. This to me is even more, I'll say critical 11 12 that I have an agreement between the parties, or if not, then I pull on -- because especially this kind of 14 case of what should be in the judgment, because this is 15 what both of you are gonna go to in the future when this case hopefully is off my docket, and I'll miss you 17 two, come back, when this case is gone and these people 18 have finality and this client has finality, what you're 19 gonna be -- what the critical thing I think I started 20 this whole thing about is the judgment much more than 21 -- that's why I didn't look at these as -- so to me 22 this is even more critical that I have my rule of 23 findings of facts, conclusions of law approved to form 24 and content.

No, I will tell you, Ms. Lundvall, I don't

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1 comes in here that a judgment, to me, is anything that 2 you want me to sign, whether it's an order, and I consider a judgment an order, it has to be approved to 4 form and content. And I can tell you now, I won't -- my law 5 clerk will not even give them to me now, because, you know, they go through it all before for me to do it easier with that, or I have to have competing orders or letters explaining it, so that was distressful. 10 So I understand you felt like -- okay, I just wanted that for my own edification, because I'll be 11 12 honest, I was distressed. And I own that I didn't enforce my policy, and I accepted an oral, which, you 14 know, I own that responsibility. So I don't feel like you did it devious, I'm 15 16 just angry that I did not enforce my own rules, and I, 17 I let something that I -- I got a misunderstanding, and 18 I don't know where it came from, and I'm not -- I don't know, so I'm certainly not going to go after that. So, okay, that explains to me, at least 20 21 somewhat, why it wasn't to form and content, okay. 22 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. 23 THE COURT: So now let's go to the substance,

24 right, of why you feel this is appropriate.

MS. LUNDVALL: So let's go to the next point

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Page 62 think you did anything devious. I truly believe you 2 have -- I read all your stuff. You truly believe and you have a right, I mean, to believe that. You think 4 this was appropriate. You have a legal -- I'm not saying you don't, okay? I worked on this a long time, and I want both people to understand that. I feel like you felt and you defended this, that you felt you did have a legal basis. 9 I, you know, I agree. 10 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. 11 THE COURT: I'm not saying you were in bad 12 faith. What I'm saying is my frustration is that I felt like my -- and I don't know how I got the misinformation, because I did not fall asleep at the 15 switch, I was concerned that this judgment was approved 16 by both of you. That's what -- and the reason I do 17 that then is then once I have your approval, and that's 18 why I do it, then I can make sure that I'm comfortable 19 with it. Does that makes sense? And so --20 21 MS. LUNDVALL: Then let's move on to the next 22 point. 23 THE COURT: I want you to know that was 24 distressful to me, I will tell you that, and I'm gonna

make it very clear to your firm and to any firm that

Page 64 though as far as even before we get to the substance. 2 THE COURT: Okay. 3 MS. LUNDVALL: And that would be this, as the Court is well advised: That even if the attorneys 5 bring an order to you, and even if there is approved to 6 form and content --7 THE COURT: I don't have to sign it. 8 MS. LUNDVALL: That's right, you don't have 9 to sign it. 10 THE COURT: Heck no. 11 MS. LUNDVALL: You've got to do your own job, 12 and you've already said you've done your job and that 13 you reviewed this judgment and that you signed it, and 14 that, in fact, you made it yours, no matter who drafted 15 it and no matter who approved it and who --16 THE COURT: Oh, I understand I had the 17 judgment. I understand I signed it, if that's what 18 you're saying to me, yes. MS. LUNDVALL: And so from that perspective, 20 we respectfully submit that you did not fall asleep on 21 the job, as it was suggested by Mr. Jimmerson, so let's 22 look then at the substance. 23 MR. JIMMERSON: I never said that. 24 MS. LUNDVALL: And I want to start by the 25 very comment and the exchange that you had with

Page 65 Page 67 1 Mr. Jimmerson. 1 was on what options, because there were facts that they 2 THE COURT: Okay. 2 were not aware of. He was not aware of any of that 3 MS. LUNDVALL: You exchanged with him the 3 before he filed the lawsuit, don't you agree, 4 fact that if you had agreed with his theory about the 4 Ms. Lundvall? He was not aware of the facts on moving purchases of option property, then there would have 5 easterly on the option, that theory, or he wasn't aware been monies that would have been due and owing. 6 that they had sold, you know, first was it multi-family 7 THE COURT: If I had had the testimony. and then changed them -- well, yes, it was, remember, 8 MS. LUNDVALL: If you -to multi and then single family, but I didn't find them 9 THE COURT: If I'd had the testimony, which I single-family detached residential property, as you 10 didn't. 10 know. 11 MS. LUNDVALL: And it was --11 So I look at the case, I'll be honest, it was 12 THE COURT: And you know what I was gonna do, 12 definitely a claim to get information, and then once he 13 Ms. Lundvall, I was gonna then have to do an accounting got the information, whether, based on that commission 14 for it because I had absolutely no- I didn't get to 14 agreement, he had any other claims. I truly believe 15 there, because I had no information on what it would 15 that, that this how it happened. 16 have been. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: And you, as far as discussed 17 MS. LUNDVALL: Precisely. He set up his case 17 with him in the course of this very hearing that if I 18 in a two-part step. He set up his case alleging two 18 had agreed with your theory concerning the purchases of 19 different forms of breach of contract. The first -option property, then, in fact, there would have been 20 THE COURT: I agree, two different theories additional commissions that were due and owing. 20 of liability. 21 21 THE COURT: Past ones. Not future, past 22 22 ones. MS. LUNDVALL: Yes. 23 THE COURT: For the breach. 23 MS. LUNDVALL: And he acknowledged that and 24 he admitted that. 24 MS. LUNDVALL: Two different theories of 25 liability. One is that there were purchases of option THE COURT: Okay. 25 Page 66 Page 68 property, and therefore, that there would be MS. LUNDVALL: And so to the extent though, the point being made here is he lost on that. commissions that were due and owing. His second theory was that there was 3 THE COURT: He lost on a theory of liability, insufficient information that was given to the 4 but he didn't lose on a claim. That doesn't -- and 5 plaintiffs. 5 you're trying to say that because he lost on that, that 6 THE COURT: Okay, I would reverse that. makes you the prevailing party? MS. LUNDVALL: All right. MS. LUNDVALL: Let me as far as see if I can THE COURT: In fairness, the first theory, 8 as far as initially, because one, just because one of when you look at the first, he didn't even have - and the things that I wanted to do then is to be able to 10 let's be fair here, his first claim was to get walk the Court then through the history then of this 11 case, so the Court --11 information because of those amendments that were THE COURT: Oh, okay. I'm aware of it, but I 12 missing, as we know. We all went through them. Was it 12 13 eight of them? 13 would be glad to be walked again. 14 MS. LUNDVALL: Well, what I want to do is to MR. JIMMERSON: It was eight. 14 15 THE COURT: Okay. And you had given, this is 15 make sure that you understand that his theory and he 16 was asking for money damages from the very beginning 16 my recollection of the testimony, one and two but not 17 -- some of them but not all of them prior to the case, 17 until all the way to the end, and he lost on that 18 so when you look at the case, he did the accounting and 18 theory, your Honor. And the point that we had tried to 19 make is that that loss on that theory, the flip side of 19 he did the original claim for breach because they 20 didn't have information to find out if any more was due that is a win to Pardee. 21 and owing. Once through discovery the amendments came THE COURT: No. You have to say the win 21 22 and the different information came, only through 22 makes you the prevailing party over him being the prevailing party over the other claims. discovery in this case, then he looked at the 24 amendments and then said, Wow, I feel I have another --24 MS. LUNDVALL: So what I'm trying to do is to 25 there may be in his mind, if I had done what his theory 25 stick as far as to this motion to amend.

Page 69 Page 71 THE COURT: Okay. So you're abandoning this 1 information. Our motion for summary judgment is broken 1 2 \$1.8 million case? 2 into those two particular sections, all right? THE COURT: Right. 3 3 MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely not, your Honor, 4 because one of the things you're gonna see as far as 4 MS. LUNDVALL: They opposed our motion for all the way through is they asked for money damages, 5 summary judgment, and in opposing our motion for 6 summary judgment, they highlighted this theory that 6 they quantified that amount at 1.8, and --THE COURT: Okay. No, I agree, if you're 7 they, that they advanced all the way through trial, is saying, -- so you feel the quantify of what they wanted it all depends upon what you call option property. 9 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 9 for damages was 1.8 million, and you're gonna show me 10 MS. LUNDVALL: They went on to say that we 10 where the evidence came in in trial and how that was 11 had made a significant purchase of option property, 11 argued at trial, right? 12 that we had purchased option property, and, in fact, 12 MS. LUNDVALL: So, in fact, let's start with 13 their complaint. 13 they went on to say that the damages that flowed from 14 our purchases of option property were being, that they 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 were being denied \$1.8 million in commissions. This is 15 MS. LUNDVALL: Their complaint alleged that 16 their opposition. 16 there was a financial relationship, that pursuant to 17 17 the commission letter that they were to be paid a So it's not something that I fabricated, it's 18 not something that I made up, it's not something that I 18 commission, and they prayed for compensatory damages in pulled out of thin air, it's not something that I have 19 excess of \$10,000. 20 deceptively tried to put before the Court. This is 20 THE COURT: We all know that's true. 21 their theory. That's what we defended against. 21 MS. LUNDVALL: The second amended complaint 22 THE COURT: Okay. And when was that said? I 22 then made the same allegations. It was the same basic 23 looked in the -- continue your presentation. allegations. In other words, they asked for money 24 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. We filed a motion 24 damages once again. 25 for summary --25 We get to their first 16.1 disclosure. In Page 70 Page 72 Their first 16.1 disclosure, Mr. Jimmerson makes a big THE COURT: I remember that. 1 2 deal out of the fact that they didn't serve me with any 2 MR. JIMMERSON: It was never part of the 3 trial. 3 interrogatories, they didn't send any requests for 4 production. I don't have to. Rule 16.1 obligates them MS. LUNDVALL: Our motion for summary to set forth their damage theory and the amount of 5 judgment -their damages. THE COURT: Mr. Jimmerson, in fairness, 6 7 THE COURT: Right. Ms. Lundvall has her chance to make here record too, 8 MS. LUNDVALL: So we relied upon that, and 8 all right? That's not fair. that's what they, that's what they said to us. MS. LUNDVALL: We filed our motion in October 10 THE COURT: I understand NRCP 16.1. 10 of 2012. My prediction is, is that the opposition that 11 MS. LUNDVALL: Their first four disclosures 11 they failed would have been then in November of 2012. 12 under rule 16.1, they just made the broad claim that THE COURT: Okay. 12 13 13 they were entitled to all damages that flowed from the MS. LUNDVALL: And my recollection is that breach of the commission agreement, okay? 14 the Court issued an order on that in February of 2013, 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 15 something along that line. MS. LUNDVALL: So then what we did is we 16 16 So if, in fact, if you want --17 17 filed a motion for summary judgment. If you go back THE COURT: I have one in March. Well, I 18 and take a look at our motion for summary judgment, we 18 have 10/23. That wouldn't have been it, so probably my 19 break out their case into the two theories that they 19 March 14th of 2013. I went through all the orders. 20 had advanced at that point in time during discovery, 20 MS. LUNDVALL: And so as I indicated, my 21 number one is that we owed them more money in 21 prediction is that opposition could be found then in 22 commissions, and that number two, we had breached, and 22 the November of 2012 time frame. that we had breached the agreement then by not paying THE COURT: Okay. 23 24 them those additional monies, and number two, that, in 24 MS. LUNDVALL: And I'm quoting --25 fact, that we had not given them sufficient 25 THE COURT: I'm sure that's true.

Page 73 MS. LUNDVALL: And I'm quoting from their All right. So then what we do is we get then opposition, and maybe it might make it easier for the 2 to what they actually tried. Their supplement then Court to have a paper copy of our powerpoint. gave us plenty of information as to what they were THE COURT: Sure, so I can follow it instead going to try at the time of trial. So let's get into 5 of looking up. then we talked -- I have a number of slides in here MS. LUNDVALL: And I have a copy for 6 about how every single one of their Rule 16.1 Mr. Jimmerson as well. 7 disclosures. Even disclosures that were given to us during So anyway, so they opposed then our motion 8 for summary judgment. They say this whole case is the course of trial included this figure of 10 about what you call option property. They claimed that 10 \$1.8 million. It made it abundantly clear that they 11 we had made purchases of option property, and the 11 were seeking money damages in addition to additional 12 quantification of those purchases then yielded 1.8 in 12 information. 13 - 1.8 million in commissions that we had not paid to 13 And if you think about --THE COURT: Once they got the additional 14 them. That was their theory. That's what we defended 14 15 information, which started the lawsuit. They got it. 15 against, that's what we prevailed upon at the time of 16 the trial. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: That's correct. 17 THE COURT: Once they got it. 17 All right, so let's go on then. What did we 18 MS. LUNDVALL: And so --18 get nearly immediately after filing our motion for 19 summary judgment? And part of our motion for summary 19 THE COURT: I didn't see any of this, as you know, that's not evidence at trial. I only review the 20 judgment, very noticeably, had indicated that they had evidence at trial, but yes, okay. 21 not quantified their damages in compliance with Rule 22 16.1. 22 MS. LUNDVALL: But this is all part of the 23 record then before the Court as to what the parties 23 THE COURT: Right. were doing as it relates then to this motion to amend 24 MS. LUNDVALL: Therefore, under the 25 as it relates to the prevailing party. We put all this 25 sanctioning provisions under 16.1, they should not be Page 74 information before you. 1 able to advance any quantification of their damages. 2 THE COURT: You put all this information

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2 And what did they do? They filed then their Rule 16.1 disclosure, and for the first time then, after we filed our motion for summary judgment, they indicated that 5 they calculate their damages to be in excess of 1.9. 6 Now, I don't know about you, but any attorney that I know that gets a disclosure, a Rule 16.1 disclosure of what the opposing side's damages are, we know that's what you're defending against. 9 10 THE COURT: Okay. MS. LUNDVALL: That's what the case is about. 11 12 That's what we're defending against, all right? 13 So they made their disclosure and they 14 identified how they calculated it. And it tracked the

15 two calculations on the two theories that they were 16 advancing. 17 The first one was the loss of the 18 commissions, and they gave calculations on that. And 19 they go on and they talk about how we reclassified the 20 lands as purchase property and option property, and we 21 divested then the plaintiffs of any opportunity then to 22 recover this \$1.8 million in commissions. That's what their theory holds. That's the theory they tried, and

24 that's the theory, your Honor, that they lost, that you 25 ruled against them upon.

3 before me at trial? 4

MS. LUNDVALL: No, no, no, I'm not suggesting 5 that.

THE COURT: No, no. 6 7 MS. LUNDVALL: What I'm suggesting is --

THE COURT: This is discovery. This is to put people on notice, you're right, as to what they may

10 or what may happen at trial. There's things in 16.1

11 that never come up at trial. You and I both know we 12 could have this theory initially, and after discovery,

13 we go, whoops, that's not the way we're going, so this

14 is discovery, I understand that, so I just want to make 15 sure -- I don't remember, and I went -- you didn't ask

16 me to review 16.1.

17 Did you put into evidence 16.1?

MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. All of this is in 19 as far in our oppositions to their various motion to 20 strike.

21 THE COURT: No, no, not for this, but at 22 trial. Believe me, I read everything, but at trial did

you have an exhibit of 16.1?

MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely not. 24

25 THE COURT: All right. I just wanted to make

sure I didn't miss it, because that would concern me.

2 MS. LUNDVALL: As a defendant, I'm not going to put in evidence --

THE COURT: Of course not. 4

5 MS. LUNDVALL: -- of what a plaintiff claims 6 is their damages.

THE COURT: Okay. Right, but at trial is what you're defending. You take what the burden of proof is and what they put on, and you do your defense 10 according to the testimony of the plaintiffs and their 11 exhibits. That's your burden, I understand completely,

12 of what's done at trial. 13 Okay, I'm on the same -- I'm following your 14 reasoning.

15 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. But I guess let me step back from this to make sure the Court understands the arguments that I'm making is --17

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MS. LUNDVALL: Is that they told us what

20 their theory was and what they were seeking to recover.

21 For the attorney's fees we incurred in defending this

22 case, it was based upon what they had disclosed to us,

and those disclosures are all before the Court. 23

24 And I'm gonna get to the trial where you're gonna see that, in fact, they continued in this, the

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1 and that reclassification was really what they termed

2 purchase property, and therefore they were entitled to

3 a commission upon them.

THE COURT: Wouldn't you agree with me, I 4

5 just want to ask wouldn't you agree with me that a lot 6 of questions was educating the Court and themselves on

7 how, especially Mr. Whittemore, how did you treat

8 Pardee, because they were not privy to this, and as you

9 know, how this was done, how you decided to do the

10 redesignation, how you decided to treat it, why you

11 moved the boundaries, wouldn't you agree with me a lot

12 of that information you're now basically saying to this

Court, Oh, that was all to defeat their \$1.8 million

claim, the damages they put in discovery, but a lot of

15 it was to figure out, I felt, whether they were

16 entitled to option property, not what the amount was

17 yet, but to find out whether they were actually

18 entitled based on third party, you know, that they

weren't a part of, you know, that's a whole different

20 thing to incorporate into a commission agreement.

21 I'm sure this may not happen again, because they were not part of CSI, Coyote Springs and Pardee.

A lot of questions, because I spent a long time on it,

was trying to figure out whether they even have that

25 theory.

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1 same theory that they'd advanced.

THE COURT: Okay.

3 MS. LUNDVALL: Their theory was all the way back to their motion for summary judgment that said it 5 all depends on what you call option property.

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

7 MS. LUNDVALL: Their theory that they tried to you was we had purchased option property. The 9 theory we defended against was we didn't purchase any 10 option property, and you agreed with us. And their quantification of that purchase was the \$1.9 million --12 it was actually 1.8. They add the additional component

13 then for the attorney's fees that they incurred on the 14 second portion of their theory.

But going back then to what happened then at 15

16 the time of the trial, all right, so we get to the 17 witnesses. Mr. Wolfram gave nearly three days full of 18 testimony, and Mr. Wilkes was there for about a half

19 day, Mr. Whittemore. And these are the key witnesses,

20 what I tried to highlight as to who the Court heard with the greatest frequency and the most information,

22 and Mr. Whittemore had nearly three full days.

23 And during the course of the trial, there was 24 numerous questions about lost commissions and this

theory about how we had reclassified option property

And that's why, I'll be honest, a lot of the

2 questions -- because I'm being very -- I looked through

3 it, and in honesty, a lot of it was just Mr. Jimmerson

4 was trying to figure out how it was treated and what

5 they did to see if it could go under his under the

6 commission agreement.

7 Do you agree with me or not, or do you think

8 it was all I'm just, I'm gonna make them -- you know,

because the questions were trying to understand,

10 especially Whittemore, how did this work; Jon Lash, how

11 did you do this, why did you do this, what happened on

12 these amendments, you know, it was substantive to see.

13 And I look at it and I did at the time, you

14 know, I looked at it as the time of them trying to

15 figure out whether -- which was the basis, whether they

16 did owe anything, whether they did owe any under, I was

17 gonna use the word "option," whether that actually,

when they changed the boundaries and whether that

19 actually was option. A lot of that was done, to me,

20 when it was done at trial was questions to really find

21 substance.

22 And I see what you're saying, well, then, if

23 it went the way they wanted, they would have had

substance for their, they could have had evidence to 24

this Court that they had \$1.8 million in damages,

Page 83 Page 81 1 correct? 1 commission agreement, and in his theory, had changed Do you guys agree would me on my questions? 2 then as to whether or not they should get a commission MS. LUNDVALL: Yeah, you've got two questions 3 based upon Pardee's purchases. 3 there, two principle questions there, and you say, 4 He went on to say, talk about the three Well, wasn't the trial about this. 5 different provisions then of the commission agreement 6 himself. He testified that the location and the THE COURT: Yes. 6 7 boundaries of the parcels would determine what type of MS. LUNDVALL: But what I want you to think about is this: All the discovery was about that as 8 property was being purchased, and therefore, whether or well, all of the discovery that we went through with not they were entitled to additional commissions. 10 all the different witnesses, and they took Harvey 10 And then he went on then and talked about 11 Whittemore's deposition, they took Jon Lash's 11 parcel maps as demonstrative evidence and how there was 12 deposition, they took many depositions, no different 12 definite boundaries, in his opinion, to the purchase 13 than we did. All the way through discovery, we learned property and how if we went outside of certain 14 all this information. 14 boundaries, then, in fact, we were obligated to pay him 15 But what is a trial? Is a trial is --15 commissions upon that. 16 THE COURT: To prove. 16 The Court will probably recall, I can 17 MS. LUNDVALL: Take it to the finder of fact. 17 visualize it as far as in your courtroom, we were here. 18 THE COURT: Correct. 18 He had huge maps with overlays. He talked about how we 19 MS. LUNDVALL: And to convince -had purchased property that should be vertical, but we 20 THE COURT: Convince me. 20 had developed in a horizontal fashion. 21 MS. LUNDVALL: That's right, and to convince 21 THE COURT: Correct. the finder of fact, so they weren't using trial as a 22 22 MS. LUNDVALL: That, that, you know, should 23 discovery device. The weren't --23 ring a bell as far as with the Court. 24 THE COURT: I have to -- when they came up 24 THE COURT: I remember. I remember it all 25 with that one, oh, my gosh, what was the one that they 25 very well, the entire theory. Page 82 Page 84 MS. LUNDVALL: Their entire theory was if we hadn't seen before? 1 2 MR. JIMMERSON: Res. 5. went outside somewhat what they --3 THE COURT: Let me think it through --3 THE COURT: What they labeled as option. 4 I'm sorry, Mr. Jimmerson -- on when they had bought it MS. LUNDVALL: They wanted that all as option as multi -- I will tell you some of the information 5 property. when I read it back, I felt, was -- and you can do 6 THE COURT: They said they defined it as discovery in trial. It's dangerous. option property under the agreement. 8 MS. LUNDVALL: That's correct. 8 MS. LUNDVALL: And that they thought they 9 THE COURT: It's a dangerous proposition, but 9 should get a commission then upon those purchases. 10 I understand your argument. 10 THE COURT: If it had been deemed option, I MS. LUNDVALL: But at the same token, your 11 11 understand 12 Honor, think about it from this perspective, that's 12 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. 13 what we were defending against, and that is what we 13 THE COURT: I understood the theory of the were defending against and we prevailed on that. I 14 case. 15 want to go back to the fact we prevailed on that. 15 MS. LUNDVALL: And he said he believed he was 16 MS. LUNDVALL: To go back and try to 16 entitled to additional commissions also on the custom 17 underscore Jim Wolfram's testimony. He was questioned 17 lots. If you recall, there was an issue regarding the 18 very clearly about how he earned commissions, and it 18 custom lots. 19 was his testimony that Pardee was obligated to pay him 19 THE COURT: Yes. commissions on option property. 20 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. 21 And he went through all kinds of questions 21 THE COURT: Whether those would be 22 then through Mr. Jimmerson about the definitions from 22 single-family detached residential property, since they the documents on this purchase property price and 23 are single family, and the question is based on the 24 option property. He testified that it wasn't fair that agreement whether that could -- I agree. 25 Pardee had executed amendments that affected his MS. LUNDVALL: All right. So he said he was 25

Page 87 Page 85 1 most certainly entitled to additional commissions. THE COURT: I remember this. 1 MS. LUNDVALL: -- in the commission That's what we tried. He said he was most certainly 2 entitled to additional commissions. agreement, all right? THE COURT: I painfully remember all of this, All right, then we get to Walt Wilkes. 5 and I mean that nicely. Walt Wilkes, he too testified, and he also said, I do think we're entitled to other and more commissions. He 6 MS. LUNDVALL: And so to the extent that says his understanding was they were gonna get Mr. Whittemore talked about the principle reason was that they needed this flexibility so as to be able to commissions on the whole of all of the transactions, and he thought that the plaintiffs were owed additional do a development that was going to go across many 10 commissions for the custom lots as well. years. 10 11 This continues on to highlight then, your 11 And so then we get to he theorized and 12 Honor, how that the \$84 million that Pardee had paid to 12 characterized it that this is Pardee trying to take CSI was this purchase property price, and if you go all 13 money from us, and he, too, echoed this boundary theory 14 the way back to the commission, as the Court -- the 14 about if we purchased property outside of certain 15 commission agreement, the Court will recall it was the 15 boundaries, then they should be entitled then to purchase property price upon which one part of their 16 additional commissions. That's what his testimony was. 17 commissions was based. 17 Harvey Whittemore, the other key witness --18 THE COURT: Correct. 18 even though you heard many other witnesses, I'm trying 19 MS. LUNDVALL: And it was option property to focus on what the keys were. 20 then --THE COURT: Well, this issue was focused on 20 21 THE COURT: Was the second. 21 Harvey Whittemore and a little Jon Lash. 22 MS. LUNDVALL: -- that was the second part. 22 MS. LUNDVALL: And so the extent then he was 23 And so all of this was to demonstrate then that Pardee 23 on the witness stand for three days, and he talked had not made any purchases of option property, and if about his original conception and the negotiations and 25 we did not make any purchases of option property, then 25 what, in fact, the contracts provided. He also Page 86 Page 88 1 they weren't entitled to any additional commissions 1 testified that Pardee had not purchased any option 2 other than what they had already been paid. 2 property, if the Court would recall. 3 And when asked about what he understood this So then we get to opening and closing case was about, he says, Who gave you the idea that the 4 arguments. Let me as far as see if I can't highlight 5 focus of this case was past due brokerage commissions? 5 then a couple of points that were made in the 6 He says, I took that impression from my deposition. 6 plaintiffs' opening and closing arguments, because I 7 Why? Because all of those questions were asked of him 7 want you to think about that his basic position is, in his deposition. He spent nearly an entire day your Honor, is that they were never seeking money asking questions also about the redesignation issue. damages. That's their basic position. 10 So not only did they want money for the And he further puts a fine point on it, as he 10 11 custom lots, but they also wanted additional 11 said, If we were never seeking money damages, and 12 commissions on the redesignations. 12 moreover, we were never seeking 1.8, well, we know from 13 their rule 16.1 disclosures is that that's what they All right. He said that we talked about and 13 14 had quantified. 14 highlighted, continuing as far as Mr. Whittemore's 15 testimony, and how he went on and talked about how they 15 THE COURT: I think what he was saying, 16 could not have anticipated what the specific boundaries 16 Ms. Lundvall, the basis of this suit was to get an 17 accounting and see what the information was, and then 17 were and why it is that they had crafted their once they got it, to see if they have money damages. 18 agreement in the form that it was. 19 19 That's why there's this disconnect. THE COURT: Okay. 20 And I understand why they had to do, because 20 MS. LUNDVALL: And then when we got to 21 you did, you did a motion you didn't comply with 16.1, 21 Jon Lash, Jon Lash echoed the same thing, and he said 22 that's why they had crafted the commission agreement. 22 you didn't give us a damage figure, and then guess 23 It wasn't based upon boundaries or specific parcels of 23 what, and they had to. 24 purchase, it was based upon the purchase property price 24 MS. LUNDVALL: So --25 that was set forth, and that was unambiguous --25 THE COURT: Do you see where I'm -

Page 89 Page 91 MS. LUNDVALL: I understand the point, but 1 because we won on the second, we think that was a that -- what we have here, your Honor, is there were 2 bigger theory or makes us more the prevailing party? 3 Okay, That makes -- at least I put together what I two theories of breach. THE COURT: There was theories of breach of 4 thought you were saying, okay. That's good, all right? 5 Not "good," but I want to make sure I'm following very 5 the contract. MS. LUNDVALL: And we prevailed on one, they 6 well, okay. 6 prevailed on the other. 7 MS. LUNDVALL: What I'm trying do is continue THE COURT: On the other. 8 to focus then on the motion to amend, and on the motion 9 MS. LUNDVALL: Okay. So to the extent that to amend they keep saying we didn't prevail on 10 Mr. Jimmerson, in his motion to amend, says that we 10 anything. 11 didn't prevail on anything, that we didn't, that they 11 THE COURT: You didn't prevail on their claim 12 never, number one, asked for any money damages, let 12 for money damages is how they say it. I agree that, 13 alone we didn't prevail on it, that is the point that 13 and I'm gonna say I agree it's in my findings of fact 14 I'm trying to make. 14 and conclusions. You prevailed on their theory of THE COURT: And here's my thought process, so 15 breach of whether they were owed any unpaid past 15 16 help me. I broke it down. I get that, but here's my 16 commissions. There's no way you can't read this to say 17 thought process: You can sue for breach of contract, 17 that they did, but in all honesty, this doesn't say 18 you may have five different things where the trier of 18 that. 19 fact can say you breached here, you breached here, you 19 MS. LUNDVALL: Yes, it does. THE COURT: Well, you and I have a -- this 20 breached here, you breached here, but those are 20 theories of breach. 21 21 does not say it, say it that way, but go ahead. I'm 22 If the trier of fact, which I did in this 22 not disagreeing with you, my findings of fact and order 23 case, found a breach, just because you were able to says exactly that. It's a theory of liability, I agree 24 defend the other breaches, why did they not, were they with you there, so go on. 24 25 the prevailing party in their claim? 25 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. So let me as far Page 90 Page 92 Do you see what I'm saying? 1 as to step back as far as from this for just a second, 1 2 I agree their theories of liability, and 2 because if, in fact, that there is a perception that we that's my thought process, if you -- that's my thought are claiming that we prevailed on everything -process, you're right, but they, they had a breach. 4 THE COURT: Oh, no. 5 There was a breach. I found a breach to that 5 MS. LUNDVALL: -- that perception is wrong. commission. I didn't find a second breach as far as THE COURT: No, absolutely. I even said you more commissions. I mean my findings are my findings. 7 lost your claim. You had a, you actually had a claim against the plaintiffs for that same commission, breach 8 They're very clear. They're very clear what I did. And so what your point to me is, Well, they 9 of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, may have prevailed on one breach but we prevailed on 10 and you did not --11 the other, so we're really the more prevailing party, 11 MS. LUNDVALL: That was not the portion, that 12 is --12 was not the foundation for our good faith and fair 13 13 dealing. MS. LUNDVALL: Well, and see --14 14 THE COURT: Is there such a thing as a --THE COURT: I understand that, but I'm 15 MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. 15 saying --THE COURT: -- more prevailing party? 16 MR. JIMMERSON: Excuse me. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. 17 17 THE COURT: No, that's okay. 18 THE COURT: That's basically what you're 18 MR. JIMMERSON: Let me just mention that 19 arguing to me. 19 claim was withdrawn by Ms. Lundvall as part of her 20 MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely, your Honor. closing arguments before submitting it to you. That's

21 the part I was clarifying.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. LUNDVALL: So let me, I want to start --

MS. LUNDVALL: I want to start from ground

THE COURT: I get what you're saying.

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THE COURT: Okay. I just wanted to put in

MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely, your Honor.

THE COURT: Because they prevailed on one

terms what you were saying, okay.

25 theory but they didn't prevail on the second and

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1 zero to make sure that there's no misunderstanding as 2 to our position. There were two theories. They

prevailed on one, we prevailed on the other one.

THE COURT: For the breach of contract.

5 MS. LUNDVALL: The case law, the case law,

when we get to the motions for summary judgment, I will

identify the specific case law says what the Court

needs to do is identify then and quantify then what did

the parties focus upon and what did they prevail on.

10 THE COURT: No, I read that. I get that.

11 Same with the accounting. I understand I'm to look at

12 the totality of the circumstance.

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13 MS. LUNDVALL: Precisely.

14 THE COURT: I read every single case. I

15 understand that, including their accounting one, I am

16 to focus on all of that. Yes, I understand that.

MS. LUNDVALL: So what we end up with then at

18 the end of the day is that they prevailed on something,

19 we prevailed on something, and it's the Court's job

20 then by which to try to quantify where was the bulk of

this trial upon, what was the bulk of the trial on?

22 Was the bulk of the trial on trying to demonstrate that

23 we had purchased option property through all of those

24 witnesses and all of those theories and the additional

25 argument about the custom lots and that they were

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THE COURT: And so that, I just wanted to be

2 very clear on the record. You agree with that, right?

3 I have to consider the accounting claims.

MS. LUNDVALL: One of the things I think that

you have to consider as a result of that is what the

consequence is once they received that information.

7 THE COURT: Oh, absolutely.

MS. LUNDVALL: Okay.

9 THE COURT: What would their consequence be,

10 once they get the information they just drop the

11 lawsuit?

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12 MS. LUNDVALL: If you would allow me as far

13 as to finish what my thought is?

14 THE COURT: I apologize, I do that to you all

15 the time because I go one ahead of you, I'm sorry, the

16 consequence of what they did.

MS. LUNDVALL: Okay. So during the

18 discovery, they got all the information --

THE COURT: They did.

MS. LUNDVALL: -- to which they claimed that

21 they were entitled to. They had all that information.

22 And what did they do as a result of that? Did they

23 say, We were paid everything that we were entitled to?

24 We got everything that we were entitled to? No. What

25 they did is they advanced the theory that they talked

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1 about in their letters before they started the case,

2 that they set forth in their complaint, that they set

3 forth in depositions, that they set forth in the

4 opposition for the motion for summary judgment, that

5 even though we have all this information from Pardee,

we still think our interpretation is right and that

we're entitled to money damages.

8 If they, in fact, had gotten all this

information and stopped and said that Pardee is right,

10 they haven't purchased any option property, then -- and

11 they would have gone forward with their breach of

12 contract at the time of the trial, then maybe their

13 argument may have merit, but they did not, and that is

14 the point that I'm trying to underscore here.

They argued in both opening and closing

16 arguments how the case was going to hinge upon these

17 purchases, and they continued to advance their theory that we had purchased option property.

19 They talked about how it was a breach of

20 contract that affected their clients' rights to a

commission by making these later deals, once again 21

22 continuing to try to underscore the fact that they were

adversely affected by our conduct, and as a result of 23

that, they should have been entitled to more money. 24

Their actions -- one of the things I wanted

1 entitled to commissions upon those as well as the

2 redesignation, that's what the bulk of the trial was

about, your Honor. THE COURT: But I also have to consider the

accounting claim, and the only way they got all their documents to even go to their theory that they were on

the option property was because you had to produce -not you, the defendant, only through this lawsuit actually produced the documents that then they could

10 come up with a second theory. There's no question they did not have enough 12 information until the option agreement and everything 13 was produced to them, so I have to balance that the

reason for the lawsuit, and it's very clear in the 14

15 record, was to get an accounting and to get the rest of 16 those option agreements and to try to find out, because

17 they tried to do it and I remember it all, they tried

18 to get Mr. Whittemore, and he goes, No, I can't. I remember they were confidential, although a 19 couple of amendments had gone and the rest of them 20 didn't, but I also have to balance in that the impetus

21 was, the only reason for the first lawsuit was an 22

accounting to get the information so they could

determine if there was anything. 24

MS. LUNDVALL: All right, your Honor.

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 1 to get to at this point in time is this: If there is
                                                                         THE COURT: I just didn't hear your
 2 any question whatsoever that the plaintiffs sought
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                                                                  paragraph.
 3 money damages as a result of the trial, I would ask the
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                                                                         MS. LUNDVALL: And they talk about under the
                                                                  multi-family agreement that we had purchased 225 acres
 4 Court to look at one document and one document only,
                                                                5 of that residential property.
 5 and I'm gonna offer a copy of what I want you to take a
                                                                         THE COURT: Uh-huh.
 6 look at.
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          THE COURT: Uh-huh.
                                                                         MS. LUNDVALL: And they talk about at 62, 63,
          MS. LUNDVALL: This was the very last
                                                                  64, and 65 how the Court could calculate what they were
                                                                9 then due.
 9 submission that the Court had before you prepared your
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10 findings of fact and conclusions of law. This is what
                                                                         THE COURT: For that Res. 5 property, I
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11 they gave you. This is what they said that they
                                                                  remember that.
12 thought they --
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                                                                         MS. LUNDVALL: That's correct.
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          THE COURT: No, this is their proposed, like
                                                                         And if you go to Page 12 then, they also talk
14 you gave me a proposed.
                                                                  about what that amount was that they should be paid as
          MS. LUNDVALL: And I want, and I want to
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                                                                  a result of that. They ask for money damages, based
16 underscore it.
                                                                  upon the information that they had provided at the time
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          THE COURT: Okay.
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                                                                  of the trial, of $134,000 --
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          MS. LUNDVALL: And I want you to think back
   to everything you've read in all these motions that
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                                                                         MS. LUNDVALL: That had nothing do with their
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   Mr. Jimmerson has brought before you.
                                                               20 attorney's fees, because their attorney fee provisions
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          THE COURT: Uh-huh.
                                                                  come in at other places in this proposed findings of
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          MS. LUNDVALL: He said that he never asked
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                                                                  fact and conclusions of law.
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                                                                         They then go on in the entirety of the
   for money damages.
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          MR. JIMMERSON: I never said that.
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                                                                  findings of fact and conclusions of law and say, Your
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                                                               25 Honor, we think that we should be entitled additional
          MS. LUNDVALL: He said, I've never asked for
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                                                                1 monies that only can be accounted for once you adopt
 1 money damages and specifically we never asked for 1.8,
 2 all right? So let's look to see whether or not they
                                                                2 our theory, and if you adopt our theory, then we are
                                                                3 going to be entitled to even more money than this.
 3 did ask for money damages.
                                                                  That's what they gave to you in their findings of fact
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          So go to Page 4. Page 4 sets forth their
                                                                5 and conclusions of law.
 5 entire theory about this option property and how we had
 6 purchased option property. That's what their Finding
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                                                                         And so to the extent that this case, yes, it
                                                                7 was about money damages in part.
 7 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 23 all track.
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                                                                         THE COURT: In part.
          They go on and they talk about on Page 7 the
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 9 non-circumvention clause within the commission
                                                                        MS. LUNDVALL: And the "in part" is what we
                                                               10 prevailed upon.
10 agreement, Paragraphs 34, 35, and 36, and they claim
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                                                                         And so to the extent that once we get --
11 then that Pardee and CSI had circumvented their
                                                               12 let's start limiting it then to the motion that the
12 opportunity to receive commissions by entering into
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                                                                  Court has in front of it right now.
13 these subsequent agreements.
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                                                                         THE COURT: Uh-huh.
          They then go on at Page 9, at 48, 49 and 50,
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                                                                         MS. LUNDVALL: The motion to amend, were
15 and they talk about specifically what they had proven
                                                               16 we --
16 at trial were the actual purchases, and they go on at
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17 Page 10 on line -- at their Finding 58 and talk about
                                                                         THE COURT: This judgment.
                                                                         MS. LUNDVALL: The judgment.
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18 the geography and specifically where the Court can find
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                                                                         THE COURT: Okay.
19 that.
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                                                                        MS. LUNDVALL: Were we accurate and were you
          They go on then at Paragraph 60 that's on 11,
                                                                  accurate then in saying that Pardee prevailed on the
21 and that says that under the multi-family agreement.
                                                                   portion of the case by which that they sought money
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    In addition to the custom lot agreement arguments --
                                                                   damages and that they were not entitled to
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          THE COURT: I'm sorry, where are you now,
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                                                                  additional --
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                                                                         THE COURT: It doesn't say that here. It
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          MS. LUNDVALL: Page 11.
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Page 101 Page 103 1 doesn't say that wording, Ms. Lundvall. I mean that's 1 THE COURT: This is the summary judgment. 2 different wording than what you put in here. MS. LUNDVALL: Let me make this point, and 3 MS. LUNDVALL: It puts in there the 3 that is this: As a defendant, I am never ever going to quantification as to what they had articulated. put into evidence what, in fact, the plaintiffs are 5 THE COURT: 1.8 million, 1,8000,000. contending are their damages. MS. LUNDVALL: That's what they --6 6 THE COURT: Of course not. THE COURT: That's, nowhere was that put into 7 MS. LUNDVALL: That is the plaintiffs' burden evidence. Even their proposed was, you just gave me 8 of proof. 9 THE COURT: Okay. 30,000 plus 134, and the second, which is exactly what 10 I said with Mr. Jimmerson, that if they did prevail on 10 MS. LUNDVALL: If you recall -- hold on. If 11 the other, they're gonna have to then later do 11 you recall during my closing argument, even though it 12 something on that, and I'm not sure if it's even 12 was pretty late at night, both you and I and everybody 13 accounting, and my thought process was if they 13 else in the courtroom were pretty tired, if you recall. 14 prevailed on the other, then I don't know if they have 14 THE COURT: No, I --15 15 to do another suit or what, because that really wasn't MS. LUNDVALL: One of the arguments that we 16 made is that they could not prevail on their money 16 damages that were put into the lawsuit. 17 MS. LUNDVALL: Well --17 damages claims because they did not put evidence in of 18 THE COURT: The damages were the 30,134, 18 what their money damages were. That was part of our which I did buy the Res. -- not "buy," I did not agree 19 theory. But the fact that they failed in their burden on the Res. 5 property, so, you know, so I just have a 20 of proof does not mean that we did not prevail in hard time with this 1.8, but give me your explanation 21 defending against that or does it mean that they did 22 again, all right. 22 not quantify what that theory was that they had lost 23 MS. LUNDVALL: Well then as far as, your 23 upon. 24 Honor, let me as far as to offer it very simply then, 24 I can't as far as imagine any defense 25 as we have, I've tried to do --25 attorney putting evidence in the record --Page 102 Page 104 1 THE COURT: Very simply. THE COURT: You don't have to do that again. 1 2 MS. LUNDVALL: — that they had two theories. 2 I get that. My only question to you is: What did they THE COURT: I have that. You don't have to quantify at trial? 3 be that simple, believe me. 4 So let me make it simple for you, MS. LUNDVALL: They, they quantified their Ms. Lundvall, because you keep saying "simple." 6 first theory at \$1.8 million. That's not mine, I don't MS. LUNDVALL: What were we defending 6 7 against? have to --THE COURT: And they quantified that at trial 8 8 THE COURT: Okay, so then I see your as 1.8 million? semantics, what were you defending against, you're 10 MS. LUNDVALL: Hold on. 10 saying the 1.8, that you were defending that at trial 11 THE COURT: They did not. They did not. 11 because they told you they were gonna prove 1.8. They 12 MS. LUNDVALL: This is what we did -- well, 12 didn't put in 1.8, but when you went there, you thought 13 your Honor ---13 you were gonna defend 1.8. 14 THE COURT: They didn't say 1.8. I looked 14 That what you're saying? 15 for it. 15 MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: You know, let me as far as see THE COURT: Okay, perfect. I just want to 17 if can't --17 make sure I'm following you. You don't have to THE COURT: I understand they wanted damages, 18 simplify it any more. I just asked you the simple 19 I, believe me, I understand that completely. 19 question what did they quantify at trial, okay? I got 20 MS. LUNDVALL: Let's see. 20 you. THE COURT: I got the -- I looked through all 21 21 MS. LUNDVALL: It's not what I believe their 22 your supplements. 22 claim was, it is what the plaintiffs believed. 23 MS. LUNDVALL: Let me see if I can find what 23 THE COURT: So it's what the plaintiffs have 24 I'm looking for here. 24 the burden of proof to convince this trier of fact. I 25 Here we go. 25 don't look at the supplementals. It's what their

burden of proof was and what they put in to me, to this 2 trier of fact, as to what they thought their damages

were. I agree with you there, okay.

4 MS. LUNDVALL: And so from this --

5 THE COURT: I got that.

6 MS. LUNDVALL: From this perspective, your Honor, throughout the entirety of this motion practice is that the plaintiffs had contended that this case was never about money damages.

10 We have walked you through that not only as 11 far as what their theory was and how they claimed if 12 they were successful on that theory, that they were gonna get money damage. It would come in a two-step

THE COURT: I got that.

15 16 MS. LUNDVALL: They wanted, as far as they 17 wanted first as far as a finding from you, and then they wanted as far as to come in for a subsequent 19 evidentiary hearing.

20 So to the extent then that they were the ones that identified and quantified, they identified first

process. They had a little two step going on.

22 their theory was in two parts, they quantified the

values they put on their theory, and that's what we

defended against, your Honor. 24 25

THE COURT: Okay.

1 of fact. I thought that's what we were addressing.

2 MS. LUNDVALL: That is what we were 3 addressing.

THE COURT: And I see what you're saying. 4

5 You're saying that there was a plaintiffs' claim for

6 1.8 million, and this is appropriate, for lost future

7 commissions and that's appropriate. That's where we

8 were at.

9 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, what we, as 10 defendants, are obligated to do, and think about this,

11 when you get a case in your office, you look at it and

12 you try to quantify it, because that quantification

13 depends upon how much resources you throw at it and the

14 type of resources that you throw at it and the energy

15 that you throw at it, and let me tell you, when the

16 plaintiffs identified that this case was about lost

17 commissions, and we pushed and we pushed to try to get

them to quantify how much are we talking about, they

told us how much we were talking about, and what they

told us is that this case was worth \$1.8 million in

lost commissions. 21

22 And they told you in their opposition to the motion for summary judgment that this case was worth

24 1.8 in lost commissions.

THE COURT: We've been through this. I get

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1 MS. LUNDVALL: And we successfully defended

2 against that. And so when we get into the portion of

3 the motion practice dealing with the prevailing party

4 analysis --

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THE COURT: Uh-huh.

MS. LUNDVALL: -- we will bring you the cases and identify and underscore the cases where, in fact, other judges sitting in your situation have found where

9 a party has prevailed on one issue and what it cost

10 them by which to litigate that issue, whereas the

11 adverse party then had prevailed on others and what it

12 cost by which to prevail on that, and what the Court is

13 supposed to do in that circumstance, it has been upheld

14 by the Nevada Supreme Court, and so the point --

THE COURT: I think you already provided me 15 -- I read that. Didn't you give me those cases? 16

17 MS. LUNDVALL: There's one additional case.

THE COURT: Oh, because I read every case 18

19 that you give me on that. I understood prevailing

20 party. That's down here somewhere. MS. LUNDVALL: And the other, I guess the one 21

22 thing that I guess that I still want to try --23 THE COURT: But what we're really addressing

24 right here, can I be honest, is whether this is a 25 proper -- you're saying this is proper from my findings Page 108

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1 it.

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MS. LUNDVALL: That's what drove it. That's

3 what drove our defense.

THE COURT: I understand. 4

MS. LUNDVALL: And the fact they did not meet

their burden of proving that at the time of trial

doesn't mean that they didn't try on their theory of

8 liability. They did try on their theory of liability.

9 They asked for a smaller number as a result. They

10 asked for the opportunity to do the two step to get to

11 the bigger number as a result, but you ruled against

12 them, but that does not mean that we didn't defend

13 against that.

Our entire defense was driven by what they 14 15 informed us their case was about. We prevailed on the

16 most important component of their case. They prevailed

17 on another piece of it, and we have the ability and can

18 and will provide the Court then with the quantification

19 of those two so that you can determine an offset, but

20 it does not negate the fact that we prevailed on their

21 claim that they quantified at \$1.8 million.

22 And so therefore, to suggest that somehow I

23 was deceptive, that I was fraudulent, that I had

24 fabricated a claim, when, in fact, it was their

25 information to us that defined not only the fact of the

Page 109 Page 111 1 claim, but the amount of the claim, that's what we put 1 that quantification came from the plaintiffs 2 in the judgment. 2 themselves. THE COURT: Oh, I got it. You have told me THE COURT: No, I saw where you got it from. 3 Just as the trial attorney listening to it, that is, 4 nothing different than what you put in your motions. I 5 that is not what I saw at trial, and I went by the know exactly where you got it. 6 evidence, but -- and you're making -- and this is to 6 MS. LUNDVALL: If the Court --7 THE COURT: I looked at all the discovery. I say what I found at trial. So what you're saying to me is you want me to know where you got it. 9 make, by what you put here, you want me to determine MS. LUNDVALL: If the Court has a problem as 10 far as with the quantification, it still does not 10 that the claim was for 1.8 million, not by what was 11 negate the fact that we prevailed on that portion of 11 shown at trial, because that was not shown at trial? 12 their claim, no matter what value they placed on it. 12 You realize this is judgment from trial --13 THE COURT: You just said that perfectly, 13 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor? 14 14 Ms. Lundvall. You just said you prevailed on that THE COURT: -- not from discovery. portion of their claim, the plaintiffs' claim. 15 MS. LUNDVALL: From this perspective, what 16 Here's what you wrote in, that you, that 16 the Court has a hard time with --17 judgment is against as to plaintiffs' claim for, and 17 THE COURT: Yes, very big difficulty --MS. LUNDVALL: Well, hold on. then you put that you won -- where was it, let's see, 18 19 there was a section here that was, that -- hold on. 19 THE COURT: -- with the 1.8. 20 It's a word, they're saying "their claim," 20 MS. LUNDVALL: With the quantification --21 and here's my concern: Is a claim, how do you define 21 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 22 that, as different -- I look at claims as causes of 22 MS. LUNDVALL: With the quantification, what 23 action, okay? I'm just gonna be very -- I worked, you that suggests is that you think that I'm fabricating 23 24 know, and this didn't really -- claims are causes of the quantification was that the plaintiffs put on then. 25 action, and that's why I very distinctly said to you 25 THE COURT: No, no, that's not what I said. Page 110 Page 112 1 What I said is you want me to make the determination 1 theory of liability, and you agreed with theory of 2 liability, but you used -- that's why I -- you used the that their claim was 1.8 million from what I heard at 3 trial. That's what you're saying in this. That's what 3 word "claim" in here. When you do a complaint, you can a judgment is. 4 say "claim" or "cause of action," and that was one of my concerns when I looked at that. Now, that's different than if you want me to 6 do post-judgment and come up with who's the prevailing And we're on the same page. I understand party and factor in the 1.8 and everything else, that's 7 there were two theories of liability for the breach of a different analysis, is what I'm saying to you. 8 contract. I could not have sat through this - I got 9 This is a judgment based on what I heard and 9 that completely. What I don't understand is you're 10 saw at trial. 10 saying so a theory of liability is the same as a cause Do you agree with that? 11 of action or a claim? Because that's what you're 11 12 MS. LUNDVALL: No, I don't. 12 saying here. 13 THE COURT: Okay. 13 MS. LUNDVALL: Well, what --MS. LUNDVALL: I agree that a judgment comes 14 THE COURT: Because really what you prevailed

15 at the conclusion of a case, and it ends the work, but

16 for the post-trial or the post-judgment motions that

20 fact, that the Court looks as far as only at a prism?

And let me as far as let me offer this observation.

24 quantification portion that was put into the judgment,

25 and I've now explained where we got the quantification,

MS. LUNDVALL: But does that mean that, in

MS. LUNDVALL: If the Court's concern is the

17 the district Court is obligated to do.

THE COURT: I agree.

THE COURT: Okay.

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14 15 on is defeating one theory of liability. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: And what I'm trying --17 THE COURT: Right? Do you agree with me 18 there? 19 MS. LUNDVALL: What I am going to explain as 20 far as to the Court, you and I may have a difference in 21 semantics. THE COURT: Well, it seems that we do. 22 23 MS. LUNDVALL: But I think we are talking 24 about the same thing. 25 THE COURT: All right. As long as you --

1 MS. LUNDVALL: So Rule 8 obligates you as far 2 as to give a fair statement to the defense of what the

nature of your claims are. They said to us that you

breached the contract.

THE COURT: Right.

MS. LUNDVALL: They said that you breached 6 7 the contract by not paying us the commissions and we're

entitled to additional information.

9 THE COURT: Right.

10 MS. LUNDVALL: We defended on both alleged 11 breaches.

12 Now, if the Court has issue then once again

13 with the idea that somehow that a claim is different

than a theory, I don't have any problem with that

15 either.

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16 THE COURT: See --

17 MS. LUNDVALL: I disagree with the semantics,

18 but it does not change the result that we prevailed on

19 the predominant theory that they were advancing at the

20 time of the trial. That's the point I guess that I'm

21 trying to make.

22 THE COURT: I get that. I get that. I

23 absolutely get that, but that was part of my problem

with this, was not just the quantification, but the

claim, because that was a theory of liability. Maybe

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1 why they prevailed on another part of it.

2 THE COURT: I understand that.

3 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. And so from that

perspective, your Honor, respectfully, we submit that

5 the judgment that you entered does not need to be

6 amended, and moreover -- but if the Court quibbles with

7 the language that we had used, what we were, what we

8 would ask the Court to do is to ensure that the theory

of liability that the plaintiffs advanced that they did 10 not prevail upon is memorialized into the judgment.

11 That's what our simple request is, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: What you want is this to reflect

13 that as far as the theory of liability, that language

as opposed to all that's included in here, all right.

MS. LUNDVALL: And all that's included in 15 16 there is simply a description then of the claim and the

quantification of the claim that was given to us by the 18 plaintiff.

THE COURT: Okay. All right.

20 I will tell you that I do not agree, that

21 this judgment entered June 15, 2015, I do feel is an

22 erroneous judgment. I do not feel it is in compliance

with my orders, my previous orders, and that's what 23

24 it's supposed to do.

Now, based on that, I understand there's

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it's semantics, but it's really not. When I looked at

2 the cases, to me it does make a distinction, so that's,

that's -- I did look at this.

4 MS. LUNDVALL: One of the things, and I don't

5 know if you wanted us to continue or --

THE COURT: Let's keep going. Do you want to

go eat? Can we finish at least this?

MS. LUNDVALL: All right. So I guess what I

want to make sure that as far as the Court understands,

10 I'm only addressing at this point in time the motion to

11 amend.

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12 THE COURT: Correct.

MS. LUNDVALL: I believe, I believe that the 13

14 Court has an understanding then --

THE COURT: Right. 15

MS. LUNDVALL: -- of how it is that we got to

17 the language in there.

THE COURT: Right.

19 MS. LUNDVALL: And where it is that the

20 quantification came from.

THE COURT: I do. 21

22 MS. LUNDVALL: And why it is based upon the

23 Court's own findings and what the claims were that had

been alleged and what we were defending against, why it

25 is that we believe that we prevailed on part of it and

1 issues. I will not, I do not -- I feel this is

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2 erroneous, I feel, the way it is. I understand that

3 you have the theory of liability, but this, I am going

4 to strike this. I don't feel it is.

I started to -- what I would like to do,

6 based on that, and I, I understand where you're coming

from on the theory of liability. I could obviously

8 have all these other motions and then we can get to it,

9 but until I really agree with the language here,

10 whether you agree with it or not, I think it's more

11 than quibbling. I think it's more than semantics. I

12 want to know what's in here to apply those cases on

prevailing party, I'm very honest, because I looked. I

14 think it's more than a quibble, so I am going to strike

15 this.

Once again, I apologize. I, I thought there 16

17 was an agreement on the language. It became very

obvious there wasn't, and I want, I want to do my

19 procedure of an agreement of the language in the

20 judgment, and if you can't, then I want a proposed

21 order, but I will not -- I, I do not want to -- I do

22 not believe the 1.8 million is a fair quantification of 23 the damages that were -- and I disagree with you, that

were presented at trial. I feel a judgment should,

25 should encompass what was presented at trial.

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Page 117 Page 119 1 What you had to defend against, I understand, 1 I'm not saying --2 is part, can be or is an analysis on prevailing party, 2 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor? 3 but I find that -- and if I'm wrong, I'm wrong, but as THE COURT: But I want the wording in here 4 based on what I saw, in fairness, all right, and I 4 far as what's in a judgment, I do not want to -- I don't think it's proper to say it was quantified as 1.8 understand that, so I do want this -- this is stricken, 6 million. 6 and I do find it is erroneous, and I do feel that this judgment does not reflect my findings and what I feel I have been as distinct as I can here, so what I would like - and I know, you know -would be appropriate in a judgment from the trial. I 9 MS. LUNDVALL: If the Court -want to be very clear on that. I feel it is erroneous 10 THE COURT: -- everything flows from this, 10 under -- and what's my rule, NRCP 58(a), correct? 11 MR. JIMMERSON: Also 52, your Honor. 11 and that's why this was so critical. 12 THE COURT: 52. I have them both, 52(b). 12 MS. LUNDVALL: And if the Court wishes for us 13 MR. JIMMERSON: That the findings are 13 as far as to take the guidance that you have given to 14 us during the course of this hearing then, particularly 14 erroneous. THE COURT: The findings are erroneous. 15 15 within the last few comments, and for us to craft a new 16 Well --16 judgment then, and we will submit it to Mr. Jimmerson 17 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor? 17 then for his review, and hopefully we can reach 18 THE COURT: -- let's do this --18 agreement on it. If we can't --19 19 MS. LUNDVALL: One of the things that I would THE COURT: Absolutely. 20 ask ---20 MS. LUNDVALL: -- then we'll submit both of 21 THE COURT: I want to be specific, yes. the competing language then to you --22 Go ahead. I'm sorry. 22 THE COURT: That's exactly what I would want. 23 MS. LUNDVALL: One of the things that I would 23 MS. LUNDVALL: -- for your review. 24 ask would be this: The conclusion of the Court's 24 Thank you, your Honor. 25 ruling is that I'm going to prepare new language for a 25 THE COURT: The reason I did the hearing Page 118 Page 120 today is because I read everything, and I wanted to 1 judgment. We're going submit it then to Mr. Jimmerson, 2 make you understand how I look at it so that we can 2 and we're gonna hopefully then agree upon language to 3 hopefully come to one. Then once we agree on the 3 submit to you. judgment, then it goes, I understand we go from there. 4 THE COURT: Right. MS. LUNDVALL: In the event that we are not And I did read -- but once we get that -- and 6 I have done a lot of the analysis, but I understand 6 in agreement and the Court has to make a ruling upon better, I'll be honest. I understand Lundvall's side that --8 better, I understood exactly Jimmerson's side before. 8 THE COURT: Correct, I have to. 9 9 I put yours together a little differently, and that's MS. LUNDVALL: -- that, in fact, we can 10 why I'm not quibbling, I want to rephrase, but the 10 articulate then in the letters we transmit then to you 11 language to me is important in the judgment. It is. 11 why, what it is and why it is we disagree. 12 It, to me, is the most critical, so that's what I would 12 THE COURT: Absolutely. That's how I do it, 13 like to do. 13 because otherwise, I don't know if -- I understand a Now, there's a couple of other -- but that is 14 lot of it is going to be based on all this. 15 what I would like to do, and then you know what, no 15 MS. LUNDVALL: The Court may make, enter a 16 one's waiving any arguments on anything else, because 16 judgment at that point in time. 17 as you know, the memos of costs, all the prevailing 17 THE COURT: Yes. MS. LUNDVALL: Currently, there's a stay in 18 party, once I strike this then those all are gone 18 19 because that would be, I guess, an advisory opinion if 19 place of any enforcement. 20 I did feel somebody -- but the prevailing party, I want 20 THE COURT: Right, because there is no to get this done. I have done a lot of work on it. 21 judgment. And if you have another case please give it 22 22 MS. LUNDVALL: Well, no, hold on. Judge 23 to me, because I have, I will be very honest, that is 23 Bonaventure -an issue I understand, I understand is an issue. It THE COURT: Bonaventure, I'm sorry, you're 24 25 has to stem from this though, how I want it in here. 25 right.

Page 121 Page 123 MS. LUNDVALL: Judge Bonaventure entered the 1 we could do. 2 2 stay, so my request is that we have the opportunity to Let's make sure this is all clear. MR. JIMMERSON: I would like to do a brief 3 allow that stay to be in place for any new judgment 3 4 until there may be resolution then of any of the 4 reply. 5 outstanding motions to amend that may result, any MS. LUNDVALL: What I want to make sure is that the record is clear. 6 additional motion practice that may result by reason of 6 a new judgment. THE COURT: Yes. 8 MS. LUNDVALL: I believe the Court has MR. JIMMERSON: Your Honor, the rules call 9 for a stay for ten business days from the date that a indicated that any new judgment that you intend to 10 order, to enter, that Judge Bonaventure's order of a 10 judgment is entered, so there is that protection for 11 stay pending resolution of any post-judgment motions --11 that two-week time period, including weekends, to the 12 THE COURT: Regarding the judgment. 12 defendant. Afterwards, the defendant must post a bond 13 MS. LUNDVALL: -- continues to be in place. 13 or there is the right to collect under Rule 62 and --THE COURT: It is. 14 14 THE COURT: Well, didn't Judge Bonaventure 15 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you. 15 hear and put a stay in effect? 16 THE COURT: That is my ruling. 16 MR. JIMMERSON: He put a stay until you --MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you. 17 17 THE COURT: So you know what, I'm gonna 18 MR. JIMMERSON: May I have --18 comply with --19 THE COURT: I did want to give -- I cut you 19 MR. JIMMERSON: Until these issues are 20 off on the reply. We kind of got ahead, but yes, I 20 resolved? want you to be able to reply to Ms. Lundvall's. 21 THE COURT: I'm going to comply with Judge 22 MR. JIMMERSON: I just have a short reply. 22 Bonaventure. I'm going to do what Judge Bonaventure 23 THE COURT: That's fine. I'm taking it all 23 did, because I want to make sure when this judgment is 24 in. 24 done that everybody gets their chance to do their 25 MR. JIMMERSON: The pressure that Pardee may 25 motions, and when it is done, it is done as far as this Page 122 Page 124 1 be placing upon their law firm to reverse the Court's Court, and then they can execute. 2 findings must be intense, but it doesn't justify 2 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you, your Honor. 3 3 distorting the record. THE COURT: And all the other post-trial that Let's talk as lawyers and judges here. This results from the judgment, those can all still happen, and I know they're going to, depending on -- but I want 5 lawsuit was brought by a complaint, and there were two this judgment cleared up, because I looked at it amendments, so you have a complaint, you have an amended complaint and a second amended complaint, and because it does, it does stay you executing your money, 8 the only differences in the complaints was there was a 8 Mr. Jimmerson. I did look at what Judge Bonaventure did. I clarification of the assignment from the general realty understand it, so I am going to do that. 10 companies to the individuals, and then there was the MS. LUNDVALL: Okay. 11 permission to plead as attorney's fees special damages, 11 12 THE COURT: And I want to make that as part 12 but the nature of the claims were identical. 13 of the order for denying -- granting, I am sorry, 13 In that complaint, in the complaint and the granting the motion to amend this judgment of 14 amended complaints, all the complaints, is just simply 15 June 15th, 2015. 15 all that is stated is --MR. JIMMERSON: Is it your intention, Judge, MS. LUNDVALL: And your Honor, may I clarify 16 16 17 as I'm listening to your remarks, thank you, is it your 17 one thing? 18 intention to defer the other motions that are pending 18 19 for resolution today until a final judgment is entered 19 MS. LUNDVALL: You've made your ruling on the 20 by you? 20 motion to amend. Are we now moving into the motion for

21 attorney's fees?

THE COURT: No.

MR. JIMMERSON: No. I'm doing a reply.

25 made my ruling and didn't give him a chance to reply.

THE COURT: What I did is I, unfortunately,

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THE COURT: Yes. I will be honest, I worked

THE COURT: Now, there is one other one that

22 on them all, but I can still work on them, but I

realized they all flow from this judgment.

MR. JIMMERSON: They do.

- 1 I made my ruling. It's not going to change, but if he
- 2 wants to give a reply, we did it out of order. And
- it's my fault because I know where I'm going, but if he
- wanted to add anything, I should have waited. I knew
- where I wanted -- no, we are not getting into the other
- motions.

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- There's another motion I wanted to handle
- 8 too. I'm sorry it's taking so long, but this is really
- important. Do you mind going through lunch a little
- 10 bit? You don't care. If I can stay here, you can
- stay. It's just too important, okay?
 - MR. JIMMERSON: Thank you.
- 13 The amended complaint was served upon the
- 14 defendant in approximately January of 2 thousand -- not
- approximately, in January of 2011, and it had general
- 16 allegations as to who the parties were, and then it
- 17 talked about the entry of the commission agreement and
- 18 then the original option agreement which allowed the
- 19 payment of the commission.
- 20 The allegation then at Paragraph 6 and 7 and
- 21 8 is pursuant to the commission agreement, plaintiffs
- 22 were to keep -- excuse me, defendants were to keep the
- plaintiffs fully informed of all issues and all sales
- 24 and purchases of real property governed by the option
- 25 agreement.

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- 1 estate, which would have quantified at 1.5 percent to
- 2 \$30,000, okay? We didn't know that until the trial, as
- 3 you know.
- 4 And then the whole issue of redesignation
- 5 came up during the trial. We had not argued about
- 6 redesignation, because we simply were asking for the
- 7 commission based upon what they were designating as
- 8 residential production property and then whether it
- fell within the original purchase as an exercise of
- 10 option property.
- 11 THE COURT: That was your theory from the
- 12 beginning. I understand that.
- 13 MR. JIMMERSON: Right.
- And of course none of this about 1.8 million 14
- 15 ever entered the trial, but I want you to -- and this
- 16 was attached to their opposition. It was our fifth
- 17 disclosure.
- 18 And I want you to read it and understand what
- 19 it says, because there was never -- everybody in this
- courtroom knew that what had been purchased by Pardee
- 21 was roughly 1,800 acres that grew to about 2,000 acres.
- 22 How do we know that? Because you can take \$84 million,
- you can divide it by 40,000 an acre, you get 1,800
- acres, and as Mr. Whittemore said, with parks and
- 25 different things it turned out that we deeded over to
- 1 them, about 2,100 acres.
- THE COURT: Right, I remember.
- 3 MR. JIMMERSON: There were 5,000 or more
- 4 acres in this whole development that was designated for
- 5 single-family potential for Pardee. Pardee in the
- 6 option agreement, therefore, had another 3,000 acres
- 7 over the next 35 years to build production
- single-family real estate, and for which our clients
- 9 would be entitled to a commission. This is our fifth
- 10 supplement.
- 11 That's why they're in this case, because
- 12 everybody knew that there hadn't been a subsequent
- 13 purchase of any acres, let alone 3,000 acres for, you
- 14 know, beyond that. We just didn't know how the lines
- 15 were drawn. We knew about what had been purchased and
- 16 whether or not it quantified to a commission.
- This is what we wrote: Computation of
- 18 damages. See, this is where I believe respectfully the
- 19 Court and opposing counsel have inadvertently misstated
- 20 this, there is no theory -- the theory of liability,
- the claims, which are claims under our Nevada Rules of
- 22 Civil Procedure, are three: Accounting, breach of
- 23 contract for failure to provide information, breach of
- 24 implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing for
- 25 failure to give information, and if there are damages

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Specifically the letter said Pardee shall

- provide each of you a copy of each written exercise
- notice given pursuant to Paragraph 2 of this option agreement, together with the information as to the
- 5 number of acres involved and the scheduled closing
- dates. In addition, Pardee shall keep each of you
- 7 reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the
- amount and due dates of your commission payments, and

then it went on.

- 10 There is clearly -- the main thrust of this 11 entire case was for information. There is clearly a
- 12 claim that if the Court found that there were past due
- commissions due, largely because the Court would find option property was exercised.
- 15 THE COURT: Right.
- MR. JIMMERSON: Although no notices were 17 given, because it was to the east of the Parcel 1
- 18 location, then that would be compensable potentially to 19 the plaintiffs. We didn't know if that had been done
- 20 and how the Court was going to rule on that.
- 21 And secondly, during the course of the trial, 22 not beforehand, we discovered 225 acres of multi-family
- property being redesignated as single family, and then one part of that, Res. 5, actually having been filed

Page 131 Page 129 1 -- if there are commissions due through discovery, then 1 MR. JIMMERSON: 2012. Let me look at the 2 exact date. 2 that should be paid. That's what the complaints say. 3 The 26th day of October 2012, so it's a year There was no two different theories. What 4 before trial. This is what's written: There appears 4 was discussed was two possible areas or theories of calculation of damages, so I just want to make it -- this is Line 22. There appears to be at least 3,000 6 acres of property defined as option property, not clear. 6 purchase property, not the 84 million. THE COURT: Do that again. You're saying you 8 THE COURT: No. didn't have a theory that they breached because they 9 MR. JIMMERSON: Defined as option property didn't pay and you didn't --10 under the option agreement effective June 1, 2004, 10 MR. JIMMERSON: No, that's not true. I'm 11 currently owned by Coyote Springs. Under the option 11 saying --12 agreement effective June 1, 2004, these 3,000 acres can 12 THE COURT: Okay. 13 be purchased by Pardee and designated as production 13 MR. JIMMERSON: -- that our complaint and 14 residential property purchase and a designation that amended complaints always said the same thing, that 15 would entitle plaintiffs to a 1.5 percent commission on 15 there was a need for an accounting because we didn't --16 a per acre price of 40,000. 16 THE COURT: I understand that. 17 If 3,000 acres were purchased by Pardee under 17 MR. JIMMERSON: Because we needed to know if 18 this scenario, plaintiffs would be entitled to 18 there were more commissions due to us, breach of 19 \$1.8 million in commissions; however, Pardee's course 19 contract for failure to give that information, and if 20 of conduct by failing to appropriately discharge its 20 there were monies due to us, to be paid those monies, 21 duties under the commission agreement robbed plaintiffs and the same with the implied covenant of good faith 22 of this opportunity to be paid these commissions. 22 and fair dealing. 23 Pardee's actions have served to reclassify 23 THE COURT: So if they had money due, if, if 24 the land originally labeled as purchase property and they had actually not paid you the full commission 25 option property, and under the new reclassifications, 25 based on what they had bought, you had -- that was a Page 130 Page 132 1 breach of the contract. 1 all option property has been removed from Clark County, 2 MR. JIMMERSON: Exactly. 2 thereby divesting plaintiffs of any hope to collect any 3 THE COURT: Okay. That's all I was saying. part the \$1.8 million in commissions that would be paid MR. JIMMERSON: Right. You got it right. 4 had no reclassification occurred. 5 THE COURT: That's what Ms. Lundvall was The second part is, the second component is 6 saying. calculation, is the attorney's fees associated with MR. JIMMERSON: So what we had then were two that at that time was \$102,000 in October 2012. 8 components. The defendant used the word "theory." So all I'm saying to you is that we knew that 9 THE COURT: Okay. they had purchased about 2,100 acres. 10 MR. JIMMERSON: But two components of 10 THE COURT: Out of the --11 damages. We had whatever commissions would be due to 11 MR. JIMMERSON: Out of the 5,000 --12 us that we learned through the case and through the THE COURT: Right. 12 trial, and second would be, of course, the damages 13 MR. JIMMERSON: -- that they had, and all I associated with the need to file a lawsuit and 14 was saying to them is that if you have gone ahead 15 alternatively find information from CSI that was never 15 behind our back and purchased the other 3,000 then, or 16 intentionally produced by Pardee to the plaintiffs, 16 if you're going to in the future, that would entitle us 17 which the Court awarded \$141,500. 17 to commission, because they would be paying 18 \$120 million for the 3,000 acres. Multiply that by 1.5 The number \$1.8 million, as shown in the 19 disclosure, has nothing to do with what I just said. 19 is a million, eight. That's all. 20 What we wrote was specific and clear about what might THE COURT: That relates to the million, 20 happen in the future, so what was read in the 21 eight. I understand. 22 disclosure is under Computation of Damages. It's at 22 MR. JIMMERSON: That's right. 23 Page 7 of the document. It was filed October, I think 23 THE COURT: It's a quantification issue. 24 13th, but I may be wrong. 24 MR. JIMMERSON: This trial was never about

25 1.8 million, and that's where I respectfully believe

THE COURT: Okay.

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18 Ms. Lundvall said to me if you have a quantification

21 say to the Court is that you have three claims, you

22 have a couple theories of damage, but they're not

23 theories of -- the claims are just accounting. The

25 or two components of damages, and we lost one.

24 three, they never changed, but we do have two aspects

MR. JIMMERSON: Right. So all I'm trying to

19 issue -- I certainly do.

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Page 133 Page 135 1 Pardee has distorted in their motions and presentations 1 all that. 2 2 to this point, because they understood and you MR. JIMMERSON: Absolutely. 3 3 understood no 3,000 acres had yet been purchased by THE COURT: That's why I had the disconnect 4 Pardee. We were debating on the 2,100 acres that was 4 on the 1.8 million. I understand that. That's why purchased as to whether it was purchase property --5 this was helpful. We're on the same page. THE COURT: I agree. 6 MR. JIMMERSON: Got it. 6 THE COURT: I certainly understand. 7 7 MR. JIMMERSON: -- or whether it was option 8 MR. JIMMERSON: So here's, here's an issue property. for you. You found -- and one of the things that And by the way, as it turns out, it may have 10 not made much of a difference, because you're still disturbed me when I read this is the, the part of the 11 judgment, the finding in the first order which you've 11 multiplying by 1.5 percent above \$50 million, so it may 12 stricken, it was completely outside of your findings. 12 not have changed the actual dollars, but I do want to 13 You know, that was offensive to Mr. Wolfram and to 13 make it clear that the defendant, Pardee, clearly knew 14 Mr. Wilkes and myself, because there was no attempt to 14 this was a theoretical possibility in the next 35 15 years, that this could be owed and certainly would be write a judgment that would mirror or, you know, state 16 in some fashion your findings, and so this whole issue owed if Pardee brought 3,000 acres of this real estate. 17 of \$1.8 million and somehow Pardee prevailed was 17 THE COURT: Hold on. I'm gonna let you. MR. JIMMERSON: So what is a fair 18 nowhere part of your findings, so it was just a 18 19 creativity by Pardee because they were looking for a 19 characterization of what occurred was --THE COURT: What occurred, okav. way to try to get their attorney's fees back. 20 21 I think I said I understand the pressure that 21 MR. JIMMERSON: Was our claim for additional 22 counsel is under for the defense, but it's not right to commissions was lost at trial. I totally understand distort the record to do that. 23 that. 24 THE COURT: No. 24 THE COURT: Okay. We're on the same page. 25 MR. JIMMERSON: So hear me out. We asked for 25 MR. JIMMERSON: And in our proposed findings Page 134 Page 136 and in the defense's proposed findings, you have both 1 141,000 -- excuse me, we asked for 150,000. I asked 2 for 146,000 plus 6,000. You gave us 135,500 plus sides of the issue of whether or not we're entitled to a commission on the 225 acres or the Res. 5. The 3 6,000. I lost \$10,000, but my point is I won that reason that we broke it to Res. 5 was it was the one 4 claim, all right? parcel that had been platted and given to Clark County I didn't win the 30,000 for Res. 5, and I as opposed to the whole 225 which resulted in that 6 didn't win a calculation of what dollars may be owed to 30,000 -the plaintiffs for option property to the east of the THE COURT: The other acres with the Parcel 1 boundary. I lost. 9 THE COURT: Okay. I agree. geographical boundary issue, so we're all there. 10 MR. JIMMERSON: All right. So had you gone 10 MR. JIMMERSON: And we don't know what that 11 with the plaintiffs' position, as part of the 11 was. You see, when Ms. Lundvall stands here before 12 accounting you would have had a discussion of what has 12 you, she nowhere can quote any testimony from 13 Mr. Wolfram or Mr. Wilkes or from anyone for the 13 been purchased, what is owed. 14 THE COURT: Right, because --14 defendant that quantifies what is owed. That's why the 15 MR. JIMMERSON: Redesignation entitles the 15 whole \$1.8 million is a fugitive issue. 16 plaintiffs to \$30,000. We have gone through that. 16 THE COURT: I think I was very clear when I 17 That would have been part of the accounting, but at no 17 spoke with her that the 1.8 was my disconnect, and

18 time was anybody defending \$1.8 million.

hadn't even been purchased.

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THE COURT: And here's the issue --

23 to quantify, but you can't quantify until you find out

25 the option property, would go under it. I understand

24 how much, through those documents, were actually, of

MR. JIMMERSON: Because the 3,000 acres

THE COURT: And I understand they wanted you

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THE COURT: Okay. 1

2 MR. JIMMERSON: In the sense that we didn't

win additional commissions. Okay, I mean I wasn't

happy with that ruling, but that's what it was. But

what was being discussed was the information.

You see, where the defendant distorts this is

7 they somehow say to you, We entirely spent 90 percent

of our time defending against the money claim. Well,

that wasn't this trial. They defended against the

claim of accounting and breach of contract on damages.

11 We spent all the time -- not damages, on the

12 information.

We spent all the time on what information was 13

14 provided, and the defense argued that was sufficient to

15 satisfy the requirement of the commission agreement 16 letter to provide information, which the Court

17 disagreed with. That's the thrust of this case.

18 So I guess what I'm saying to you is when you

19 win on accounting, when you win on breach of contract

for failure to inform and you win \$141,500, and you

21 lose some unknown amount of dollars, depending on what

22 that may have been, to the east of Parcel 1, I mean was

23 it \$50,000? Was it \$200,000? We don't know, because

24 nobody quantified it, because we wouldn't know the

25 number of acres to the east without an accounting.

2 transcript.

Our opening statement and our closing

4 statement mirrors that point, that the evidence will

1 testimony, Page 174, Lines 8 through 15 of the trial

demonstrate that he could have lost commissions, may

have lost commissions, so we knew that, we believed we

may have been entitled to that but we didn't know that.

And there was so much discovery during the trial, because we didn't have access to Mr. Whittemore

10 in the fashion that you did. You know, your

11 questioning of him, okay, as well as some of the other

12 witnesses, is very helpful, because they can, they can

13 dance if I'm asking a question or opposing counsel is

14 questioning, but when a judge asks you a question, you

15 know, you tend to get a more honest, truthful response

16 and a more, in this regard, comprehensive understanding

17 of this, and the Court was probing him, if you look at

18 the record.

19 So all I'm getting at is we can't have revisionist history. Pardee cannot try to change what

occurred, which was a struggle, a really hotly

22 contested case. My compliments to the defense counsel

with their eagerness. They certainly spent a lot of

24 money on this case apparently in fees, but they didn't

25 prevail, because their clients didn't do the right

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Jon Lash I asked this specifically: How many acres are to the east of Parcel 1? I don't know,

Mr. Jimmerson. Well, if he didn't know, no one's going

to know, and that's what the second phase of this trial

would have determined had you gone with that point.

So I'm totally with defendants and with you to say that aspect of entitlement to additional

commissions we lost, but that aspect had nothing to do

with \$1.8 million, it had to do with the 30 acres

Res. 5 and had to do with whether or not you allowed

11 them to build east of the Parcel 1 boundary. That's

12 it. That's what this trial was about.

And when you read the deposition testimony --13

14 I'm sorry, when you read the trial testimony of

15 Mr. Wolfram, and this was what was cross-examined by

16 Ms. Lundvall, he testifies this: Plaintiff has --

17 excuse me.

Mr. Wolfram testifies: And this is, to me,

19 the basis of my whole court case here. I don't, I

don't care about money and all that stuff. My basis is

21 that I've been breached on information. I should not

22 have had to go to this particular map. There are other

23 things too. Not my family could ever ever have tried

24 to find out what's going on and do a map like this, I

25 mean there is just not a chance, October 30th, 2013

1 thing. It's not the lawyers did right or wrong, their

2 clients didn't do the right thing, as found by you.

3 And I will tell you we're gonna have an issue

4 on this judgment. This judgment has to say, has to

5 mirror your findings. I have no problems saying that

6 an unknown amount of money, an unquantified amount of

7 money that the plaintiffs thought they may be entitled

8 to were the Court to agree you can't redesignate to

9 beat somebody out of commission, and you can't build

10 east of the Parcel 1 without compensating them as

11 option property, that would have been owed to them,

12 but that, that is certainly the minor part of the case.

13 The case was --

14 THE COURT: But now you're going to the 15 arguing of the prevailing, and I understand we both did

16 it.

17 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. I'm just saying, I'm

18 demonstrating to you though 19 THE COURT: Right.

20 MR. JIMMERSON: -- for purposes of today's

21 motion, that any suggestion that they won any part of

22 this case is false. They did defend successfully our

23 claim for an unknown amount of commissions based upon

24 their actions building east of the Parcel 1 or

25 redesignating property that we discovered during trial.

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- 1 I understand that, but that is really not what this
- 2 case was about. That's not what they did. They didn't
- defend against Res. 5, they were defending against the
- accounting. They were defending against their claim
- 5 that they didn't provide -- that they did provide
- 6 information, which the Court found against them on
- those. That's what this case was about and that's what
- the testimony was about.
- And that's why when you ask questions of
- 10 opposing counsel, when she does choose to answer them,
- 11 she doesn't answer many of your questions, but when she
- 12 answered the question, Yes, there is nothing in the
- 13 record that talks about \$1.8 million, there's nothing
- 14 in the record that says this is a quantification,
- 15 because the whole thing going forward will be, as we'll
- 16 discuss later, I guess, that 1.8 million is bigger than
- 17 \$141,500; therefore, we should at least get a break on
- 18 his fees that he's entitled to as prevailing party on
- 19 the commission as well as exceeding the offer of
- 20 judgment.
- That's where the mischief was. The mischief 21
- 22 by Pardee is I got to rewrite to the judgment to
- 23 reflect somehow that we won so that we can somehow
- 24 mitigate the damages that we obviously will owe to the
- 25 plaintiffs in the form of the attorney's fees, and

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- 1 that we would have had a second trial. You ruled in
- 2 their favor with regard to those issues, but that
- 3 clearly was not the dominant part of that.
- And when you look at your own finding, that 4
- 5 is really the final point. When you look at your own
- 6 finding, there's nothing in what you said that would
- 7 have supported what they wrote, and that's why you're
- 8 granting this motion to strike, in addition to the
- irregularities with regard to how it got signed in the
- 10 first place.
- 11 THE COURT: Right.
- 12 MR. JIMMERSON: I'm not familiar with the
- 13 cover letter. I don't know that they produced the
- cover letter. You didn't see the cover letter, but all
- 15 I'm trying to get at is it's an important document.
- 16 Both of sides know it.
- 17 I had an issue with the defendant not giving
- 18 me notice the previous October with regard to a
- submission that they made to you. I wrote them a
- letter to please add someone. They didn't do that, you
- know. It's just a matter that they have an obligation.
- 22 I would no more submit a judgment without at least
- contacting them and either having their name on the
- 24 document and slash it in case they refuse to cooperate,
- 25 but, of course, what would happen and what likely will

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- that's what will come later on, but I needed to correct
- 2 the record because it's not two theories, it's two
- elements of a claim of damages, one of which we were
- 4 not successful on.
- But when you talk in terms of the testimony,
- 6 if you just look at Jon Lash's testimony, Harvey
- Whittemore's testimony, the plaintiffs' testimony, it
- 8 was not about quantification of damages, it was about whether or not they breached their agreement to provide
- 10 information. And then the second part of the trial
- 11 that we had spoken to would have been that
- 12 quantification, that's true.
- 13 And I never said, respectfully, it's
- 14 upsetting to suggest that I never said this was not
- 15 about dollars. What I was saying to you is that we
- 16 didn't know.
- And when you're at trial and Ms. Lundvall 17
- 18 asked Mr. Wolfram, What are you claiming? What are you
- 19 asking for? I don't know, I can't tell you. That's
- 20 about as clear as you need to have evidence to know
- 21 that this was about the liability portion of the case
- 22 in terms of establishing the right to an accounting,
- 23 establishing a breach of contract for failure to
- 24 provide information, and the implied covenant of good
- 25 faith and fair dealing to do the same, and then from

- happen here is you will be given competing orders.
- THE COURT: You know, we're kind of back to
- 3 where we would have been if this judgment was first
- submitted, because I don't think you would have, based
- 5 on all that's happened it probably would have not, but
- 6 that's okay.
 - I just want to get us back to square one so
- 8 that then -- plus, in all honesty, if I would have
- gotten competing judgments like that, I probably would
- 10 have asked for a hearing on it, because you've now
- 11 fleshed it out, in all honesty, so I feel bad we lost
- 12 some time, but we didn't, because it probably would
- 13 have done its normal course.
- Does that make sense? 14
- 15 MR. JIMMERSON: I only --
- 16 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor?
- MR. JIMMERSON: Can I just mention one other 17
- 19 MS. LUNDVALL: What I would like to do is to 20 respond as far as to the comments.
- 21 THE COURT: Are you finished, Mr. Jimmerson?
- MR. JIMMERSON: I do want to speak to the 22
- 23 stay for just a second.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay.
- 25 MR. JIMMERSON: Judge?

Page 145 Page 147 MS. LUNDVALL: The Court has made a ruling on 1 important to everybody. That has been blatantly clear 2 this. I guess this is a motion for reconsideration 2 from day one of this case. I would stipulate everybody 3 has done great efforts. 3 now? THE COURT: I'm gonna keep the stay, MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you, your Honor. 5 Mr. Jimmerson. 5 One of the comments I want to make simply is MR. JIMMERSON: I understand. that the concession that Mr. Jimmerson made in the 6 THE COURT: Until I get this judgment clear, 7 remarks that he made to you, he identified the fact 8 and it's not going to be an easy -- I don't have a 8 that one of the theories that they were advancing was crystal ball, but I feel like it will be contested, and the fact that we had purchased option property, and 10 he's absolutely correct in that regard. What we were that's important. 11 11 defending, what we were defending against is whether or So I'm not gonna let you execute on a 12 not that we had purchased option property. That, your 12 judgment until I know what I feel truly it should be. 13 Honor, was 90 percent of your case. 13 MR. JIMMERSON: I appreciate it. 14 THE COURT: I'm not, I'm not gonna change 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 that. 15 MS. LUNDVALL: And the Court found, the Court 16 found in our favor, that we had not purchased option 16 MR. JIMMERSON: I don't agree, but I respect 17 your decision and I'm not rearguing. That's not my 17 property. 18 style. 18 Now, Mr. Jimmerson and the Court now has 19 19 identified that you quarrel with the quantification I just want to indicate a bond would have 20 been appropriate here, and they have not posted a bond. 20 that we put on that, but there is no question about the 21 fact that what they had suggested is that we had 21 See, I don't know what's going on with Pardee. 22 purchased option property, but what we had defended 22 THE COURT: Did he -- when he did the stay, 23 did he ask for a bond? against is that we did not, and that you had found in 24 our favor on that point. 24 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, hold, hold, hold, 25 Now --25 hold. Page 146 Page 148 MR. JIMMERSON: He said no bond is necessary THE COURT: I would have agreed to that if 2 because Pardee is a big company. I mean that's what you walked in from day one. My findings showed that, Judge Bonaventure said. and he understands that. THE COURT: All right. I'm not gonna redo MS. LUNDVALL: Now --4 that. I'm not going to require a bond, I'm not, but --THE COURT: That could have been day one MR. JIMMERSON: At some point, when a 6 stipulated, okay? judgment is entered, I would ask you to reconsider MS. LUNDVALL: One of the things I want to do 8 that. 8 is that the Court has indicated that you had an 9 THE COURT: All right. Let's just, let's interest in some additional cases -just, let's just step back and let's get this judgment 10 THE COURT: Yes. 11 done, because that is very critical. 11 MS. LUNDVALL: -- that we had spoken to. 12 And I'm more than letting you -- I agree. 12 THE COURT: On the --13 MR. JIMMERSON: Is there a reason, is there a 13 MS. LUNDVALL: Prevailing party issue. 14 reason why Ms. Lundvall is at the podium? 14 THE COURT: Yes. Sorry. THE COURT: You know what, I would like to 15 15 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you. 16 hear everything while I've got it in my mind, because 16 THE COURT: I read every one. 17 this is argument I'm going to have to know about when 17 MS. LUNDVALL: And that's why I'm standing at 18 this judgment -- so I don't mind letting you respond 19 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you. THE COURT: Okay. I appreciate it. Please 20 THE COURT: And if you need to, I'll stay 20 make sure they get it too. 21 here all day, if you all fall over from hunger. This 21 MS. LUNDVALL: So a couple points I want to 22 is too important to me. I will stay. 22 make as far as a preface to this when giving these to 23 MR. JIMMERSON: It's important to the 23 the Court, when I look at all of the papers and in 24 plaintiffs too, your Honor. preparation for this hearing, in my opinion it's easy THE COURT: I would never infer it's not 25 to get lost, and so what I'm gonna try to do is my

Page 149 Page 151 1 this is gonna come up when we do our judgment. 1 level best to give a little bit of a road map on this MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, what I would hand 2 prevailing party issue then to the Court. And the most important part that I think that 3 to the Court and what I would hand a copy then to 4 Mr. Jimmerson --4 the Court needs to do is to start from why it is that 5 THE COURT: Is that Nevada, I hope? the Court's being asked to make this determination. MS. LUNDVALL: Yes. This is from the Nevada The reason that the Court is being asked to Supreme Court. It's called Davis versus Bailey. make this determination is because there's a clause within the commission agreement. 8 THE COURT: Okay. THE COURT: For attorney's fees. 9 MS. LUNDVALL: It's 278 Pacific 3d 501. It's 10 MS. LUNDVALL: Correct. 10 a 2012 case. 11 THE COURT: I saw that. 11 The sum total of this case, which was a case 12 MS. LUNDVALL: And there's, there's case law 12 involving a contract provision that had a prevailing 13 that has been bounded about, in particular from 13 party clause within that contract was that when there 14 Mr. Jimmerson's office, that speaks to NRS 18.010 and 14 is a successful defense, that successful defense can be 15 interpreting 18.010. 15 used as a foundation to argue that you are the And what I want to do is to make sure that 16 16 prevailing party, all right? It's pretty simple. 17 the Court looks at the entirety of the statute, because 17 THE COURT: Okay. That's not too difficult. 18 the statute says this: In requesting attorney's fees, 18 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. The second and making a determination for prevailing party under 19 19 decision that I intend to offer the Court then --20 18.010 --20 THE COURT: Did you -- you didn't cite this 21 THE COURT: 18.010. 21 in your brief, right? MS. LUNDVALL: -- it does not apply to a 22 22 MS. LUNDVALL: To be honest with you, I don't private contract and there is a provision within the 23 know the answer to that. 24 private --24 THE COURT: Okay. 25 THE COURT: Did you brief it that way? 25 MS. LUNDVALL: If we did not, we are Page 150 Page 152 MS. LUNDVALL: 18.010, Subsection --1 1 supplementing. 2 THE COURT: No, I have read it, 18.010. I THE COURT: It doesn't ring a bell to me, but actually almost brought it up here until I realized I've read so many I'm not gonna say you didn't. there was a judgment issue. 4 You have another one? 4 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. Section Sub .4, 5 MS. LUNDVALL: Now, the second one, it's 6 and I'm going to quote, the Sections 2 and 3 upon which 6 quite possible we did not cite this, and the reason why was that there was recently a rule change for our they rely do not apply to any action arising out of a written instrument or agreement which entitles the 8 Nevada Supreme Court as to whether or not that you can 9 cite to unpublished decisions. prevailing party to an award of reasonable attorney's 10 10 fees. THE COURT: Yes. You're not supposed to, but 11 we all did it, but after January they'll actually say 11 THE COURT: Okay. 12 12 it has authority. MS. LUNDVALL: So when they contend in their 13 brief that we did not get a monetary damage in our 13 Don't you love that? I think it's great what favor, and therefore, we can't be the prevailing party, 14 they did. MR. LUNDVALL: And here's one for the Court 15 15 they cite to NRS 18.010 cases, and guess what, those 16 then to consider, and I'm gonna hand a copy to 16 cases don't apply. 17 Mr. Jimmerson as well. 17 And so what I did is I tried to laser focus THE COURT: And I have to do it under the new my research to be able to identify for the Court the 19 rule since it was December 20th, I get it. 19 cases that arise from a contract provision --20 THE COURT: Right. 20 MS. LUNDVALL: Understood. MS. LUNDVALL: -- that has a prevailing 21 And it's a case that's called Freedman versus 21 22 Freedman, and it's found at 2012 Westlaw 6681933. It's 22 party, because that's what's at issue, and so I've got 23 one. a 2012 decision from our Nevada Supreme Court. And 24 what this decision, if you go through this, this dealt THE COURT: I read, I read every one of 25 with a marital agreement, and there was two parties 25 those. If you have another one, that's fine, because

Page 153 Page 155 1 the opportunity then to argue our motions for 1 then that were obviously on opposite sides, and each 2 had differing views concerning that marital agreement, 2 attorney's fees. but the marital agreement had a provision for 3 THE COURT: Absolutely. MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you. prevailing party. 4 5 THE COURT: Okay. 5 THE COURT: That's --MS. LUNDVALL: All right. So what happened MS. LUNDVALL: That's --6 7 7 in this case is that the plaintiff prevailed on a THE COURT: If I didn't make that clear, portion of their case, and the defendant prevailed on a 8 absolutely. When I worked through all this and then when I looked it up and realized, whether you disagree portion of his, and what the Court did then in the 10 district court is it quantified the damages that were 10 with me, I have a problem on the judgment. It has to 11 entailed with the portion that the plaintiff prevailed 11 be right. And going back, I started to write one 12 upon, compared that then to the portion that the 12 myself, and I go, No, I'm gonna enforce my own rule. 13 defendant prevailed upon, and created a net judgment in 13 And I wanted to give you an understanding why 14 accordance with the prevailing party provision. 14 I do not agree with this judgment. I would not have THE COURT: Sure. 15 agreed with that, and we went through why it happened. 15 16 MS. LUNDVALL: And that's what we ask the 16 Once again, I take responsibility. We didn't follow 17 Court to do, and you can make that same determination 17 our procedure, but once -- now we're gonna start with 18 then in this case. 18 that, okay, absolutely. 19 19 THE COURT: I see where you're coming from. In fact, that's what I was going to go 20 MS. LUNDVALL: Okay. So from the standpoint 20 through. Let me keep my notes here, one second. 21 21 you've already quantified the amount of attorney's fees Then my notes here, the only -- so then I've 22 that they incurred by reason then of not getting the 22 got -- let's do this then. information, and you made that a form of special 23 MS. LUNDVALL: My prediction is that --24 damages. 24 THE COURT: Let's do this. The defendant's 25 25 -- then I can go through, I've got them all here. THE COURT: I did. Page 154 Page 156 1 Defendant's motion to amend the judgment entered 1 MS. LUNDVALL: And we know what that sum is. 2 6/15/2015, this is your one on wanting to change on --2 THE COURT: Right. 3 now, here's what I looked at. Let me do this, and 3 MS. LUNDVALL: So then what the issue becomes 4 maybe -- when I looked at your motion as far as the then, we also know that Pardee prevailed on a portion of this case, so then the issue is --5 Sandy Valley damages, you were saying you were amending THE COURT: Is the quantification. 6 this judgment, the one I just said was erroneous. 6 7 7 Do you realize that's what it said here? MS. LUNDVALL: Precisely. 8 THE COURT: I get it, Ms. Lundvall. That's MS. LUNDVALL: Yes. 9 THE COURT: Okay. I realize that I need -what started me on the 1.8 million. 10 this I can address, and I went through it extensively. 10 MS. LUNDVALL: All right. So let's focus on 11 My only question to you was whether you're really 11 our motion for attorney's fees. 12 wanting to amend my findings of fact, conclusions of 12 THE COURT: No, I'm not gonna go there. 13 MS. LUNDVALL: But let --13 law and order where I cited, or whether you can -- you 14 THE COURT: All I want to do is address the 14 didn't waive anything by that, because obviously -- so 15 this is gonna, you're gonna do this, because it still 15 quantification. I'm on the same page with you on the 16 prevailing party. I understand what you're saying. I 16 would -- that part is still gonna be in the new 17 don't want to get -- I'm not going to go through the 17 judgment, based on my findings of fact and conclusions 18 of law. So, to me, then this would become moot, 18 attorney's fees. 19 obviously. 19 My problem on this judgment, and I'm still 20 gonna stand with it, is the 1.8. The quantification 20 Is it still gonna be there? Absolutely. You 21 was an issue that just stuck out to me from the 21 are not waiving anything. 22 Here's my question. I've read it a lot. If 22 beginning, and it still does. 23 MS. LUNDVALL: But what I understand then 23 you want to amend, supplement, fine, but I feel like I 24 that the Court will allow us to do, is once that you 24 have a lot of briefing on that, so this one I'm going 25 finalized your new judgment, that you're gonna give us 25 to deny without prejudice, because --

Page 157 Page 159 MS. LUNDVALL: May I explain to the Court why THE COURT: I think that was kind of – I 2 it is we brought that motion? 2 inferred that that was going to be an issue. I 3 THE COURT: No. 3 understand you don't agree with that. I agree with 4 you, I actually, like I said, worked a lot on these MS. LUNDVALL: Very simply, I have two lines, 5 and that is the one issue is we had not cited to Liu to 5 until I backed it up into realizing on this judgment. 6 6 I spent the longest time on this for obvious reasons, you. THE COURT: I did. because everything flows. 7 8 MS. LUNDVALL: I recognize and acknowledge 8 MR. JIMMERSON: The prevailing party analysis you did, but we had not. as to published decisions makes it clear that --10 This is an issue that quite possibly may be 10 MS. LUNDVALL: The point that Mr. Jimmerson 11 taken up on appeal. 11 just articulated though, two points to this, number 12 THE COURT: Oh, Ms. Lundvall, I would 12 one, it assumes that he has a valid offer of judgment, 13 guarantee you it was from day one. 13 which he doesn't, and we briefed that and the Court is MS. LUNDVALL: I did not want an argument 14 gonna hear argument on that. 15 coming from plaintiffs' counsel that we had not argued 15 THE COURT: Right. 16 Liu to you. 16 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. MS. LUNDVALL: Number two, and that is that 17 THE COURT: How could you, it came in after 17 18 the motion? 18 the law he's now citing to the Court, which is why I'm 19 MS. LUNDVALL: I understand that. 19 trying to underscore this, is under NRS 18.010, it's 20 I got another appeal that, where that 20 not under the prevailing party provisions in a argument has been advanced, and we have been hashing 21 contract, and so that there's a different analysis that 22 through those issues. And what I was trying to do is 22 applies. 23 23 to preserve my record. THE COURT: Okay. 24 I understand very likely where the Court may 24 MS. LUNDVALL: Even if by some strange thing 25 come out on this, but I did not want to get any 25 that the Court finds his offer of judgment valid, let

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argument that somehow we have waived it by failing to 2 raise Liu in the court below. That's the reason, your 3 Honor, that we filed it. MR. JIMMERSON: Judge, I want to add one other factor that does cut into this that's quite 6 important, and it will help you in your calculation and your calculus. We have filed a motion for attorney's fees on two different bases. 10 THE COURT: Right. I know. MR. JIMMERSON: One under prevailing party. 11 12 The reason I say the fact that we offered a judgment which was denied or declined and we exceeded that 14 judgment, you know, you need to be aware of it, because 15 that cuts off even an analysis for prevailing party. In other words, when you look at the case 16 17 law, if the Court finds that the plaintiffs have 18 exceeded their offer of judgment and that the statutory 19 requirements under the then existing 17.115, which was

20 later delayed but it was applied at the time, that cuts

22 three issues and you won on one issue, because the

offer of judgment resolves all matters, so I'm just

24 asking you, that's something you will need to look at

25 in conjunction with prevailing party.

off the whole issue of prevailing party or you won on

1 alone if he beat his offer of judgment, because he 2 didn't under the plain language of it, but the point 3 being is it still does not cut off the Court's analysis under the contract provision. THE COURT: I appreciate that. I get it, so 6 let me clean this up. And here's the other thing, I'm not gonna set 8 these all on one day, in fairness to all of us. I'm gonna try -- you can see I got into a criminal trial, 10 but when I -- I wanted to reserve today to really do a 11 fair record for both of you on this judgment issue and 12 also give exactly what I did, give guidance on where I 13 feel we should go to at least give you some idea of 14 what I want. I accomplished that. That was my goal. 15 It took me -- but in fairness, I understand that. 16 So what I want to do is now clean this up. 17 As far as defendant's motion to amend judgment entered, 18 which basically I call them the Sandy Valley, as we all 19 know, damages, I'm going to deny this as moot because I 20 have stricken the judgment. 21 I'm keeping all this. You are not waiving 22 anything when this new judgment -- because it will have 23 the Sandy Valley damages in it, because -- and here's 24 the other thing: To be honest, I, I understand why you

25 now say you feel it was a record on appeal, I honestly

Page 161 Page 163 1 MR. JIMMERSON: Well, your Honor, we're 1 felt it was just another chance to argue Sandy Valley, talking two different things. 2 but I'm okay with that, because to be real honest, I 3 THE COURT: Okay. want the most there, you know, in there for our appeal, 4 MR. JIMMERSON: By Wiznet, there is an 4 because I know we all -- I suspected strongly from my obligation by each lawyer, each firm, to serve the 5 rulings that, that the Sandy, that this would be, 6 list, to serve whoever you've designated. because I, I -- and that's why it would go up. That THE COURT: Right, on the list service. does not shock this Judge at all. 8 MR. JIMMERSON: We're not talking about that. In fact, that's why I tried, honestly, This motion doesn't speak to that. This motion speaks Ms. Lundvall, that's why I looked for every new case 10 to emails to myself. that came down between when, after my Actos trial, 11 11 between when we finished your trial and before I took MS. LUNDVALL: No, it doesn't. 12 MR. JIMMERSON: I want emails that are gonna 12 the week off to do this, so you're not surprised I 13 be communicated to me by McDonald Carano to be added to 13 found the case. 14 14 my secretary and now to Mr. Flaxman. It's fine, and honestly, Mr. Jimmerson, 15 THE COURT: Are you asking me for any email 15 that's why I don't mind if you briefed it. I have no 16 between you? 16 problem if that's in my record, in this record, so this 17 17 is moot only for that reason, okay? Because the MR. JIMMERSON: That's right. Any order, any 18 email communicated to me is to be sent to three people, 18 judgment, okay, nothing is waived, as we know. I'm not one person, and the defense has no defense to that. 19 very explicit. 20 They are confused. They say we're talking about 20 The next one, the Number 4, which one is Wiznet. Well, Wiznet, you got to serve whoever is on 21 this? 22 22 the mailing list. The countermotion, okay, the countermotion 23 23 for attorney's fees on Pardee's motion to amend If they submit a judgment to me by email, and 24 they know I don't read it, I'm asking for a Court order 24 judgment, this is also moot, because I did not hear the

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1 do look at -- I can't give you advisory. Let me just say, since we've opened up a lot of topics here, I do look at NRCP 11(a)(1)(a), instead of allowing countermotions, I will tell you, because I do look at it that if I agree you can have a motion for 6 sanction, if you think it's, if the Court has grounds for that, but I do require a separate motion just even before you did it, just for that reason, because I am trying so hard, because people do countermotions, so I 10 do read Rule 11 that way, okay?

25 motion to amend the judgment, but I will tell you, I, I

But that does not waive any of your rights 11 12 for that, you do understand, so that's not advisory, 13 I'm just telling you how I read Rule 11 on the 14 countermotions.

15 Okay. The plaintiffs' motion for order --16 okay, this one we could do, the plaintiffs' motion for 17 order requiring defendant, when serving by electronic 18 means, to serve three specific persons.

I don't know how Wiznet works. I tried to 19 20 find out.

21 Basically the defense is, Hey, if they want 22 it through the electronic, it can go to Wiznet.

23 Here's my thought, because of this case I 24 have no problem, because that's whether it gets to your 25 firm, not you specifically.

1 they would serve my secretary and my associate.

25 so there is no excuse by them not to comply and that

THE COURT: When you say "email," you mean

any order? You're not saying every correspondence?

MR. JIMMERSON: I'm saying every

correspondence from McDonald Carano on this case be

6 done, not on other cases, this case. I want to make

7 sure that I read it and that I see it, and that what

8 happened in this case on June 15th or so does not

9 repeat, that's all.

10 It's so easy for them to add one other name 11 or two other names to the "to" box on a computer, 12 that's all, to the point where don't send it to me, 13 send it -- my point is it's no big deal to send it to 14 three people.

15 What gets me is if she would have asked me, 16 Would you make sure you send Rory a copy, yes, of 17 course, but not with Pardee. Pardee, they're just 18 never gonna communicate or cooperate, so I want an

19 order that obligates them that with regard to this

20 case, any communications by email as opposed to a

21 letter in the mail be sent to three people, not just to

22 me.

23 MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, I'm not trying to 24 be difficult here, but you know what, there are rules 25 that have consequences in this case, and there are

Page 165 1 issues that interrelate to this request that he has 1 because of what happened on not approving as to form made now orally. 2 and content, so I, above all people, I am a stickler THE COURT: Uh-huh. 3 for rules now. MS. LUNDVALL: And I want to as far as point 4 What I'm going to say as far as I'm not going the Court specifically to his motion. 5 to grant this motion, but I'm going to emphasize that THE COURT: I got it. 6 for any orders or any judgment in this case, that you, 6 7 MR. LUNDVALL: Mr. Jimmerson is so very apt 7 both of you are ordered to give it to the other person to read, and let me read from his own motion. 8 as to form and content, and that if you do not have He says on Page 1 of his motion, Request this someone to form and content within a reasonable time, 10 Court for an order compelling defendants and its 10 you are to let this Court know what the reasonable time counsel, if they are choosing to serve documents by 11 was, what efforts you made to get ahold of the other 12 electronic means, and especially when serving by 12 person, and -- before you do it, and if you get ahold electronic means without hard copies by U.S. Mail to 13 of them and they disagree, do exactly what I said. plaintiffs' counsel, to serve three individuals. 14 Tell me either you both proposed and your basis for it. 15 MR. JIMMERSON: Right. 15 That's what I'm going to do. 16 MS. LUNDVALL: And now he's changing the 16 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you, your Honor. 17 identity of who it is he wants to have served from his 17 THE COURT: Which I thought was my standing 18 motion, but the point being is that we serve documents 18 order, but obviously I am going to do a specific one 19 here, so if there's a misunderstanding that an order is through Wiznet. You can't order what happens through Wiznet. I can't order what happens through Wiznet. different from a judgment, it won't happen again. 21 If he wants things served upon him, then he 21 MR. JIMMERSON: Could I have the Court order 22 and his staff have to register with Wiznet. That is 22 that any communication to myself be directed to my 23 all I'm talking about. secretary? They don't have to send it to me. THE COURT: Okay. 24 24 THE COURT: I'm not sure I have the 25 MS. LUNDVALL: Now, to the extent he's made 25 jurisdiction.

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2 actual motion he filed before the Court is, from my perspective, I am a stickler for rules, and especially 4 when those rules will adversely impact my client, 5 because I know what's gonna happen. His argument is 6 going to be that since we did not do this in the past, that somehow there was something nefarious then, 8 because we had sent the letter to the Court, we had copied him on that letter. 10 And so to the extent that what he's trying 11 now by which to do is not only to accomplish something 12 prospectively, but to accomplish then something then 13 that's going to have a relationship to an issue that's 14 already before the Court, and so his oral motion, 15 number one, has no factual basis. His oral motion has 16 no legal foundation. He has no rule, no citation to a 17 rule by which that he can say, Your Honor, to compel 18 her to send me an email and compel her to copy somebody 19 else. That, with all due respect, your Honor, is 20 ridiculous. 21 THE COURT: So here's how I'm gonna do this 22 motion, because the reason I brought it up is because 23 of what happened in our first motion. 24 And I am a stickler for rules too, you know, 25 that affects this Court and everybody, as you know,

1 an oral motion that is separate and apart from what the

MR. JIMMERSON: When you hear that they 2 refuse to serve somebody I asked to be served, and I 3 don't read it, and they knew about it a year and a half 4 ago, and they still go through that, what is somebody 5 to believe? I just want to make sure that when I get 6 something from the McDonald Carano firm in this case that I'm aware of it, and so sending it to me will not make me aware of it. 9 I would like to have an order from the Court or a stipulation from the defendant. 10 11 THE COURT: Here's what I said, let's be real 12 plain here, any communication, whether it's written or whether it's email or -- who do you want them to, if 14 it's not you, who do they --MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor? 15 MR. JIMMERSON: Ks@jimmersonlawfirm.com. 16 17 THE COURT: Okay. MS. LUNDVALL: Your Honor, there is a way for 19 you to be able to accomplish what it is he wants, and 20 let me make a suggestion. There is a function in 21 Wiznet that when I file something, I also have to ask 22 for it to be served, but if I don't want something 23 filed, I can simply say I'm going to serve him.

Now, whoever they have had register for their

25 service, they get it automatically. They're in charge

Page 171 Page 169 1 offer this suggestion to you. I've made the 1 of that. 2 THE COURT: But he's going beyond service. 2 representation that any emails, any letters, anything, MR. JIMMERSON: I'm not talking about 3 we will send to Mr. Jimmerson through the serve service, I'm talking about --4 function on Wiznet and so it gets to them. I've made MS. LUNDVALL: This is what I'm talking that representation, and so that's a stipulation. THE COURT: You're using Wiznet for about, is that if I'm going to send him a proposed 6 7 everything, like Mr. Jimmerson -judgment, I can do that through the service function on 8 8 Wiznet. MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. 9 MR. JIMMERSON: But you didn't do that this THE COURT: You're using --MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. You can use 10 year, you didn't do that in --10 11 THE COURT: Okay. You know what, it's real 11 Wiznet for that function, absolutely. 12 easy, I'm sorry. 12 MR. JIMMERSON: Do you understand the game 13 they're playing? 13 MS. LUNDVALL: And I will do that. That's 14 the point I'm trying to make, and so it will accomplish 14 MS. LUNDVALL: What I'm trying to do is to what it is that he wants. give the Court an out, because number one, you don't THE COURT: You will serve it to that person? 16 16 have a motion before you. Number two, you don't have MS. LUNDVALL: I will do it through Wiznet, 17 17 any grounds before you, and I'm trying to make sure 18 and whoever they have through Wiznet, they receive 18 that there's no issue in your record that -copies of it. So once again, it puts the ball in their THE COURT: Well, if you want to appeal me on 19 20 court to have somebody register for -this, have at it, Ms. Lundvall. I mean I have an issue 21 MR. JIMMERSON: No problem, we have 21 in front of me that somebody -- and I can tell you the 22 registered everyone in this case. 22 issue came because the stickler for the rules, the THE COURT: But you're going beyond that, rules didn't happen on this judgment. 23 24 you're going beyond other emails. 24 MR. JIMMERSON: That's right. 25 Am I understanding you right? 25 THE COURT: So I do have an issue. My Page 170 Page 172 MR. JIMMERSON: Absolutely right. 1 concern is how do I address it? THE COURT: That's his oral motion, and I 2 If you're saying you don't do private email, agree he just asked about service, and I agree. every email you send goes through Wiznet? Who, instead of them doing it to you, and 4 MR. JIMMERSON: That's not true. they're not going to -- on different communications, 5 THE COURT: I just, I just want her to get on they are not going to have to do three people. You're the record and tell me. Every email, whether it's, telling them who you want any communication to go to. Mr. Jimmerson, I'm going to be late for court on MR. JIMMERSON: Right, any emails, just send 8 January 14, so please don't start without me, that it to ks@jimmersonlawfirm.com. would go through Wiznet? 10 You know, we send everything to Ms. Lundvall 10 MS. LUNDVALL: Prospectively, for this case, 11 and to Rory. 11 I will do that from this point forward. 12 Sorry, I don't remember your last name. 12 MR. JIMMERSON: I'm not asking her to do 13 They won't accommodate that, and they know I 13 that. She does not need to do that. 14 don't read it. 14 THE COURT: But if that accomplishes, if you 15 THE COURT: Okay. It's very easy, if you 15 will do that, then you have them on Wiznet, and then 16 want to -- I absolutely feel like, so we don't have any 16 you can get five of them or whoever you have on Wiznet. 17 more misunderstandings, any emails on this case that 17 We're done. 18 you want to go to Mr. Jimmerson, do not send it to his MS. LUNDVALL: That's right. 19 email, send it to --19 THE COURT: If that's what you'll do, that's 20 MR. JIMMERSON: Ks@jimmersonlawfirm.com. 20 fine. 21 THE COURT: Ks@jimmerson, and he cannot come 21 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you, your Honor. 22 to this Court and say he didn't get it. 22 THE COURT: We accomplished what we want. 23 MR. JIMMERSON: Agreed. 23 I'm fine. MS. LUNDVALL: And from this perspective, one 24 24 And then not only that one, but then if it's 25 of the things that I would suggest to the Court, let me 25 -- then we actually have a basis to trace that it went

Page 173 Page 175 through Wiznet. THE COURT: Okay. You know what, I am going 1 2 -- no, no. I'm going to deny it, and you can just --MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. That's my point. THE COURT: Well, I -- so based on that, I'm 3 you have it all in your briefing, and you can refile it 4 based on the new judgment. gonna order that. That's regarding plaintiffs' motion for ordering client, defendant, when serving electronic 5 MR. JIMMERSON: Could we have a -means, to serve three, what I'm going to say is that I 6 THE COURT: I'm denying it as moot, and you 7 am going to deny that -- no. can refile it. MS. LUNDVALL: Yes, you are denying it. 8 MR. JIMMERSON: For both parties, Judge, can THE COURT: I'm just trying to think how I we have the opportunity to say plaintiff and defendant, 10 make sure I get in the ruling, denying it based on the 10 individually have 10 days to exchange proposed 11 ruling that you, prospectively, the defendant 11 judgments to keep it on track? 12 prospectively will serve all email through Wiznet. THE COURT: Yeah, however you want to do it. 13 MR. JIMMERSON: I'm just suggesting it might 13 MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you, your Honor. 14 be a fair time, because we plan on preparing one. 14 MR. JIMMERSON: For this case. THE COURT: If you think you need to clarify 15 MS. LUNDVALL: For purposes of this case 15 16 prospectively. 16 anything else on your exchange on judgments, I'm fine. 17 Okay, Pardee's motion to retax memo of costs 17 THE COURT: For this case. This is the only 18 filed June 19th, that also applies to the June 15th, case I have with you, so for this case, so we're very 19 2015. specific, yes. Okay. 20 20 We have Pardee's motion for attorney's fees. MR. JIMMERSON: Yes, it does. 21 THE COURT: So I'm gonna it as moot at this 21 This is Number 6. It is also moot, because it's based 22 time, and let's see what happens, because it's the NRS. 22 on the judgment of 6/15/2015. 23 It goes back to the prevailing party thing. 23 This is the prevailing party -- I understand. 24 And plaintiffs' motion for attorney fees and 24 The notes from what you just gave me, I will put it 25 with that. We can get into so many things, can we not, 25 costs, same thing, I'm gonna deny it as moot, and we'll Page 176 Page 174 1 on this case? go from there. So this is denied only because it is moot. What is the last thing then, you want to make MS. LUNDVALL: Hold on, your Honor. From 3 sure on these from my ruling of the first motion on this prospective, are you denying these motions -exchanging these new judgments, do you want to add you THE COURT: No. 5 each --6 MS. LUNDVALL: - or are you holding them 6 MR. JIMMERSON: I'm just suggesting that we 7 over for future -exchange them within the next ten days, that's all. THE COURT: That's a good question. I was THE COURT: Oh. 9 going to deny them as moot. Then you would have to MR. JIMMERSON: So we keep it on track, and 10 refile them. 10 then you'll make -- and then maybe if we have a MS. LUNDVALL: Then everything would have to 11 dispute, we would telephone you. I'm just suggesting a 11 12 be refiled, then there would be a new opportunity if 12 joint call and/or your law clerk and just say, Listen, you want to -- my suggestion to the Court is to simply 13 we're not able to get this together ourselves, we need 14 continue these then. 14 a hearing by the Court on competing orders. You will 15 THE COURT: Well, but your motion is asking 15 have two orders in front of you, and you may make a 16 for a judgment of 6/15/2015. 16 third of your own. I'm just saying that may be a fair MS. LUNDVALL: Well, from this perspective, 17 way to --18 18 your Honor, though, no matter what is contained within THE COURT: Well, what are your thoughts on 19 the judgment, based upon what you've said today, our 19 that? 20 position being the prevailing party on the portion of 20 MS. LUNDVALL: The Court has told us you have 21 the case, as we've talked about, we prevailed on a 21 a standing order and you want us to comply with that 22 portion of this case. 22 standing order. THE COURT: Okay. Just, just --23 23 THE COURT: Let's just do it. 24 MS. LUNDVALL: They prevailed on another one. 24 MS. LUNDVALL: So my suggestion is that we do

25 it that way.

25 That's all set forth.

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1 one who couldn't agree, you couldn't work it out, give
 2 me competing judgments or give me information on what
   sections of the judgment you can't agree on.
         MR. JIMMERSON: Okay.
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         MS. LUNDVALL: Thank you, your Honor.
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         THE COURT: Do it that way, and I will make
   the determination whether I want more. And based on
 8 this, I may, you know. I'm very aware of peoples'
   arguments now.
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          One thing with both of you, oral argument
11 helps, because I do think there's so much stuff, and
12 trying to focus where we're at, but I will make that
13 determination when I get there.
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          MS. LUNDVALL: As the Court has previously,
15 as the Court has previously ordered at least three
16 times before, I will prepare the judgment.
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          THE COURT: Yes.
         MS. LUNDVALL: And I will give it to
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19 Mr. Jimmerson.
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          THE COURT: That was my --
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         MR. JIMMERSON: I didn't know you ordered it
22 three times before for the defendant, who lost this
23 case, to prepare the judgment. Your Honor, I'm just
24 saying it will not alter the ultimate result, but since
25 I won the case, my clients won the case, we should be
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KERRY L. EARLEY DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT IV

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JAMES WOLFRAM AND WALTER D. WILKES and ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES LIVING TRUST, ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES, TRUSTEE,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,

Defendant.

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ORDERS FROM JANUARY 15, 2016 HEARINGS

These matters came before the court for oral argument on January 15, 2016 for the following motions: Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike "Judgment" entered June 15, 2015 Pursuant to NRCP 52(b) and NRCP 59 et al.; Plaintiff's Motion Pursuant to NRCP 52(b) and NRCP 59 to Amend the Court's Judgment Entered on June 15, 2015 et al.; Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs; Plaintiff's Motion for Order Requiring Defendant, When Serving By Electronic Means, to Serve Three Specific Persons; Defendant's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs; Defendant's Motion to Retax; Defendant's Motion to Amend Judgment; and Plaintiff's Countermotion for Attorney's Fees and Costs.

James J. Jimmerson, Esq. and Michael C. Flaxman, Esq. appeared on behalf of Plaintiffs James Wolfram and Angela L. Limbocker-Wilkes as trustee of the Walter D. Wilkes and Angela L. Limbocker-Wilkes Living Trust and Plaintiff James Wolfram being present, and Pat Lundvall, Esq. and Rory T. Kay, Esq. appearing on behalf of Defendant, Pardee Homes of Nevada.

The Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file herein, and heard the arguments

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of counsel, and for good cause appearing, hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that it did not consider its prior Orders from June 25, 2014 and May 13, 2015 as final judgments pursuant to NRCP 58(a) and had contemplated that it would enter a final judgment after the parties had fully briefed the supplemental issue of future accounting.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Judgment entered on June 15, 2015 was erroneous, did not comport with the Court's prior findings and Orders, and did not encompass what was presented at Trial in this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion to Strike "Judgment" Entered June 15, 2015 Pursuant to NRCP 52(b) and NRCP 59, as Unnecessary and Duplicative Orders of Final Orders Entered on June 25, 2014 And May 13, 2015, And As Such, Is A Fugitive Document, is DENIED.

IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion Pursuant to NRCP 52(b) and NRCP 59 to Amend the Court's Judgment Entered On June 15, 2015 et al., is GRANTED. Further, the June 15, 2015 Judgment is hereby STRICKEN.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Court expects to enter a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 58(a) once the parties have submitted a proposed judgment or competing proposed judgment for the Court's review. Should the parties decide it necessary to submit competing proposed judgments for the Court's review, each party shall explicitly enumerate in a cover letter to the Court both the efforts made by the parties in attempting to reach an agreement on the proposed judgment and the issues that precluded the parties from reaching an agreement on the language to be contained in the proposed judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Court's Order entered July 10, 2015 shall remain in full force and effect. That Order stays any execution upon a final judgment until ten (10) days after written notice of entry of orders resolving all parties post-

judgment motion, including any motions to amend or alter the final judgment and motions resolving the parties' competing claims for attorney's fees and recoverable costs, or until further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion for Order Requiring Defendant, When Serving by Electronic Means, to Serve Three Specific Persons is DENIED in consideration of Defendant's counsel's concession that any and all Orders, Judgments, and/or electronic communications submitted by Defendant's counsel prospectively be served upon Plaintiff's counsel and staff via Wiznet.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs is DENIED as moot in consideration that the Court has stricken the June 15, 2015 Judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant's Motion to Amend Judgment is DENIED as most in consideration that the Court has stricken the June 15, 2015 Judgment. Plaintiff's Countermotion for Attorney's Fees is also DENIED as most.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant's Motion to Amend Judgment is DENIED as most in consideration that the Court has stricken the June 15, 2015 Judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant's Motion to Retax is DENIED as moot in consideration that the Court has stricken the June 15, 2015 Judgment.

DATED: April 25, 2016.

KERRY LEARLEY, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on or about the date filed, I electronically served, sent by facsimile, emailed, or placed a copy of this order in the attorney's folder on the first floor of the Regional Justice Center as follows:

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Respondents.

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JAMES WOLFRAM; and ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES as trustee of the WALTER D. WILKES AND ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES LIVING TRUST,

Plaintiffs.

VS.

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA.

Defendant.

CASE NO.: A-10-632338

DEPT. NO.: IV

PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT, PARDEE HOMES OF
NEVADA'S, MOTION TO AMEND
JUDGMENT and PLAINTIFFS'
COUNTERMOTION FOR ATTORNEYS'
FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO
NRS 18.010 AND EDCR 7.60

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, JAMES WOLFRAM and ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES as trustee of the WALTER D. WILKES AND ANGELA L. LIMBOKER-WILKES LIVING TRUST (hereinafter collectively "Plaintiffs"), by and through their counsel of record, James J. Jimmerson, Esq. and Michael C. Flaxman, Esq. of THE JIMMERSON LAW FIRM, P.C., and hereby submits their Opposition to Defendant, Pardee Homes of Nevada's (hereinafter "Pardee"), Motion to Amend Judgment and Countermotion for Attorney's Fees and Costs pursuant to EDCR 7.60 and NRS 18.010 as Pardee's Motion is filed in bad faith.

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This Opposition and Countermotion is based on the pleadings and papers on file, the Affidavit of James J. Jimmerson, Esq. attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, the documents attached hereto and arguments of counsel at the hearing on this Motion and Countermotion. The Plaintiffs further request such other and further relief as the Court deems proper in the premises.

DATED this 21 day of June, 2016.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF FACTS

It is a shame and a waste of this Court's time that this Court must, once again, adjudicate the same arguments and hear the same story from Pardee. It is clear by this point that Pardee will do and say just about anything, despite this Court's clear and concise rulings and findings to the contrary, to distort the record and misrepresent the actual history of the case. This "win-at-all-cost" mindset has vexatiously multiplied these proceedings and dragged on the litigation for far too long. A cursory review of the history of this case clearly shows that Pardee has filed four (4) written briefs, opposed by Plaintiffs, regarding the very same arguments they now present. This Court has extensively addressed and considered the very same arguments that Pardee once again attempts to renew, under the guise that the 2014 Liu case somehow denies this Court the authority to award Plaintiffs their attorney's fees as special damages. Outrageously, Pardee does this in the face of this Court's specific Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order ("FFCLO"), filed June 25, 2014 and attached hereto as Exhibit 2, which specifically cites the Liu case. See Exhibit 2 at 14:24-27.

Most, if not all, of Pardee's instant Motion is just a gross regurgitation of facts that Pardee has already previously tried to persuade this Court of in its first Motion to Amend Judgment, filed July 2, 2015. What is most egregious about Pardee's instant Motion is that Pardee again attempts to distort the facts and history of the case so as to try to convince this Court that *they* were the prevailing party in this action. Nothing could be further from the truth and it is improper, to say the least, that this Court must entertain this ludicrous notion once again. This Court must send a clear message to Pardee amidst Pardee's vexatious and unwarranted motion practice. Considering the parties have extensively argued and briefed these very arguments, it would be just and fair for this Court to sanction Pardee and award Plaintiffs their attorney's fees and costs for having to defend, yet again, these baseless assertions.

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Pardee's request for this Court to amend its findings and judgment in this case is based on two (2) separate contentions, which are discussed in detail herein below. First, Pardee argues that Plaintiffs are not able to recover their attorney's fees as special damages because this case was a "standard breach of contract case." See Motion at 10:27-28. Secondarily, Pardee contends that this Court erred in omitting language reflecting Plaintiffs' purported "failure" to recover any additional claimed commissions from Pardee, which they allege to be the "most substantial issue of the case" in Pardee's perspective. See Motion at 2:3-6. The Court can and should easily determine, without any argument from counsel, that Pardee's arguments regarding Plaintiffs' "claim" for \$1.8 million is entirely without merit. However, when adjudicating the issue surrounding Plaintiffs' award of attorney's fees as special damages, the procedural history of the case is imperative in understanding how false Pardee's claims actually are.

Plaintiffs' filed their original Complaint on December 29, 2010. An Amended Complaint was filed on January 14, 2011 and the Second Amended Complaint was filed on June 6, 2013, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3. All three (3) Complaints were the same in that they allege three (3) Claims for Relief—(1) Pardee's breach of contract for failing to keep the Plaintiffs reasonably informed, (2) Pardee's breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and (3) Plaintiffs' request for an accounting. These three (3) causes of action remained unamended throughout this litigation.

On April 8, 2013, Pardee filed its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to file a Second Amended Complaint, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4. Pardee argued that Plaintiffs were not entitled to an award of attorney's fees as special damages because this was a breach of contract case, with a prevailing party attorneys' fees provision, and therefore this case did not fall under the narrow exceptions set forth by Sandy Valley and Horgan. Id. at 6-9. See also, Sandy Valley, 117 Nev. at 948, 35 P.3d at 964 and Horgan v. Felton, 123 Nev. 577, 170 P.3d 982 (2007).

Further, on March 1, 2013, Pardee filed a Motion in Limine to Exclude Plaintiffs'

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Claim for Attorneys' Fees as an Element of Damages (MIL#1), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 5 and a Reply thereto that is attached hereto as Exhibit 6. Pardee's entire argument was based on Sandy Valley and Horgan. Id.

Subsequently, on April 26, 2013, the parties presented extensive oral argument addressing Plaintiff's request to plead attorney's fees as special damages. See April 26, 2013 Court Minutes attached hereto as Exhibit 7 and May 16, 2013 Court Minutes attached hereto as Exhibit 8. The Court Minutes specifically set forth that Plaintiffs argued "the facts as pled established the necessity for attorney's fees under the provisions of Sandy Valley," while Pardee countered that "the claims for attorney's fees were futile, as they were not recoverable." See Exhibit 7. The Court ordered the motion be continued to Chambers' Calendar for written decision, following supplemental briefing on the issue of futility and that discovery was reopened "for the limited purpose of obtaining information as to whether the attorney's fees and costs incurred by James J. Jimmerson's firm were special damages..." Id.

As a result of the April 16, 2013 hearing, the Court allowed the parties to file Supplemental briefs due by May 10, 2013, which the parties complied therewith, and Pardee filed its Supplemental Brief in Support of Its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint on May 10, 2013, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 9. Once again, Pardee argued that Plaintiffs were not entitled to an award of attorney's fees as special damages under the extremely limited circumstances set forth in Sandy Valley and Horgan. Id.

On May 16, 2013, this Court, after considering the extensive oral argument of counsel presented on April 26, 2013, and the May 10, 2013 supplemental briefings by the parties, granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint which included special damages. See Exhibit 4. Consistent with the Court Minutes, the Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint, which was filed on June 5, 2013, specifically included the following findings:

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THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the holding in Sandy Valley Assoc. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc., 117 Nev. 948 (2001) governs the issue of whether attorney's fees may be considered an element of special damages or as a cost of litigation. Pursuant to Sandy Valley, attorney's fees may be considered an element of special damages in those rare cases when they were reasonably foreseeable and the natural and proximate consequence of the injurious conduct. 117 Nev. at 957. The above referenced general criteria in Sandy Valley allows the Court to determine in a specific case if a Plaintiff's claim for damages could include attorney's fees as special damages.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that Sandy Valley and its progeny discuss specific types of claims that allow attorney's fees as special damages. However, even if a Plaintiff's claim does not fall under all of the specific types of claims cited in those cases, the general criteria in Sandy Valley is still determinative of whether a case is eligible for attorney's fees as special damages.

THE COURT DOES NOT FIND that Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint should not be denied on the basis that the amendment sought is futile under Nevada law. Whether Plaintiffs during trial provide evidence to fit the narrow circumstances of Sandy Valley and its progeny will be decided by the Court at the appropriate time.

See Exhibit 8, page 2 (emphasis added).

The trial proceeded in this matter, and on December 13, 2013, Plaintiffs provided evidence supporting their claim for an award of attorney's fees as special damages. See excerpt of the December 13, 2013 Transcript of Trial Proceedings, Volume I attached hereto as Exhibit 10. In addition to oral testimony, Plaintiffs provided Exhibit 31A (Exhibit "O" at trial), which Plaintiffs "were trying to present, as part of the plaintiff's case in chief, the damages that would speak to a couple of elements..." Id. at 103:19-21. The Court requested clarification of the highlighted portions of the exhibit in which James J. Jimmerson, Esq. provided testimony that said highlights supported the first claim for relief for accounting, the second claim for relief for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and the third claim for breach of contract for failure to keep

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Plaintiffs reasonably informed. Id. at 104:5-18. The Court admitted Plaintiffs' Exhibit 31A, Trial Exhibit "O." Id. at 105. Mr. Jimmerson presented full testimony, proving entitlement to the award of attorney's fees as special damages, which this Court addressed and considered as relating to Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees totaling "a little over \$135,000." Id. at 105-106:12 through 108.

Following a three (3) week trial, commencing on October 23, 2013 and ending on December 13, 2013, the Court took the matter under submission. In the interim, while under submission, the Nevada Supreme Court issued the Liu vs. Christopher Holmes, LLC decision. The Court having read the Liu decision, concluded that Plaintiff is entitled to include a portion of its attorney fees as money damages. The Court read and understood the holding of Liu and found that it supported the Court's decision for granting Plaintiffs' their money damages. See Exhibit 2 at 14:26-27. As such, the citing of Liu by Pardee as a "new" law is not accurate in any sense, since the Court, on its own, read Liu, considered it, and incorporated the same within its FFCLO, filed June 25, 2014. The Court can see the desperation and bad faith of Pardee in its meritless efforts to fabricate the facts and distort the record in hopes of achieving a result it did not and has not received time and time again.

On June 25, 2014, the Court's FFCLO was entered and it was found that Pardee had breached its written Commission Letter Agreement of September 1, 2004, by failing to keep the Plaintiffs reasonably informed. Specifically, the Court found that, pursuant to the Commission Agreement, Pardee owed to Plaintiffs an obligation and duty to keep the Plaintiffs reasonably informed with regard to Pardee's purchase of real estate designated for single-family residential use, which Pardee willfully failed to do. result of this breach of contract, Pardee caused Plaintiffs damages in the total sum of \$141,500.00, composed of \$6,000.00 in time expended by Plaintiff, James Wolfram, and \$135,500.00 in attorney's fees that the Court awarded as special damages.

Specifically included in the FFCLO, under "Conclusions of Law" was the following:

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21. Plaintiffs also suffered damages in the form of the attorney's fees and costs incurred as they were necessary and reasonably foreseeable to obtain the requisite information regarding the land designations of land acquired by Pardee from CSI in the Coyote Development pursuant to the separate transaction between Pardee and CSI. Plaintiffs specifically requested numerous times from Pardee information to determine the land designations of these additional purchases, but to no avail. In fact, Mr. Lash on behalf of Pardee instructed a third party that said information should not be provided. CSI was not able to provide the requisite information due to the confidentiality agreement with Pardee. Plaintiffs had no alternative but to file suit, use the litigation process to obtain the requisite information, and request an equitable remedy from this Court to obtain said information in the future. The above-referenced facts allow this Court to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs as special damages. See Liu v. Christopher Homes, LLC, 103, Nev. Adv. Op. 17, 321 P.3d, 875 (2014); Sandy Valley Assoc v. Sky Ranch Owners Assoc., 117 Nev. 948, 35 P.3d 964 (2001).

Id. at 14:14-28 (emphasis added).

Based on the foregoing history of this matter, Plaintiffs are dumfounded as to why Pardee is still maintaining the positions that (1) Plaintiffs are not entitled to attorney's fees as special damages and (2) Pardee is the prevailing party in this matter. As discussed inter alia, this Court has ruled on numerous occasions that Plaintiffs have the ability to claim attorney's fees as special damages because, among other reasons, the cases outlined by Pardee, namely Sandy Valley and Liu, are not meant to serve as an exhaustive list of the situations in which a party can claim attorney's fees as special damages. The attorney's fees awarded to Plaintiffs in the amount of \$135,000.00 in this Court's FFCLO and this Court's most recent May 16, 2016 Judgment, attached hereto as **Exhibit 11**, represent the foreseeable, actual and proximate damages of the injurious conduct on the part of Pardee. Not only does this award and this Court's findings demonstrate that the Plaintiffs are the prevailing party in this action, but it also shows that Plaintiffs satisfy the requirements under Sandy Valley and Liu to claim attorney's fees as special damages. As such, this Court must deny Pardee's instant Motion to Amend Judgment as it is meritless and without legal and/or factual basis.

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II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

NRCP 52(b) permits the trial court to "amend its finds or make additional finds and to amend the judgment accordingly." NRCP 59(e) allows the trial court to "alter or amend the judgment." Normally, parties seeks relief under Rules 52 or 59 "after a bench trial or where summary judgment has been granted." Gutierrez v. Ashcroft, 289 F. Supp. 2d 555, 561 (D.N.J. 2003). Nevada has long recognized that a judgment must conform to the evidence actually offered at trial. See Finnegan v. Ulmer, 31 Nev. 523, 104 P. 17, 18 (1909); see also *Bream v. Nevada Motor Co.*, 51 Nev. 100, 269 P. 606, 607 (1928).

A. Plaintiffs Should be Awarded Attorney's Fees as Special Damages and the Court Did Not Err in That Regard

The entire basis for Pardee's <u>current</u> motion to amend is that this Court did not have the opportunity to review and apply the law from a Nevada Supreme Court, to wit, Liu v. Christopher Homes, LLC, 103, Nev. Adv. Op. 17, 321 P.3d, 875 (2014), that was decided after the trial concluded in this matter. First and foremost, Pardee has provided no legal authority regarding the applicability of case law determined after the closure of trial on this matter. Regardless, a mere perusal of this Court's FFCLO of June 25, 2014 reveals that this Court did actually address and cite to the *Liu* case as the basis for the award of attorney's fees as special damages to Plaintiffs. See Exhibit 2, 14:24-27.

After Pardee had the opportunity to extensively argue Sandy Valley, the Court specifically set forth in its conclusions of law under the FFCLO that the award of attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$135,500.00 as special damages was being awarded because "[t]he above-referenced facts allow this Court to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs as special damages." See Liu v. Christopher Homes, LLC, 103, Nev. Adv. Op. 17, 321 P.3d, 875 (2014); Sandy Valley Assoc. v. Sky Ranch Owners Assoc., 117 Nev. 948, 35 P.3d 964 (2001)." Thus, after the Court considered all evidence on the very issue of attorney's fees as special damages, and taking into account the legal authority provided in both Sandy Valley and Liu, the Court awarded Plaintiffs these special damages.

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As the parties extensively argued this very issue at pre-trial and trial stages, Pardee is wrongfully seeking another bite at the proverbial apple under the guise that the 2014 Liu decision somehow affects this Court's determination to award special damages to Plaintiffs. Knowing that the June 25, 2014 FFCLO specifically references both the Liu and Sandy Valley cases as a basis for the award of special damages, Pardee falsely claims that this "Court could not benefit from Liu's protracted discussion" regarding the circumstances allowing an award of special damages, as Liu was not decided "until almost a year later, on March 27, 2014." See Pardee's Motion, page 11, footnote 3. Considering this Court's decision was made after and specifically cited the Liu case, Pardee's actions are without basis and are, indeed, meritless.

It is simply an entire waste of this Court's limited time and the parties' resources to have to address this matter once again, when the Liu decision does nothing to undercut, limit, or change the Sandy Valley decision such that this Court should or could reconsider the award of special damages to Plaintiffs. In fact, the Liu decision confirmed the Sandy Valley decision and only clarified Horgan's partial abrogation of Sandy Valley. See Liu v. Christopher Homes, LLC, 321 P.3d 875, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 17 (2014), See also Sandy Valley, 117 Nev. at 948 and Horgan, 123 Nev. at 577, 170 P.3d at 982. In Liu, the trial court, relying on Horgan, denied Liu's specially pleaded request to recover attorney fees, concluding that because the breach of contract related to title to real property, and because Liu failed to allege and prove slander of title, Liu could not recover the attorney fees sought as special damages. Liu 321 P. 3d at 876. The Nevada Supreme Court reversed this decision and clarified Horgan in conjunction with Sandy Valley.

The Nevada Supreme Court took the opportunity to explain that *Horgan* "must be read as a whole, without particular portion read in isolation, [so] as to discern the parameters of its holding." Id. at 878. The Court further discussed that Horgan did not hold that a party in any matter relating to real property must prevail on a slander of title claim in order to recover attorney fees as special damages, and rather, that the court THE JIMMERSON LAW FIRM, P.C 415 South Sixth Street, Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone (702) 388-7171 - Facsimile (702) 387-1167

contemplated the ability to recover attorney fees as special damages that were incurred in an action to clarify or remove a cloud on a title. Id. at 878-879.

While Plaintiff Liu did not incur attorney fees by asserting equitable or declaratory relief claims to clarify or remove a cloud on a title, Liu was a third-party who pled to recover attorney fees as special damages incurred in defending against a breach of contract action. Thus, the court determined that "a party to a contract may recover from a breaching party the attorney fees that arise from the breach that caused the former party to accrue attorney fees in defending himself or herself against a third party's legal action." Id. at 880. Thus, the Nevada Supreme Court merely clarified the Sandy Valley decision by reconciling the same with the *Horgan* decision, as follows:

> In light of the above, Sandy Valley permits, and Horgan does not bar, Liu's claim to recover attorney fees as special damages that were purportedly sustained in defending herself against K&D's suit, which was allegedly caused by CHR's breach of the Agreement. Accordingly we hold that the district court erred in relying on Horgan to conclude that Liu cannot recover attorney fees as special damages.

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The *Liu* Court, in reversing the trial court's decision to deny Liu's claim for attorney's fees as special damages, asserted that "Horgan does not apply to preclude such recovery here." Id. at 876, 881. Further, the Nevada Supreme Court commented on the dissent, setting forth in footnote 3 as follows:

> The dissent disagrees with our conclusions, relying on a concurrence in Horgan which noted that there are claims, other than slander of title, under which a party can recover attorney fees as special damages, such as "actions for malicious prosecution, abuse of process, wrongful attachment, trademark infringement, false imprisonment or arrest." 123 Nev. at 587, 170 P.3d at 988-89 (Maupin, J., concurring). The dissent appears to conclude that because the Horgan concurrence did not include a breach of contract claim within its list, it is persuasive authority that attorney fees that arise from a breach of contract cannot be recovered as special damages. We disagree. We do not read the Horgan concurrence as conveying a comprehensive and exclusive list of claims

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on which a party can recover attorney fees as special damages. Rather, the Horgan concurrence stressed that the Horgan opinion did not preclude the recovery of attorney fees as special damages in circumstances other than those presented in that appeal. Id. In so doing, it offered examples of claims under which one may recover attorney fees. Id. Thus, like the Horgan concurrence, we conclude that Horgan does not bar the recovery of attorney fees in circumstances that are not addressed in Horgan, such as the circumstances that are present in this appeal.

Id. at 881 (emphasis added).

Pardee misapplies the *Liu* discussions and falsely claims that recovery of attorney fees as special damages in a breach of contract claim may "only" be recovered when the breach causes the former party to incur fees in a legal dispute brought by a third party. See Pardee's Motion at 1:24-26. Contrary to Pardee's contentions, in discussing the Horgan court's decision, the Liu court noted that there was no "retreat from Sandy Valley's conclusion that a party to a contract may recover, as special damages, the attorney's fees that arise from another party's breach of contract when the breach causes the former party to incur attorney fees in a legal dispute brought by a third party." *Id.* at 880, citing *Horgan v. Felton*, 123 Nev. 577, 579, 583-86, 170 P.3d 982, 983, 986-88 (omitting from its discussion Sandy Valley's language that concerns the recovery of attorney fees as special damages that arise from a breach of contract). How Pardee falsely transformed the above quote to claim this is a new basis for the Court to now deny Plaintiffs their award of attorney's fees as special damages is legally unsound. Clearly, the *Liu* decision only dealt with one limited example of a case that allowed such a recovery and not the "only" case in which attorney's fees may be recovered as special damages. Otherwise, if this was the holding, then Sandy Valley would have been abrogated. Rather, Liu served to expand upon the limitations and abrogation that Horgan placed upon Sandy Valley.

The faulty basis for Pardee's argument is that Plaintiffs' award is erroneous as it does not allegedly fall under one of the three (3) limited circumstances set forth in Sandy Valley and Liu. While Sandy Valley provides that the mere fact that a party is forced to

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file suit is not enough to support attorneys' fees as an element of damages and discusses three (3) specific scenarios where fees as special damages would be appropriate. At no point in this discussion does the court suggest, much less determine, that these are the only circumstances where an award of fees as special damages would be allowed. See Sandy Valley, 117 Nev. at 957-58, 35 P.3d at 970. Nothing in Sandy Valley or its progeny suggests that the only actions qualifying for attorney fee damages are limited to those three specific circumstances. In fact, Works v. Kuhn, 103 Nev. 65, 732 P.2d 1373 (1989), which was cited within the Sandy Valley decision, does not involve the claims listed in Sandy Valley and thus, disproves the limitation argument. See Works v. Kuhn, 103 Nev. 65, 732 P.2d 1373 (1989). In Works, the court granted fees "to defray the expenses and costs that respondents have incurred in retaining counsel to represent them..." in an appeal concerning claims for breach of accord and satisfaction and malicious prosecution. See Works, 103 Nev. at 69. If the Sandy Valley Court intended to restrict the causes of action qualifying for attorney fee damages, it would not have cited Works with approval.

The circumstances in which Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of attorney's fees as special damages under Sandy Valley has not changed since the parties extensively argued this very same issue before this Court issued its Minute Orders from April 26, 2013 and May 16, 2013 (Exhibits 7 and 8, respectively). Liu, citing Sandy Valley, confirmed that attorney fees may be recovered when they are pled as such pursuant to NRCP 9(g) and are proven to be a "natural and proximate consequence of the injurious conduct." See Liu 321 P. 3d at 878. Under Sandy Valley, "when attorney fees are considered an element of damages, they must be the natural and proximate consequence of the injurious conduct." See Sandy Valley 117 Nev. at 957, 35 P.3d at 969. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint adequately pled Plaintiffs' claim for attorney fees as special damages, which was subsequently proven at trial.

Plaintiffs' Complaint is replete with allegations demonstrating how Pardee's injurious conduct naturally and proximately caused Plaintiffs' expenditure of attorney's

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fees. Paragraphs 8 through 15 of the Complaint detail how over the course of twenty (20) months, Plaintiffs tried in vain to retrieve the information and documents owed to them under the September 1, 2004 Commission Letter Agreement. See Exhibit 12 at 8-15. These efforts involved numerous requests to Pardee, third party title companies, and document searches at the Clark County Recorder's Office. Id. at 13. Pardee not only failed to provide the necessary records to Plaintiffs, but the information Pardee did provide was intended to mislead Plaintiffs. Id. A comprehensive review of Pardee's actions towards Plaintiffs reveals that Pardee failed to uphold its duty to act in good faith towards Plaintiffs. Id. at 30. After all of these events, Plaintiffs were left with no option other than hiring counsel to file suit and use the power of discovery and appeal to the Court to compel an accounting and the production of the information already owing to Plaintiffs. Id. at 19, 25, 31.

Plaintiffs' claims set forth in their original Complaint and the subsequent Amended Complaints involved a breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, as well as equitable or injunctive relief regarding the accounting, all stemming from Pardee's bad faith. Under Sandy Valley, "actions for declaratory or injunctive relief may involve claims for attorney fees as damages when the actions were necessitated by the opposing party's bad faith conduct." See Sandy Valley, 117 Nev. at 958. Nevada law is clear that claims for breaches of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing are "bad faith" claims, no matter if they are claims founded on either contract or tort principles.

Over the course of a three (3) week trial, after which the Court took the matter under advisement, Plaintiffs proved the above allegations, resulting in an award of \$135,500.00 in attorney's fees as special damages as set forth in the Court's FFCLO. In the face of these findings, the Court made a determination that Plaintiffs were owed a Judgment in the amount of \$141,500.00, composed of \$135,500.00 in attorney's fees as special damages and \$6,000.00 of time that Mr. Wolfram expended at a reasonable rate of \$75.00 per hour, for over eighty (80) hours that he spent to communicate with Pardee in an effort to obtain information that Pardee was contractually obligated to provide, but

failed to do so, as the Court so found. In addition, the Court heard the testimony of Plaintiffs' counsel, Mr. Jimmerson, who testified that the efforts directly associated with Mr. Jimmerson's law firm to acquire the information from Pardee, and the Court found the sum of \$135,000 to be reasonable and necessary. The Court's specific findings were based on both *Sandy Valley* and *Liu*, and therefore, this Court has already considered and addressed the *Liu* decision when it awarded Plaintiffs' attorneys fees as special damages, making Pardee's entire motion to amend in this regard vexatious and frivolous.

B. The Court Did Not Err in Omitting Language Regarding a Phantom Claim for \$1.8 Million in Lost Commissions

A review of the Court's June 25, 2014 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order and its May 16, 2016 final Judgment reveals that as to each of the Plaintiffs' three (3) claims within its original Complaint and as maintained through its Amended Complaint and ultimately through its second Amended Complaint, this Court determined there was a breach by Pardee for each of the three (3) claims for relief that were properly pled by Plaintiffs from the outset. This case was about gaining information and was conservatively pled by Plaintiffs, who were forced to file a lawsuit only because of the consistent and willful refusal of Pardee to keep Plaintiffs reasonably informed as the Commission Agreement required during the course of Pardee's development of their residential home construction at Coyote Springs. Only if, by virtue of the failure of Pardee to keep Plaintiffs' reasonably informed, it was discovered that Plaintiffs believed that Pardee had exercised its option to acquire additional land outside of the boundaries of the original takedown of properties, additional commissions may have been due.

The Court did not err in failing to include in its final Judgment of May 16, 2016 that Pardee had "succeeded" in defending against Plaintiffs' "claim" for \$1.8 million in lost commissions, as no such "claim" has <u>ever</u> existed. As is set forth in Plaintiffs' Opposition to Pardee's Motion to Retax, this Court must put a stop to these bad faith efforts on the part of Pardee. Pardee still maintains this position that Plaintiffs claim they were entitled to receive additional commissions and that over 90% of the trial in this case was devoted

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to Plaintiffs' failed "theory" that Pardee had purchased "Option Property." Even as recently as the January 15, 2016 Hearing, this Court made it clear to both sides what it believed the crux of this case to be about:

> THE COURT: [...] So I look at this case, I'll be honest, it was definitely a claim to get information, and then once he got the information, whether, based on that commission agreement, he had any other claims. I truly believe that.

> THE COURT: [...] The basis of this suit was to get an accounting and see what the information was, and then once they [Plaintiffs] got it, to see if they have money damages. That's what there this disconnect. And I understand why they had to do, because you did, you did a motion you didn't comply with 16.1, you didn't give us a damage figure, and then guess what, and they had to.

> THE COURT: [...] I look at claims as causes of action, okay? [...] I understand there were two theories of liability for the breach of contract. What I don't understand is you're saying so a theory of liability is the same as a cause of action or a claim?

MS. LUNDVALL: Well, what -

THE COURT: Because really what you prevailed on is defeating one theory of liability.

See Transcript of January 15, 2016 Hearing at 67:11-15, 88:15-23, 111-20-112:15, attached hereto as Exhibit 13 (emphasis added).

In its Motion, Pardee claims that, during trial, Plaintiffs pursued their theory that additional commissions were due and owing to them by questioning witnesses about Plaintiffs' commissions under the Commission Agreement and Pardee's reclassification of land under the Option Agreement. The one underlying notion that Pardee is missing, despite having gone through the trial testimony of the Plaintiffs, Harvey Whittemore, and the opening and closing statements of counsel, and heard this Court's direct and explicit statements at the January 15, 2016 hearing, is that there is a fundamental difference between a theory of liability and a claim for relief. Throughout the hearing on January 15, 2016, Pardee's main argument was that they were, somehow, defending against this

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"claim" for \$1.8 million throughout the course of the litigation. Their entire reasoning and basis for that was that the quantification of damages, set forth in Plaintiffs' Supplemental NRCP 16.1 Disclosures, was what Pardee was defending against. At the time of the January 15, 2016 hearing, this Court was correct to point out that, although Plaintiffs may have quantified their damages in their NRCP 16.1 Disclosures, which was done at Pardee's request in their Motion for Summary Judgment, that quantification was included only to put Pardee "on notice:"

> THE COURT: This is discovery. This is to put people on notice, you're right, as to what they may or what may happen at trial. You and I both know we could have this theory initially, and after discovery, we go, whoops, that's not the way we're going, so this is discovery [...] - you didn't ask me to review 16.1. Did you put into evidence 16.1?

> MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely. All of this is in as far in our oppositions to their various motion to strike.

> THE COURT: No, no, not for this, but at trial. Believe me, I read everything, but at trial did you have an exhibit of 16.1? MS. LUNDVALL: Absolutely not.

Id at 76:8-24 (emphasis added).

Not only is this Court aware, as the above excerpt demonstrates, that there is a distinct difference between a "claim for relief" and a "theory of liability," but also that Pardee did not find it necessary to admit any of the NRCP 16.1 Disclosures, which they are now relying upon as a basis for their Motion to Amend, into evidence at the time of trial. This omission of evidence at trial only serves to prove Plaintiffs' point that the main issue at the time of trial was not a claim for \$1.8 million in lost commissions, but the lack of information afforded to the Plaintiffs throughout the relationship they had with Pardee as it pertains to the Commission Agreement. Put simply, \$1.8 million was never an issue in this matter. As Pardee was quick to point out in their Motion to Amend, Nevada has "long recognized that a judgment must conform to the evidence actually offered at trial." See Motion at 13:17-19. Using Pardee's own words and relying on the Court's own statements and findings made in the January 15, 2016 hearing, the Order from which is

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attached hereto as **Exhibit 14**, one could easily ascertain the backwardness of Pardee's instant motion.

Despite Pardee's statements to the contrary, it is impossible for any party to this action, or this Court, to make a determination that Plaintiffs sought an award of \$1.8 million in lost commissions. The following exchange between Pardee's counsel and this Court at the January 15, 2016 Hearing cements that contention:

MS. LUNDVALL: They, they quantified their first theory at \$1.8 million. That's not mine, I don't have to –

THE COURT: And they quantified that at trial as 1.8 million?

MS. LUNDVALL: Hold on.

THE COURT: They did not. They did not.

MS. LUNDVALL: This is what we did - well, your Honor -

THE COURT: They didn't say 1.8. I looked for it.

See Exhibit 13 at 102:5-15 (emphasis added).

Pardee, as it has done on numerous occasions, attempts to rely upon its phony "Judgment" of June 15, 2015, which was procured through nefarious means, to make the claim that Pardee successfully defended against Plaintiffs "claim" for \$1.8 million in lost commissions and that, by doing so, they are the prevailing party in this action. This Court is well aware and can remember that during the January 15, 2016 Hearing, it made it crystal clear that "[the] judgment entered June 15, 2015 [...] is an erroneous judgment" and that the Court believed it to be not "in compliance with [its] orders." See Exhibit 13 at 115:19-116:25. The Court elaborated and stated that it "did not believe the 1.8 million is a fair quantification of the damages that were [...] presented at trial. *Id.* Given this Court's own rulings, it is evident that the Court did not err in deleting the language included by Pardee in its first Judgment of June 15, 2015 that indicated Pardee's "successful defense" of Plaintiffs' claims to additional commissions.

Now, given that Pardee (1) did not admit into evidence at trial any of the NRCP 16.1 Disclosures that have been repeatedly referenced and (2) now knows that this Court is aware and has confirmed unequivocally that Plaintiffs *never* said \$1.8 million in any context before, during, or after trial, this Court must ask itself: How is it that Plaintiffs

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devoted 90% of the trial to the issue of additional commissions and, more important, how is it that Pardee expended 90% of its fees in defending against the same? Looking closely at the issues facing the Court throughout this action, the Court can only conclude that the vast majority of the time spent was deciding matters unrelated to the possibility of potential future commissions, which was not discussed at trial at all. Not only does this thoroughly refute Pardee's allegations, it confirms that 90% of the fees incurred were not related to the issue of future commissions, but that the core issue of the case was about Plaintiffs' request, and legal entitlement, to be reasonably informed. As such, this Court is under no legal or factual obligation to amend its Judgment of May 16, 2016 to conform to Pardee's attempts to distort the record and spin the outcome of the case to be in their favor. Instead, this Court must summarily deny Pardee's instant motion and award Plaintiffs their attorney's fees and costs incurred for having to defend against this frivolous motion.

III. COUNTERMOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,170.00

EDCR 7.60(b) provides in relevant part as follows:

The court may, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, impose upon an attorney or a party any and all sanctions which may, under the facts of the case, be reasonable, including the imposition of fines, costs or attorney's fees when an attorney or a party without just cause:

- (1) Presents to the court a motion or an opposition to a motion which is obviously frivolous, unnecessary or unwarranted.
- (2) Fails to prepare for a presentation.
- (3) So multiplies the proceedings in a case as to increase costs unreasonably and vexatiously.
- (4) Fails or refuses to comply with these rules.
- (5) Fails or refuses to comply with any order of a judge of the court. (Emphasis added).

In addition, NRS 18.010 provides in relevant part as follows:

In addition to the cases where an allowance is authorized by specific statute, the court may make an allowance of attorney's fees to a prevailing party:

(a) When he has not recovered more than \$20,000; or

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(b) Without regard to the recovery sought, when the court finds that the claim, counterclaim, cross-claim or third-party complaint or defense of the opposing party was brought or maintained without reasonable ground or to harass the prevailing party. The court shall liberally construe the provisions of this paragraph in favor of awarding attorney's fees in all appropriate situations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the court award attorney's fees pursuant to this paragraph and impose sanctions pursuant to Rule 11 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure in all appropriate situations to punish for and deter frivolous or vexatious claims and defenses because such claims and defenses overburden limited judicial resources, hinder the timely resolution of meritorious claims and increase the costs of engaging in business and providing professional services to the public. (Emphasis added).

Considering this Court has extensively heard, addressed and disposed of the very same arguments that Pardee attempts to renew in its current Motion to Amend, with four (4) previous written court filings by Defendant (Exhibits 4, 5, 6, and 9) and oral argument (Exhibits 7-8), as well as this Court's specific reference to the *Liu* case in the FFCLO as the basis for the special damages award (Exhibit "2" at 14:24-27), Pardee's entire Motion herein is vexatious, frivolous and unwarranted, such that Plaintiffs are deserving of attorneys' fees under EDCR 7.60 and NRS 18.010, to wit, in the amount of \$6,170.00 as requested. See Affidavit of James J. Jimmerson, Esq. attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

With respect to determining the reasonableness of counsel's services, certain factors must be addressed, known as the Brunzell factors. Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank, 85 Nev. 345, 455 P.2d 31 (1969). As to the qualities of the advocate, the James J. Jimmerson, Esq. is an AV rated, Preeminent Lawyer, with many further accolades. As to the "character and quality of the work performed," we ask the Court to find our work in this matter to have been adequate, both factually and legally, in which we have diligently reviewed the applicable law, explored the relevant facts, and have properly applied one to the other. Finally, as to the result reached, this remains to be determined when the Court rules on the present matter but, based on this Court's prior statements in the most recent hearing on January 15, 2016, the Plaintiffs expect Pardee's Motion to be summarily denied. As was the case before, during and after trial, in preparation of the drafting of Plaintiffs instant Opposition, the case law was thoroughly researched and

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briefed, the facts were thoughtfully presented, and ample substantiation was provided. Based on the foregoing, the Court should award Plaintiffs their attorney's fees in the amount \$6,170.00 pursuant to NRS 18.010 and EDCR 7.60 for having to defend against such an unwarranted and baseless Motion on the part of Pardee.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court deny Pardee's Motion to Amend Judgment and award them their attorney's fees in the amount of \$6,170.00 for having to defend against the same.

DATED this <u>1/4</u> day of June, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of THE JIMMERSON LAW FIRM, P.C., and that on this day of June, 2016, I caused a document entitled PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT, PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA'S, MOTION TO AMEND JUDGMENT and COUNTERMOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS PURSUANT TO NRS 18.010 AND EDCR 7.60 to be served as follows:

- [x] pursuant to EDCR 8.05(a), EDCR 8.05(f), NRCP 5(b)(2)(D) and Administrative Order 14-2 captioned "In the Administrative Matter of Mandatory Electronic Service in the Eighth Judicial District Court," by mandatory electronic service through the Eighth Judicial District Court's electronic filing system upon each party in this case who is registered as an electronic case filing user with the Clerk;
- by placing same to be deposited for mailing in the United States Mail, in a sealed envelope upon which first class postage was prepaid in Las Vegas, Nevada;
- pursuant to EDCR 7.26, to be sent via facsimile, by duly executed consent for service by electronic means;
- [x] by hand-delivery with signed Receipt of Copy.

To the parties listed below at the address, email address, and/or facsimile number indicated below:

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES J. JIMMERSON, ESQ.

STATE OF NEVADA)) ss: COUNTY OF CLARK)

James J. Jimmerson, being duly sworn deposes and says:

- 1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, and I am a shareholder of JIMMERSON LAW FIRM, P.C., and counsel for Plaintiffs, JAMES WOLFRAM and WALTER D. WILKES and ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES LIVING TRUST, ANGELA L. LIMBOCKER-WILKES, TRUSTEE in the above entitled matter. I have personal knowledge of all matters contained herein, and am competent to testify thereto, except for those matter stated on information and belief, and to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- 2. I am lead counsel on the above-entitled matter for the Plaintiffs, and I know the amount of efforts that has been spent to prepare Plaintiffs' Opposition to Pardee Homes of Nevada's Motion to Amend Judgment, filed June 1, 2015. Considering this Court has extensively heard, addressed and disposed of the very same arguments that Pardee attempts to renew in its current Motion to Amend, with four (4) previous written court filings by Defendant and oral argument, as well as this Court's specific reference to the *Liu* case in its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, filed June 25, 2014, as the basis for the special damages award, I believe Pardee's entire Motion herein to be vexatious, frivolous and unwarranted. As such, Plaintiffs are deserving of attorneys' fees under EDCR 7.60 and NRS 18.010 in the amount of \$8,000.00 as requested.
- 3. Joshua C. Reisman, a law clerk for The Jimmerson Law Firm, P.C., spent at least 26 hours researching, drafting, and reviewing Plaintiffs' Opposition to Pardee's Motion

to Amend Judgment at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, resulting in an approximate total of \$2,600.00. In addition, the undersigned spent at least 6 hours at the rate of \$595.00 per hour, in reviewing and correcting and amending drafts of Plaintiffs' Opposition to Pardee's Motion to Amend, in addition to the amount of costs through the date and time of preparation of this Affidavit. Additional work in reviewing and analyzing the *Sandy Valley*, *Liu*, and *Horgan* case law, which Judge Earley correctly studied, was also undertaken. The work expended and the hours incurred in having to defend against Pardee's instant Motion warrants this Court to award Plaintiffs' counsel their attorney's fees in the amount of \$6,170.00.

4. I incorporate the argument within the Plaintiffs' Opposition, specifically the law with regard to compensating counsels for services when warranted. *Brunzell v. Golden Gate National Bank*, 85 Nev. 345, 455 P.2d 31 (1969) and its progeny. These fees and costs are reasonable and are necessarily incurred.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

JAMES JJIMMERSON, ESQ.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 215 day of June, 2016.

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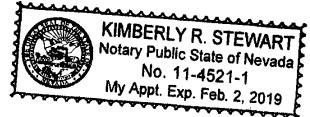


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JAMES WOLFRAM and CA WALT WILKES, DE

Plaintiffs,

Defendant.

AND RELATED CLAIMS

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,

CASE NO.: A-10-632338-C DEPT NO.: IV

Trial Date: October 23, 2013

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

On October 23, 2013, this matter came on for bench trial before the Honorable Kerry L. Earley. The Court, having reviewed the record, the testimony of witnesses, the documentary evidence, stipulations of counsel, the papers submitted by the respective parties, and considered the arguments of counsel at trial in this matter, with good cause appearing therefor, the Court now enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Plaintiffs James Wolfram ("Wolfram") and Walt Wilkes ("Wilkes") (collectively "Plaintiffs") filed this action against defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada ("Pardee") alleging claims for breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and accounting related to a Commission Agreement entered into on September 1, 2004, between Plaintiffs and Pardee (See Second Amended Complaint). As a conditional counterclaim, Pardee alleges against Plaintiffs breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing arising from the Commission Agreement.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A. THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiffs James Wolfram and Walt Wilkes have been licensed real estate

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- 2. Plaintiff Wolfram previously worked for Award Realty Group. Plaintiff Wilkes previously worked for General Realty Group. In a previous order, the Court ruled that Wolfram and Wilkes were assigned all claims from Award Realty Group and General Realty Group, and, therefore, had standing to assert the claims at issue.
- 3. Defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada ("Pardee") is a Nevada corporation operating as a residential homebuilder constructing homes and other structures in Southern Nevada and elsewhere.
- 4. In the 1990's, Harvey Whittemore, through his then-owned company, Coyote Springs Investment LLC ("CSI") began developing a project to be known as ("Coyote Springs".)

 The project included over 43,000 acres of unimproved real property located north of Las Vegas in the Counties of Clark and Lincoln.
- In 2002, Plaintiffs had begun tracking the status and progress of Coyote
 Springs located in the Counties of Clark and Lincoln, Nevada.
- 6. By 2002, Plaintiffs had become acquainted with Jon Lash, who was then responsible for land acquisition for Pardee's parent company, Pardee Homes. Plaintiffs had previously worked with Mr. Lash in the pursuit of different real estate transactions, but none were ever consummated prior to the Coyote Springs transaction.
- 7. After learning that Mr. Whittemore had obtained water rights for Coyote Springs, Plaintiffs contacted Mr. Lash and asked if he would be interested in meeting with Mr. Whittemore of CSI, for the purposes of entering into an agreement for the purchase of real property in Coyote Springs. When Mr. Lash agreed, Plaintiffs contacted Mr. Whittemore advising they had a client interested in Coyote Springs and wanted to schedule a meeting.
- 8. Mr. Lash agreed to allow Plaintiffs to represent Pardee as a potential purchaser, and a meeting was scheduled to take place at Pardee's office in Las Vegas. Present at the meeting were Plaintiffs, Mr. Whittemore from CSI, and Mr. Lash and Mr. Klif Andrews from Pardee. While this meeting was introductory in nature, it ultimately resulted in plans to structure a

KERRY L. EARLEY DISTRICT JUDGE DEPARTMENT IV deal between Pardee and CSI to develop Coyote Springs after approximately 200 meetings between Pardee and CSI. During the extensive negotiating process, Mr. Whittemore, on behalf of CSI, expressed CSI's decision to only sell certain portions of real estate at Coyote Springs. Pardee made it clear that it only wanted to purchase the land designated as single-family detached production residential ("Production Residential Property") at Coyote Springs. At that time it was understood by Pardee and CSI, that CSI was to maintain ownership and control of all other land at Coyote Springs including land designated as commercial land, multi-family land, the custom lots, the golf courses, the industrial lands, as well as all other development deals at Coyote Springs.

9. Plaintiffs only participated in the initial meeting, as Pardee and CSI informed Plaintiffs their participation was not required for any of the negotiations by Pardee to purchase Production Residential Property. As such, Plaintiffs were the procuring cause of Pardee's right to buy Production Residential Property in Coyote Springs from CSI.

B. OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CSI and PARDEE AND COMMISSION AGREEMENT

- 10. In or about May 2004, Pardee and CSI entered into a written agreement entitled Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions ("Option Agreement"), which set forth the terms of the deal, among many others, concerning Pardee's acquisition of the Production Residential Property from CSI at Coyote Springs.
- between Pardee and Plaintiffs, the Option Agreement was amended twice. First, on July 28, 2004, Pardee and CSI executed the Amendment to Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions. Subsequently, on August 31, 2004, Pardee and CSI executed the Amendment No. 2 to Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions. (The Option Agreement, along with the subsequent amendments, will be collectively referred to as the "Option Agreement"). Plaintiffs acknowledged receiving the Option Agreement and the two amendments.

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- 12. At the time of Pardee's and CSI's original negotiations, the land was the rawest of all in terms of land development. No zoning, parceling, mapping, entitlements, permitting, etc., had been accomplished. All of that work had yet to be done. At that time multiple issues were outstanding that would impact the boundaries of any land to be acquired by Pardee from CSI for Production Residential Property. Those issues included, among others, the BLM reconfiguration, Moapa Dace and other wildlife protections, moving a utility corridor from Coyote Springs to federal lands, and the design by Jack Nicklaus of the golf courses. At multiple places in the Option Agreement it was acknowledged by CSI and Pardee that boundaries of various lands would change.
- 13. At the same time Pardee was negotiating with CSI, Pardee was also negotiating with Plaintiffs concerning their finders' fee/commissions. Pardee and Plaintiffs extensively negotiated the Commission Agreement dated September 1, 2004. Plaintiffs were represented by James J. Jimmerson, Esq. throughout those negotiations. Plaintiffs offered edits, and input was accepted into the Commission Agreement under negotiation, with certain of their input accepted by Pardee. The Plaintiffs' and Pardee's obligations to each other were agreed to be set forth within the four corners of the Commission Agreement. Plaintiffs and Pardee acknowledge that the Commission Agreement was an arms-length transaction.
- The Commission Agreement between Plaintiffs and Pardee provided that, in 14, exchange for the procuring services rendered by Plaintiffs, Pardee agreed to (1) pay to Plaintiffs certain commissions for land purchased from CSI, and (2) send Plaintiffs information concerning the real estate purchases made under the Option Agreement and the corresponding commission payments.
- 15. Since Mr. Wolfram and Mr. Wilkes had already performed services for Pardee, the Commission Agreement placed no affirmative obligation on them.
- 16. The Commission Agreement, dated September 1, 2004, was executed by Pardee on September 2, 2004, by Mr. Wolfram on September 6, 2006, and Mr. Wilkes on September 4, 2004.

- 17. The Commission Agreement provides for the payment of "broker commission[s]" to Plaintiffs in the event that Pardee approved the transaction during the Contingency Period, equal to the following amounts:
 - (i) Pardee shall pay four percent (4%) of the Purchase Property Price payments made by Pardee pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the Option Agreement up to a maximum of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000);
 - (ii) Then, Pardee shall pay one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the remaining Purchase Property Price payments made by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Option Agreement in the aggregate amount of Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000); and
 - (iii) Then, with respect to any portion of the Option Property purchased by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, Pardee shall pay one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the amount derived by multiplying the number of acres purchased by Pardee by Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000).
- 18. The Commission Agreement states that all of the capitalized terms used in the Commission Agreement shall have the exact meanings set forth in the Option Agreement. Copies of the Option Agreement, the amendments including changes to the Purchase Property Price, and the subsequent Amended and Restated Option Agreement were given to Plaintiffs by Stewart Title Company, the escrow company chosen by Pardee and CSI to handle all of its land transactions. Plaintiffs also acknowledge receiving these documents. However, Amendments 1 through 8 to the Amended and Restated Option Agreement between CSI and Pardee were not provided to Plaintiffs until after this litigation was commenced by Plaintiffs.
- 19. The term "Purchase Property Price" was defined in Amendment No. 2 to the Option Agreement as Eighty-Four Million Dollars (\$84,000,000), which was payable in installments over a period of time. The due dates for commissions' payable under paragraphs i and ii were described in the Commission Agreement as follows:

Pardee shall make the first commission payment to you upon the Initial Purchase Closing (which is scheduled to occur thirty (30) days following the Settlement Date) with respect to the aggregate Deposits made prior to that time. Pardee shall make each additional commission payment pursuant to

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clauses (i) and (ii) above concurrently with the applicable Purchase Property Price payment to Coyote.

- 20. By virtue of Amendment No. 2 increasing the Purchase Property Price from \$66 million to \$84 million, Plaintiffs became entitled to commissions on the increased Purchased Property Price, which they subsequently received.
- 21. Commission payments required under paragraphs i and ii were not dependent upon acreage or location of the lands being acquired, or upon the closing of any land transaction. In sum, when Pardee paid CSI a portion of the Purchase Property Price, under the agreed schedule, then Plaintiffs were also paid their commission. Pardee and CSI anticipated that the Purchase Property would be, and was, cooperatively mapped and entitled before the specific location of any lands designated for single family detached production residential would be transferred by CSI to Pardee.
- 22. The due date for any commissions payable under paragraph iii was described in the Commission Agreement as follows: "Thereafter, Pardee shall make such commission payment pursuant to clause (iii) above concurrently with the close of escrow on Pardee's purchase of the applicable portion of the Option Property; provided, however, that in the event the required Parcel Map creating the applicable Option Parcel has not been recorded as of the scheduled Option Closing, as described in paragraph 9(c) of the Option Agreement, the commission shall be paid into escrow concurrently with Pardee's deposit of the Option Property Price into escrow and the commission shall be paid directly from the proceeds of said Escrow."
- 23. The general term "Option Property" is defined in the Option Agreement as follows: "the remaining portion of the Entire Site which is or becomes designated for single-family detached production residential use, as described below . . . in a number of separate phases (referred to herein collectively as the "Option Parcels" and individually as an "Option Parcel"), upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth." The general definition of "Option Property" was never changed by CSI and Pardee in any documents amending either the initial Option Agreement or the subsequent Amended and Restated Option Agreement. The definitions of other capitalized terms found within the Commission Agreement were never changed by CSI and Pardee.

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24. The Commission Agreement requires Pardee to provide Plaintiffs with notifications and information concerning future transactions between Pardee and CSI under the Option Agreement. Specifically, the Commission Agreement states:

Pardee shall provide to each of you a copy of each written option exercise notice given pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, together with information as to the number of acres involved and the scheduled closing date. In addition, <u>Pardee shall keep each of you reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due dates of your commission payments.</u> (Emphasis Added)

- 25. After executing the Commission Agreement, Plaintiffs never entered into another agreement with Pardee concerning the development of Coyote Springs.
- 26. Pardee's purchase of the "Purchase Property Price" property and any Option Property designated in the future as single family detached production residential lands was a separate and distinct transaction from any other purchases by Pardee from CSI for unrelated property at Coyote Springs.
- 27. The relationship between Pardee and Plaintiffs was such that Plaintiffs reasonably imparted special confidence in Pardee to faithfully inform them of the developments at Coyote Springs which would impact their future commission payments. Pardee and CSI agreed to designate documents relevant to the development of Coyote Springs as confidential. Among said documents were documents relating to the designation of the type of property Pardee was purchasing from CSI during the development of Coyote Springs that were part of a distinct and separate agreement between Pardee and CSI.
- 28. The designation of the type of property Pardee was purchasing from CSI during the development of Coyote Springs was material to Plaintiffs to verify if the commissions they had received were accurate and, if not, what amount they were entitled as further commissions pursuant to the Commission Agreement.
- 29. Pardee should have known that the Plaintiffs needed to have access to information specifying the designation as to the type of property being purchased by Pardee from CSI during the development of Coyote Springs to verify the accuracy of their commissions.

30. Although certain documents were public record regarding the development of Coyote Springs, the documents referencing internally set land designations for certain land in Coyote Springs were not available to Plaintiffs.

C. PARDEE'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE COMMISSION AGREEMENT

- 31. Pardee did purchase "Purchase Property Price" property from CSI for \$84,000,000.00. Plaintiffs have been paid in full their commissions on the \$84,000,000.00 Purchase Property Price.
- 32. Plaintiffs were informed of the amount and due dates of each commission payment for the Purchase Property Price: first through Stewart Title Company, and then Chicago Title Company, pursuant to the Commission Agreement.
- 33. Under the express terms of the Commission Agreement, pursuant to paragraphs i and ii, these commissions were based solely on the Purchase Property Price for the land, not the number of acres acquired or the location of those acres. Under the Purchase Property formula, they were entitled to a percentage of the Purchase Property Price. There was no benefit or additional commission for additional acreage being purchased if there is no corresponding increase in price.
- 34. Plaintiffs were paid a total of \$2,632,000.00 in commissions pursuant to paragraphs i and ii of the Commission Agreement.
- 35. Pardee did not pay more than 84,000,000.00 as the Purchase Property Price to CSI under the Option Agreement, the Amended and Restated Option Agreement, or any amendments thereto. CSI has never received more than \$84,000,000.00 as payment under the Option Agreement, the Amended and Restated Option Agreement, or any amendments thereto.
- 36. No commission to Plaintiffs is payable under clause (iii) of the Commission Agreement unless the property purchased fell within the definition of Option Property purchased pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement.

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Pardee as of the present time has not exercised any options to purchase single family production residential property pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement. Therefore, Pardee as of the present time does not owe any commission to Plaintiffs under paragraph iii of the Commission Agreement.

The other provision of the Commission Agreement alleged by Plaintiffs to 37. have been breached states as follows:

> Pardee shall provide to each of you a copy of each written option exercise notice given pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, together with information as to the number of acres involved and the scheduled closing date. In addition, Pardee shall keep each of you reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due dates of your commission payments.

38. Pardee did provide information relating to the amount and due dates on Plaintiffs' commission payments under paragraphs i and ii. Specifically, Plaintiffs were paid their first commission at the Initial Purchase Closing and then each commission thereafter concurrently with each Purchase Property Price payment made by Pardee to CSI pursuant to Amendment No. 2 to the Option Agreement as was required by the Commission Agreement. Each commission payment was made pursuant to an Order to Pay Commission to Broker prepared by Stewart Title (later Chicago Title) which contained information including the date, escrow number, name of title company, percentage of commission to be paid, to whom and the split between Plaintiffs. Each Order to Pay Commission to Broker was signed by Pardee and sent to either Plaintiffs brokerage firms or Plaintiffs directly. Each commission check received by Plaintiffs contained the amount, escrow number, payee and payer, along with a memo explaining how the amount was determined. When Plaintiffs were overpaid commissions, a letter was sent by Pardee explaining the overpayment and how the amount and due dates to compensate for the overpayment would be handled. An Amended Order to Pay Commission to Broker reflecting these changes was sent to and signed by each Plaintiff. A letter was sent by Pardee to Plaintiffs informing them when Pardee made its last payment of the Purchase Property Price to CSI.

> 39. However, from the documents in Plaintiffs' possession provided by Pardee,

 Plaintiffs were unable to verify the accuracy of any commission payments that may have been due and owing pursuant to paragraph iii of the Commission Agreement. The documents in Plaintiffs' possession included the Option Agreement and Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 to the Option Agreement, the Amended and Restated Option Agreement, various Orders to Pay Commissions, and their commission payments. Amendments Nos. 1 through 8 to the Amended Restated Option Agreement were not provided to Plaintiffs until after commencement of this litigation.

- 40. When Plaintiffs began requesting information regarding Pardee's land acquisitions from CSI, the only information provided by Pardee was the location of the Purchase Property purchased for the Purchase Property Price from CSI. All information provided was limited to the single family production property acquisitions. Pardee informed the Plaintiffs that it had purchased from CSI additional property at the Coyote Springs development, but took the position that any documentation regarding the designations of the use of the additionally purchased property was confidential and would not be provided to Plaintiffs. Interestingly, Pardee had already provided to Plaintiffs the initial Option Agreement, Amendments No. 1 and 2 and the Amended Restated Option Agreement, which were also confidential documents between Pardee and CSI.
- 41. Although Pardee co-developed with CSI a separate land transaction agreement for the acquisition of lands designated for other uses than single family detached production residential lots, Pardee had a separate duty to Plaintiffs pursuant to the Commission Agreement to provide information so Plaintiffs could verify the accuracy of their commission payments.
- 42. Without access to the information regarding the type of land designation that was purchased by Pardee as part of the separate land transaction with CSI, Plaintiffs were not reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount of their commission payments as they could not verify the accuracy of their commission payments.
- 43. Although the complete documentation when provided in this litigation verified that Plaintiffs were not due any further commissions at this time for the additional purchases of land by Pardee, Pardee still had a duty to provide sufficient information regarding the designation

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 of the type of land that had been purchased to Plaintiffs. Plaintiff Wolfram attempted through public records to ascertain information regarding the additional lands, but he was unable to verify the required information of the land use designations.

44. Plaintiffs have also contended that they are entitled to a commission if Pardee re-designates any of its land purchased from CSI to single family production residential property. Plaintiffs are not entitled to commissions on any re-designation of lands by Pardee pursuant to the Commission Agreement.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. PLAINTIFFS' CAUSE OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 1. To sustain a claim for breach of contract, Plaintiffs must establish (1) the existence of a valid contract between Plaintiffs and Defendant; (2) a breach by Defendant, and (3) damages as a result of the breach. <u>Richardson v. Jones</u>, 1 Nev. 405, 405 (1865); <u>Calloway v. City of Reno</u>, 116 Nev. 250, 256, 993 P.3d 1259, 1263 (2000) (overruled on other grounds by Olson v. Richard, 120 Nev. 240, 241–44, 89 P.3d 31, 31–33 (2004)).
- 2. Contract interpretation strives to discern and give effect to the parties' intended meaning...before an interpreting court can conclusively declare a contract ambiguous or unambiguous, it must consult the context in which the parties exchanged promises. <u>Galardi v. Naples Polaris</u>, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 33, 301 P.3d 364, 367 (2013).
- 3. Contractual provisions should be harmonized whenever possible, and construed to reach a reasonable solution. *Eversole v. Sunrise Villas VIII Homeowners Ass'n*, 112 Nev. 1255, 1260, 925 P.2d 505, 509 (1996).
- 4. The Commission Letter Agreement constitutes a valid and enforceable contract between Plaintiffs and Defendant.

- 5. Pardee agreed to pay commissions and provide information to keep Plaintiffs reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due date of their commissions pursuant to the express terms of the Commission Agreement.
- 6. The language of the Commission Agreement required the payment of commissions under paragraphs i and ii according to percentages of the Purchase Property Price. Undisputedly, those commissions were paid.
- 7. The Commission Agreement also required Pardee to pay commissions on the purchase of Option Property if Pardee exercised its option to purchase Option Property pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement.
 - 8. Pardee has never exercised any such option.
- 9. Pardee paid Plaintiffs in full and timely commissions on the \$84,000,000.00 Purchase Property Price.
 - 10. The Purchase Property Price was \$84,000,000.00.
- 11. CSI has not received more than \$84,000.000.00 for the single family detached production residential land acquisition by Pardee from CSI at the Coyote Springs project.
- 12. From the very beginning, CSI and Pardee acknowledged that the specific boundaries of the Purchase Property and Option Property may change, for a variety of reasons. There are many references to the changing boundaries of property at Coyote Springs in Pardee's and CSI's Option Agreement. There are many factors that necessitated those changes, including the BLM configuration, moving the utility corridor, mapping, the subdivision process, the entitlement and permitting processes, the Moapa Dace issue and other wildlife issues, and the design by Jack Nicklaus of the golf courses. There were a number of factors that were out of CSI's and Pardee's control that were expected to change and did change the boundaries and configuration of the Purchase Property. As a result of those boundaries changing, so too did the potential boundaries for Option Property change.
- 13. The Plaintiffs' commissions pursuant to paragraphs i and ii were solely based on the Purchase Property Price, not the acreage acquired by Pardee or its location or its closing.

Therefore, the change in boundaries had absolutely no impact on the amount or due date of Plaintiffs' commissions.

- 14. Plaintiffs were also entitled to be paid commissions if Pardee exercised option(s) to purchase Option Property pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement. To exercise such an option is a multi-step process involving a myriad of written documents. If such an option had been exercised by Pardee those documents would be found in the public record. Since Pardee as of the present time has not exercised any options pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, no commissions are due at the present time to Plaintiffs.
- 15. In addition, the Commission Agreement required Pardee to keep Plaintiffs reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due dates of Plaintiffs' commission payments.
- Restated Option Agreement. Although those amendments 1 through 8 to the Amended and Restated Option Agreement. Although those amendments did not change Plaintiffs' commissions due under the Commission Agreement, the information contained in the amendments contained the designation information about the separate land transactions involving multi-family, custom lots, and commercial. This information was needed by Plaintiffs as it was necessary to determine the impact, if any on their commission payments. However, Pardee could have provided the requisite information in various forms other than the amendments. Pardee failed to provide information in any form required by Plaintiffs to determine the accuracy of their commission payments.
- 17. Pardee did not keep Plaintiffs reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount of their commission payments that would be due and owing pursuant to the Commission Agreement. Therefore, Pardee breached the Commission Agreement.
- 18. Plaintiffs satisfied any and all of their obligations under the Commission Agreement.
- 19. In order to award consequential damages, the damages claimed for the breach of contract must be foreseeable. See <u>Barnes v. W.U. Tel. Co.</u>, 27 Nev. 438, 76 P. 931 (1904). Under the watershed case, <u>Hadley v. Baxendale</u>, 156 Eng. Rep. 145, 151 (1854), foreseeability requires

that: (1) damages for loss must "fairly and reasonably be considered [as] arising naturally . . . from such breach of contract itself," and (2) the loss must be "such as may reasonably be supposed to have been in the contemplation of both parties, at the time they made the contract as the probable result of the breach of it." <u>See Clark County School District v. Rolling Plains Const., Inc.</u>, 117 Nev. 101, 106, 16 P.3d 1079, 1082 (2001) (disapproved of on other grounds, 117 Nev. 948). Stated another way, the damages claimed for the breach of contract must be foreseeable. <u>Id</u>.

- 20. Plaintiffs suffered foreseeable damages due to Defendant's breach of not keeping Plaintiffs reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount due and owing on the Commission Agreement in the form of their time and efforts attempting to obtain the information owed to them pursuant to the Commission Agreement. The testimony by Plaintiff Wolfram was that he expended 80 hours of time to obtain said information by going through public records and contacting different sources. Using a rate of \$75.00 per hour for Mr. Wolfram's time as a real estate agent, the damages total \$6,000.00.
- 21. Plaintiffs also suffered damages in the form of the attorney's fees and costs incurred as they were necessary and reasonably foreseeable to obtain the requisite information regarding the land designations of land acquired by Pardee from CSI in the Coyote Development pursuant to the separate transaction between Pardee and CSI. Plaintiffs specifically requested numerous times from Pardee information to determine the land designations of these additional purchases, but to no avail. In fact, Mr. Lash on behalf of Pardee instructed a third party that said information should not be provided. CSI was not able to provide the requisite information due to the confidentiality agreement with Pardee. Plaintiffs had no alternative but to file suit, use the litigation process to obtain the requisite information, and request an equitable remedy from this Court to obtain said information in the future. The above-referenced facts allow this Court to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs as special damages. <u>See Liu v. Christopher Homes, LLC</u>, 103, Nev. Adv. Op. 17, 321 P.3d, 875 (2014); <u>Sandy Valley Assoc v. Sky Ranch Owners Assoc.</u>, 117 Nev. 948, 35 P.3d 964 (2001).

Mr. Jimmerson testified regarding the attorney's fees and costs to pursue the

Plaintiffs' claim for acquiring the information from Pardee related to the Plaintiffs' commission amounts based on billings contained in exhibits 31A. The damages for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs are \$135,500.00.

B. PLAINTIFFS' CAUSE OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

- 1. To sustain a claim for breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing sounding in contract, Plaintiffs must establish: (1) Plaintiffs and Defendant were parties to the contract; (2) the Defendant owed a duty of good faith to Plaintiffs; (3) the Defendant breached that duty by performing in a manner that was unfaithful to the purpose of the contract; and (4) Plaintiff's justified expectations were thus denied. <u>See Perry v. Jordan</u>, 111 Nev. 943, 947, 900 P.2d 335, 338 (1995);
- 2. An implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing is recognized in every contract under Nevada law. Consolidated Generator-Nevada, Inc. v. Cummins Engine Co., Inc., 114 Nev. 1304, 1311, 971 P.2d 1251, 1256 (1998). Under the implied covenant, each party must act in a manner that is faithful to the purpose of the contract and the justified expectations of the other party. Morris v. Bank of America Nevada, 110 Nev. 1274, 1278 n. 2, 886 P.2d 454, 457 (1994). The implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing forbids arbitrary, unfair acts by one party that disadvantages the other. Frantz v. Johnson, 116 Nev. 455, 465 n. 4., 999 P.2d 351, 358 (2000).
- 3. Plaintiffs, pursuant to the Commission Agreement, were entitled to commissions for Purchase Price Property and Option Property. Plaintiffs had justifiable expectations that Pardee would keep Plaintiffs reasonably informed as to all matters related to the amount and due dates of their commission payments.
- 4. Plaintiffs needed sufficient information regarding purchases of land by Pardee from CSI at Coyote Springs to enable Plaintiffs to verify the accuracy of commission payments. The designation of the land purchased by Pardee from CSI was the basis for Plaintiffs' entitlement to commissions pursuant to Option Property under iii of the Commission Agreement.

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5. Pardee was not faithful to the purpose of the Commission Agreement by failing to provide information regarding other land designations purchased by Pardee at Coyote Springs so Plaintiffs could verify the accuracy of their commission payments. Without this information, Pardee failed to keep Plaintiffs reasonably informed as to all matters relating to their Commission Agreement.

- 6. Pardee did not act in good faith when it breached its contractual duty to keep Plaintiffs reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due dates of their commission payments. Plaintiffs did not breach any obligation they had to Pardee under the Commission Agreement by requesting information regarding other land acquisitions by Pardee from CSI at Coyote Springs. Plaintiffs acted in good faith at all times toward Pardee and did not deny Pardee its justified expectations under the Commission Agreement.
 - 7. Pardee suffered no recoverable damages from Plaintiffs' inquiries.

C. PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR AN ACCOUNTING

- 1. An accounting is an independent cause of action that is distinct from the equitable remedy of accounting. <u>See e.g. Botsford v. Van Riper</u>, 33 Nev. 156, 110 P. 705 (1910); <u>Young v. Johnny Ribiero Bldg., Inc.</u>, 106 Nev. 88, 787 P.2d 777 (1990); <u>Oracle USA, Inc. v. Rimini Street, Inc.</u>, No. 2:10-CV-00106-LRH-PAL, 2010 WL 3257933 (D. Nev. Aug. 13, 2010); <u>Teselle v. McLoughlin</u>, 173 Cal. App. 4th 156, 92 Cal. Rptr. 3d 696 (Cal. App. 2009); <u>Mobius Connections Group, Inc. v. Techskills, LLC</u>, No. 2:10-CV-01678-GMN-RJJ, 2012 WL 194434 (D. Nev. Jan. 23, 2012).
- 2. To prevail on a claim for accounting, a Plaintiff must establish the existence of a special relationship whereby a duty to account may arise. <u>See Teselle v. McLoughlin</u>, 173 Cal. App. 4th 156, 92 Cal. Rptr. 3d 696 (Cal. App. 2009). The right to an accounting can arise from Defendant's possession of money or property which, because of the Defendant's relationship with the Plaintiff, the Defendant is obliged to surrender. *Id*.
 - 3. This Court has previously held that for Plaintiffs to prevail on an independent

cause of action for an accounting, Plaintiffs must establish the existence of a special relationship of trust whereby a duty to account may arise. <u>See Teselle v. McLoughlin</u>, 173 Cal. App. 4th 156 (2009); <u>see also</u>, Order Denying Pardee's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

- 4. Courts have found the existence of a special relationship of trust when, in a contractual relationship, payment is collected by one party and the other party is paid by the collecting party. Wolf v. Superior Court, 130 Cal. Rptr. 2d 860 (Cal. Ct. App. 2003); Mobius Connections Group, Inc. v. Techskills, LLC, No. 2:10-CV-01678-GMN-RJJ, 2012 WL 194434 (D. Nev. Jan. 23, 2012).
- 5. In contractual relationships requiring payment by one party to another of profits received, the right to an accounting can be derived from the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing inherent in every contract, because without an accounting there may be no way by which such a party entitled to a share in profits could determine whether there were any profits.

 Mobius Conections Group v. Techskills, LLC, Id.
- 6. The Court finds there is a special relationship of trust between Plaintiffs and Pardee that entitles Plaintiffs to an accounting for the information concerning the development of Coyote Springs in the future as it pertains to Plaintiffs' commissions on option property. There is no way for Plaintiffs or their heirs to determine whether a commission payment is due in the future without an accounting of the type of land of any future purchases by Pardee from CSI at Coyote Springs. Access to said information is required to ensure the accuracy of commission payments that may be due and owing in the future.

DECISION

Now, therefore, in consideration of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by this Court, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Court finds that Defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada is liable to Plaintiffs for breach of contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and its failure to account to Plaintiffs regarding the information concerning the development of Coyote Springs because it

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provided by Pardee to Plaintiffs, and their heirs when applicable, as an accounting.

pertained to Plaintiffs' present and potential future commissions. Damages are to be awarded to

DATED this 25 day of June, 2014.

KERRYL. EARLEY, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 25, 2014, I mailed, electronically served, or placed a copy of this order in the attorney's folder on the first floor of the Regional Justice Center as follows:

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JAMES WOLFRAM,
WALT WILKES,

Plaintiffs,
Vs.

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,
Defendant.

Defendant.

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, JAMES WOLFRAM and WALT WILKES, by and through their undersigned counsel, James J. Jimmerson, Esq. of the law firm of Jimmerson Hansen P.C., for their Complaint states as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs James Wolfram and Walt Wilkes are individuals who have resided in Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. That Plaintiff Wolfram has been assigned all of Award Realty's rights, title and interest in that certain Commission Letter dated September 1, 2004, and he is the real party in interest in this case.

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- 3. That Plaintiff Wilkes has been assigned all General Realty's rights, title and interest in that certain Commission Letter dated September 1, 2004, and he is the real party in interest in this case.
- 4. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada ("Pardee") was a corporation registered in the state of Nevada.
- 5. Plaintiffs' predecessors in interest, Award Realty and General Realty, and Plaintiffs and Defendant have a financial relationship. Plaintiffs were real estate brokers, dealing in real estate owned by Coyote Springs Investment LLC and being purchased by Defendant. The relationship between Coyote Springs Investment LLC and Defendant was governed by a certain Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions, dated in May of 2004 ("Option Agreement") and later amended and restated on March 28, 2005. Plaintiffs and Defendant entered into an agreement entitled "Commission Letter" dated September 1, 2004, which related to the Option Agreement and governed the payment of commissions from Defendant to Plaintiffs for real estate sold under the Option Agreement. For easy reference, Award Realty and General Realty and Plaintiffs, are concurrently referred to as "Plaintiffs" herein.
- Pursuant to the Commission Letter, Plaintiffs were to be paid a commission 6. for all real property sold under the Option Agreement.
- 7. Pursuant to the Commission Letter, Plaintiffs were to be fully informed of all sales and purchases of real property governed by the Option Agreement. Specifically, the Commission Letter stated:

Pardee shall provide each of you a copy of each written option exercise notice given pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, together with the information as to the number of acres involved and the scheduled closing date. In addition, Pardee shall keep each of you reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due dates of your commission payments.

8. On or about April 23, 2009, Plaintiffs sent a letter to Defendant requesting documents, which detail the purchases and sales of certain real property for which

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Plaintiffs believe are part of the property outlined in the Option Agreement and, therefore, property for which they are entitled to receive a commission. A parcel map was also requested to identify which properties had been sold.

- 9. Defendant replied to Plaintiffs' April 23, 2009, letter with a letter dated July 10, 2009. The July 10 letter failed to provide the documents requested by the Plaintiffs.
- 10. Plaintiffs once again requested the documents from the Defendant in a letter dated August 26, 2009. In that letter, Plaintiffs alleged that failure to deliver the requested documents constituted a material breach of the Commission Letter.
- Defendant, after conversations with Plaintiffs, sent a two-page letter dated 11. November 24, 2009, with four attachments: 2 maps, a spreadsheet, and a map legend. The letter attempted to explain the recent purchases or "takedowns" of real property by Pardee.
- Plaintiffs relied upon Defendant's representations made in the November 24, 12. 2009 letter as being truthful and accurate.
- 13. Upon further inquiry, however, Plaintiffs have discovered that the representations made by the Defendant in the November 24, 2009, letter were inaccurate or untruthful. In response to their concerns, Plaintiffs sent another letter dated May 17, 2010 to Defendants, asking for additional information and further documentation of all properties purchased by Defendant and sold by Coyote Springs Investment LLC. In that letter, Plaintiffs alleged that the representations made in the November 24, 2009, letter were believed to be inaccurate or untruthful after the Plaintiffs investigated the property transactions and records in the Clark County Recorder's Office and Clark County Assessor's Office. Plaintiffs further asked Defendant why it had instructed Francis Butler of Chicago Title not to release closing escrow documents regarding purchase of properties from Coyote Springs.
- Defendant responded to the May 17, 2010, letter with a letter dated June 14, 14. 2010. In that letter, Defendant denied breaching the covenants contained in the Commission Letter, but did not reply or address any particular concern, including, but not

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limited to: the discrepancy between the representations made by Defendant in the November 24, 2009, letter and information and records found in the Clark County Recorder's Office and the Clark County Assessor's Office, the request as to why closing escrow documents were being withheld, and the request for all relevant closing escrow documents.

15. To date there has been no further documentation produced by Defendant for the Plaintiffs regarding their concerns about the sales and purchases of real property by Defendant from Coyote Springs Investment, LLC.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Accounting)

- 16. Plaintiffs incorporate each of the allegations contained within paragraphs 1 through 15 above.
- Plaintiffs have requested documents promised to them by Defendant in the 17. Commission Letter and have not received them. Specifically, the have requested: the name of the seller, the buyer, the parcel numbers, the amount of acres sold, the purchase price, the commission payments schedule and amount, Title company contact information, and Escrow number(s), copy of close of escrow documents, and comprehensive maps specifically depicting this property sold and would, with parcel number specifically identified.
- 18. Plaintiffs are entitled to an accounting and copies of the documents and maps for all transfers of real property governed by the Option Agreement.
- 19. As a direct, natural and proximate result of Defendant's failure to account to Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs have been forced to retain an attorney to prosecute this action. Plaintiffs have therefore been damaged in the amount of the fees and costs expended to retain the services on their attorney and are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees as special damages.
- 20. As a direct, natural and proximate result of Defendant's failure to account to Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs have been forced to spend a significant amount of time and effort

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attempting to get the information owed to them from alternative sources. Plaintiffs have

(Breach of Contract)

- 22. Plaintiffs incorporate each of the allegations contained within paragraphs 1 through 20 above as though said paragraphs are fully stated herein.
- 23. Plaintiffs have requested documents promised to them by the Defendant in the Commission Letter and have not received them.
- 24. Defendant has a duty to honor its contractual obligations. Defendant has failed and refused to perform its obligations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Commission Letter.
- 25. As a direct, natural and proximate result of Defendant's breach of contract, Plaintiffs have been forced to retain an attorney to prosecute this action to acquire the documents owed to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs have therefore been damaged in the amount of the fees and costs expended to retain the services on their attorney and are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees as special damages.
- 26. As a direct, natural and proximate result of Defendant's breach of contract, Plaintiffs have been forced to spend a significant amount of time and effort attempting to get the information owed to them from alternative sources. Plaintiffs have therefore been damaged in the amount of their fair hourly rate in attempting to acquire the information and documents owed to them.
- 27. As a result of Defendant's breach of contract, Plaintiffs have suffered damages in the amount according to proof, in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

28.	Plaintiffs	reallege	and	incorporate	herein	each	and	every	allegation
contained in paragraphs 1 through 25, inclusive, herein above.									

- 29. Defendant Pardee owed, and continues to owe, Plaintiffs a duty of good faith and fair dealing to do everything under the Commission Letter that Defendant is required to do to further the purposes of the Commission Letter and to honor the terms and conditions thereof to the best of its ability.
- 30. In doing the acts alleged herein, Defendant Pardee failed to act in good faith and to the best of its ability, and also failed to deal fairly with Plaintiffs, thereby breaching its duties to so conduct itself and injuring Plaintiffs' rights to conduct its business and its ability to receive the benefits of the Commission Letter.
- 31. As a direct, natural and proximate result of Defendant's breach of the Implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs have been forced to retain an attorney to prosecute this action to acquire the documents owed to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs have therefore been damaged in the amount of the fees and costs expended to retain the services on their attorney and are entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees as special damages.
- 32. As a direct, natural and proximate result of Defendant's breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs have been forced to spend a significant amount of time and effort attempting to get the information owed to them from alternative sources. Plaintiffs have therefore been damaged in the amount of their fair hourly rate in attempting to acquire the information and documents owed to them.
- 33. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs have been damaged in a sum in excess of \$10,000.00.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray as follows:

- For the documents promised to them including, but not limited to, an 1. accurate parcel map with Assessor's Parcel numbers, and an accounting of all transfers or title or sales.
 - For general damages in a sum in excess of \$10,000.00. 2.
 - For special damages in a sum in excess of \$10,000.00 3.
 - For cost of suit. 3.
 - For reasonable attorney's fees.
 - For such further relief as the Court deems proper. 5.

DATED this 6th day of June, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that service of a true and correct copy of SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT was made on the 6h day of June,

2013, as indicated below:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of April, 2013.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

One year after the deadline to file motions to amend pleadings, nearly five months after the close of discovery, and within 60 days of the current trial date, Plaintiffs filed the instant Motion requesting leave to file a Second Amended Complaint. Yet, it is clear that the Motion and the proposed amended complaint are rife with the same deficiencies previously identified by Pardee in its Motion in Limine to Exclude Attorneys' Fees as an Element of Damages (MIL #1). Even under NRCP 15(a)'s liberal standard, leave to amend to allow Plaintiffs to add an additional element of damages at this extremely late date would greatly prejudice Pardee. Discovery closed months ago and Pardee never received an opportunity to conduct any discovery on the topic of the Plaintiffs' new claim that they are entitled to present their attorneys' fees as special damages at trial. Further, Pardee did not have the opportunity to retain an expert to review Plaintiffs' counsel invoices for their attorneys' fees and to develop an opinion as to the reasonableness thereof. Without the benefit of discovery and an expert witness, Pardee would be unable to adequately defend against the Plaintiffs' presentation of this purported element of their damages at trial. This would be severely prejudicial to Pardee.

Beyond these procedural problems, the proposed amendments to the complaint would be futile because attorneys' fees cannot be rightfully claimed as an element of

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consequential or special damages in the context of this case. Rather, the issue of attorneys' fees and costs ought to be dealt with at the conclusion of trial through motion practice, not at trial. This case is not the type of rare exception to the general rule that the Nevada Supreme Court has contemplated. In other words, in this case attorneys' fees ought to be handled and decided as a cost of litigation rather than as an element of damage. Therefore, Plaintiffs' Motion should be denied because the proposed purpose of the Second Amended Complaint is futile because it is contradicts Nevada law.

II. BRIEF STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS.

By now the Court is familiar with the facts and procedural history in this case. Therefore, only a brief statement of relevant procedural facts is provided for purposes of this Opposition. Plaintiffs filed their original complaint on December 29, 2010. Subsequently, Plaintiffs filed their Amended Complaint on January 14, 2011. The deadline for all parties to file motion to amend pleadings or add parties was March 14, 2012. See Scheduling Order filed on November 8, 2011, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. That deadline did not change despite the parties' stipulation to extend the discovery period 60 days, which was submitted on August 29, 2012. See Stipulation and Order to Extend Discovery Deadlines, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The extension was only for the limited purpose of completing depositions. Id. at p.1. All other due dates and deadlines remained the same. Id. at p.2 (¶4). Discovery closed on October 29, 2012. Id.

Now, over one year past the deadline to seek leave of the Court to amend their complaint yet again, Plaintiffs filed the instant Motion. Having refused to properly modify their pleading in a timely fashion, Plaintiffs request leave to file a Second Amended Complaint that comports with the Plaintiffs' ever changing and new theory of the case. The Plaintiffs did not put forth this new theory of damages until their fifth supplemental disclosure of witnesses and documents, which was served on October 26, 2012—three days before the discovery cutoff. See Plaintiffs' Fifth Supplement to NRCP 16.1

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Disclosure of Witnesses and Documents, at p. 7-8, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C (without attached exhibits). In effect, this ambush attack made it impossible for Pardee to conduct any discovery whatsoever regarding this newly advanced theory of Plaintiffs' alleged damages. This is problematic because their new theory of damages requires that they plead with specificity and present their claims for attorneys' fees at trial rather than in post-trial motion practice. If the Court allowed Plaintiffs to proceed in this fashion, Pardee would, in effect, be forced to defend Plaintiffs presentation of damages at trial without the benefit of any discovery or an expert witness. By definition, this would be prejudicial to Pardee.

The Court must require plaintiffs to proceed on their first Amended Complaint. The Court should deny Plaintiffs' Motion because it seeks to allow Plaintiffs in this action to have an unfair advantage. But even if the Court were to ignore Plaintiffs' eleventh hour tactics, the Court should also deny the motion as futile because Plaintiffs are not entitled to an award of their attorneys' fees as an element of their alleged damages under Nevada law.

LEGAL ARGUMENT III.

Legal Standard. Α.

Pursuant to NRCP 15(a) a party may amend its pleadings "by leave of court ... and leave shall be freely given when justice so requires." The decision to grant or deny the motion to amend lies with the discretion of the district court. University & Cmty. Coll. Sys. v. Sutton, 120 Nev. 972, 988, 103 P.3d 8, 19 (2004). While NRCP 15(a) provides that leave to amend should be "freely given," a denial is warranted if undue delay, bad faith, or dilatory motives on the part of the movant are involved. See Kantor v. Kantor, 116 Nev. 886, 891, 8 P.3d 825, 828 (2000); see also Stephens v. S. Nevada Music Co., 89 Nev. 104, 105, 507 P.2d 138, 139 (1973). Also, leave to amend is not appropriate when the amendment would be futile. See Reddy v. Litton Industries, Inc., 912 F.2d 291, 296-97 (9th Cir. 1990). Futility occurs when the proposed amendment is frivolous or attempts to advance a claim that is legally insufficient. See Allum v. Valley

Bank of Nevada, 109 Nev. 280, 287, 849 P.2d 297, 302 (1993) (citation omitted) ("It is not an abuse of discretion to deny leave to amend when any proposed amendment would be futile."). Likewise, if the amendment could not withstand a motion to dismiss, then the amendment should be denied as futile. <u>See</u> 6 Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller & Mary Kay Kane, Federal Practice and Procedure Civ. 2d §1487 (2006).

The proposed Second Amended Complaint is Plaintiffs' third bite at the apple. As the Ninth Circuit has found, a "district court's discretion to deny leave to amend is particularly broad where plaintiff has previously amended the complaint." Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe of Lake Traverse Indian Reservation, N.D. & S.D v. United States, 90 F.3d 251, 355 (9th Cir. 1996) (upholding district court's denial of leave to amend) (quoting Allen v. City of Beverly Hills, 911 F.2d 367, 373 (9th Cir. 1990)). The proposed Second Amended Complaint remains as it was — well short of pleading a claim for attorneys' fees as damages with any sort of viable specificity. Further, Plaintiffs' claim that it is entitled to an award of their attorneys' fees as special damages is legally insufficient under Nevada law.

Plaintiffs' Motion should be denied because: (1) it is untimely and highly prejudicial; and (2) their claim for attorneys' fees as an alleged element of their damages in the context of this case is futile and unfounded under Nevada law.

B. Plaintiffs' Motion Should be Denied Because it is Untimely and Highly Prejudicial to Pardee.

Plaintiffs' Motion should be denied because it is untimely, and therefore, highly prejudicial to Pardee. Even under NRCP 15(a)'s liberal standard, leave to amend to add an entirely new theory of damages to be presented at trial must be denied because it would not serve justice. The deadline for all parties to seek leave to amend pleadings or add parties was March 14, 2012. That deadline was never extended. Further, discovery closed on October 29, 2012. Now, over one year past the deadline, Plaintiffs have filed the instant Motion with the intention of putting forth an entirely new theory of damages at trial. This alone should warrant denial of Plaintiffs' Motion in its entirety.

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Beyond the grossly late filing, the leave requested by Plaintiffs is highly prejudicial to Pardee. The Plaintiffs' did not put forth their new theory of damages until their Fifth Supplement to NRCP 16.1 Disclosure of Witnesses & Docs, which was served on October 26, 2012. See Exhibit C. This was three days before the discovery cutoff. In doing this, Plaintiffs made it impossible for Pardee to conduct any discovery regarding this newly advanced theory concerning damages. Pardee did not have the benefit of addressing this topic in any real detail during the depositions of either of the Plaintiffs. Further, Pardee did not have the opportunity to consult or retain an expert witness to review Plaintiffs' counsel's late produced invoices and concerning the reasonableness of these alleged damages. Put simply, Pardee will be put in the position of having no witnesses or adequate defense to Plaintiffs' attempts to put forth their attorneys' fees as an element of their damages at the trial in this matter. Putting Pardee in this position would be extremely prejudicial, and would amount to an unfair ambush attack on the part of Plaintiffs. For these reasons alone the Motion should be denied.

C. Plaintiffs' Motion Should be Denied Because Nevada Law Does Not Permit the Recovery of Attorneys' Fees as Damages in This Case.

Plaintiffs' Motion should be denied because Plaintiffs' claim for their attorneys' fees as an element of their alleged damages is futile under Nevada law in context of this breach of contract case. Plaintiffs argue that they have suffered special damages in the form of their attorneys' fees. However, neither the original Complaint nor the Amended Complaint pled attorneys' fees as a specific element of damages as required under Nevada law. See Sandy Valley Assoc. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc., 117 Nev. 948, 35 P.3d 964, (2001). Now, on the eve of trial, Plaintiffs are attempting to modify their Complaint a second time in an attempt to salvage their new theory of their alleged damages.

In <u>Sandy Valley</u>, the seminal case on this particular issue, the Nevada Supreme Court discussed the difference between attorney fees as a cost of litigation and attorney fees as an element of damages. <u>See id.</u>, 117 Nev. at 955, 35 P.3d at 968-969. The

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court acknowledged that attorney fees cannot be recovered as a cost of litigation unless authorized by agreement, statute, or rule. See id., 117 Nev. at 956, 35 P.3d at 969 (internal citation omitted). "As an exception to the general rule, a district court may award attorney fees as special damages in *limited circumstances*." Horgan v. Felton, 123 Nev. 577, 583, 170 P.3d 982, 986 (2007) (emphasis added).

In 2011 the Nevada Supreme Court succinctly summarized the development of Sandy Valley and its progeny as follows:

In Sandy Valley Associates v. Sky Ranch Estates, we distinguished between attorney fees as a cost of litigation and as special damages. 117 Nev. 948, 955-60, 35 P.3d 964, 968-71 (2001), receded from on other grounds as stated in Horgan v. Felton, 123 Nev. 577, 579, 170 P.3d 982, 983 (2007). Attorney fees that are a cost of litigation arise from an agreement, statute, or rule authorizing the fees, whereas attorney fees that are considered special damages are fees that are foreseeable arising from the breach of contract or tortious conduct. Id. at 956, 35 P.3d at 969. In Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp., we supplemented Sandy Valley by explaining that fees as special damages "constitute a rather narrow exception to the rule prohibiting attorney fees awards absent express authorization." 121 Nev. 837, 862, 124 P.3d 530, 547 (2005)(emphasis added).

Reyburn Lawn & Landscape Designers, Inc. v. Plaster Dev. Co., Inc., 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 26, ---, 255 P.3d 268, 279 n. 11 (Jun. 2, 2011).

The Nevada Supreme court has clarified that attorneys' fees may only be awarded as special damages in only a handful of circumstances, such as: third-party actions involving title insurance or bonds, insurance or indemnity actions, slander of title actions, malicious prosecution, trademark infringement, or false imprisonment. See Sandy Valley, 117 Nev. at 957-58, 35 P.3d at 970; see also Horgan, 123 Nev. at 586-87, 170 P.3d at 988-89.

Therefore, under Sandy Valley and its progeny, the question regarding whether attorneys' fees may be considered as an element of damages in those rare cases is whether they were "reasonably foreseeable" and the "natural and proximate consequence of the injurious conduct." 117 Nev. at 957, 35 P.3d at 969. "[T]he mere

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fact that a party was forced to file or defend a lawsuit is insufficient to support an award of attorney fees as damages." Id., 117 Nev. at 957, 35 P.3d at 970.

This is a breach of contract case which involves a contract with a prevailing party attorneys' fees provision. Therefore, unless this case fits a narrow exception to the general rule, attorneys' fees may be sought as a cost of litigation at the conclusion of trial in post-trial motions practice. The fact that the Commission Agreement at issue in this case contains an attorneys' fees provision does not automatically imply that litigation was reasonably foreseeable and/or the natural and proximate consequence of injurious conduct. Frankly, Plaintiffs cannot show that there has even been any injurious conduct in this case. Plaintiffs acknowledge they have been compensated in full under the terms of the Commission Agreement. When boiled down, Plaintiffs' only remaining claim is that Pardee has allegedly failed to provide Plaintiffs with documents and information pertaining to option exercises that have never transpired. This is hardly considered a reasonably foreseeable and proximate consequence of the Commission Agreement.

Plaintiffs argue that Nevada law allows attorneys' fees as special damages in this case because "Plaintiffs were only able to get the documents and information they were entitled to once they filed suit and were granted the tools of discovery to get some of those records." See Motion, at 8:17-21. Plaintiffs cite to the Sandy Valley and Horgan decisions to support this position. This is a crude stretching of Nevada law. In interpreting Sandy Valley, the Horgan decision is very careful to limit, not expand, the types of cases that would warrant attorneys' fees as special damages. For example, an action to quiet or clarify title does not rise to the level to warrant attorneys' fees as damages. <u>Horgan, 123 Nev. at 587, 170 P.2d at 988.</u> Rather, attorneys' fees are available only in slander of title cases. Id., 123 Nev. at 587, 170 P.2d at 988. As quoted by Plaintiffs in the Motion, the Horgan decision makes it clear that in order to support the proposition that attorneys' fees are available as special damages, there must be elements of "intentional malicious" and "calculated" acts on the part of a

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defendant that forced the plaintiff into litigation. 123 Nev. at 585-86, 170 P.2d at 987-88 (internal quotation omitted); see also Plaintiffs' Motion, at 8:3-10.

The instant case does not fit the narrow circumstances contemplated by the Nevada Supreme Court in Horgan. Plaintiffs cannot prove, nor have they even alleged, that Pardee acted intentionally or maliciously to hide information and documents from Plaintiffs. The facts of this case show otherwise. Plaintiffs were provided with information and commission payments until every dollar of the commissions owed to them under the Commission Agreement was paid. Then, when Plaintiffs began inquiring about other takedowns of Option Property, Pardee explained to them (on multiple occasions) that no such exercise of Option Property had occurred. There has been no evidence produced in this case that shows that Pardee acted in a calculated, intentional, or malicious manner when dealing with Plaintiffs. The timely commission payments and multiple communications regarding the status of the project indicate the opposite. Therefore, this is not the type of case that warrants attorneys' fees as special damages. Rather, the attorneys' fees provision in the Commission Agreement allows for attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party, which is a determination that out of necessity will be made post trial, not during the trial.

For all the foregoing reasons, the Motion should be denied because the amendment sought to be approved is futile under Nevada law.

D. Plaintiffs' Motion Should be Denied Because It Fails to Plead Attorneys' Fees as Special Damages With the Requisite Specificity.

Aside from the substantive defects in the Plaintiffs' purported Second Amended Complaint, the Motion should be denied because it is procedurally defective. The Nevada Supreme Court also recognizes that when parties seek attorneys' fees as a cost of litigation, documentary evidence of the fees is presented generally by post-trial motion. In contrast, however, when attorneys' fees are claimed as foreseeable damages arising from tortious conduct or a breach of contract, they are considered special damages and must be pled in the complaint pursuant to NRCP 9(g). See

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Sandy Valley, 117 Nev. at 956, 35 P.3d at 969. "When attorney fees are alleged as damages, they must be specifically pleaded and proven by competent evidence at trial, just as any other element of damages." 117 Nev. at 957, 35 P.3d at 969. Further, "the party claiming fees as damages must prove the fees as to each claim." 117 Nev. at 960, 35 P.3d at 971.

If the context of the case warrants the presentation of attorneys' fees as element of damages, then the plaintiff must plead such with Rule 9(g) specificity in order to allow the alleged damages to be properly litigated. In this case, the proposed Second Amended Complaint still fails to meet the requisite specificity. Plaintiffs have simply added the same boilerplate language under each cause of action alleging that as a "direct, natural and proximate result" of Pardee's actions, "Plaintiffs have been forced to retain an attorney" and have "been damaged in the amount of fees and costs expended to retain the services..." See generally Exhibit 1 to the Motion, at ¶¶ 19, 25, and 31. There are no allegations of the attorneys' time spent, billable rate, or overall damage amount. More glaring, there are no allegations to specific the amount of damages specific to each claim as required by Nevada law. Because of all these deficiencies the Motion should be denied.

IV. CONCLUSION

This Court should deny Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Second Amended Complaint because the request for leave is untimely, the purported amendment is futile under Nevada law, and if leave is granted Pardee would suffer unfair prejudice.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of April, 2013.

McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP

/s/ Aaron D. Shipley Pat Lundvall (#3761) Aaron D. Shipley (#8258) 2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1000 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 Attorneys for Defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP and that on the 8th day of April, 2013, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT** by e-service through the Wiznet e-filing system utilized by the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada:

James J. Jimmerson Lynn M. Hansen James M. Jimmerson JIMMERSON, HANSEN, P.C. 415 S. Sixth Street, Ste 100 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attorney for Plaintiffs

/s/ Melissa A. Merrill
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EXHIBIT A

Electronically Filed 11/08/2011 09:48:59 AM DSO 2 **CLERK OF THE COURT** 3 DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 5 6 JAMES WOLFRAM, WALT WILKES, Plaintiffs, 8 v. CASE NO. A632338 9 DEPT NO. IV PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA, 10 Defendant. 11 12 SCHEDULING ORDER 13 (Discovery/Dispositive Motions/Motions to Amend or Add Parties) 14 NATURE OF ACTION: Breach of contract 15 DATE OF FILING JOINT CASE CONFERENCE REPORT(S): 9/26/11 16 TIME REQUIRED FOR TRIAL: 5-7 days CLERK OF THE COURT 17 Counsel for Plaintiffs: 18 Amanda J. Brookhyser, Esq., Jimmerson Hansen 19 Counsel for Defendant: Aaron D. Shipley, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson 20 Counsel representing all parties have been heard and 21 after consideration by the Discovery Commissioner, 22 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: 23 24 all parties shall complete discovery on or before 25 8/28/12. 26 all parties shall file motions to amend pleadings or 2. 27 add parties on or before 3/14/12. 28 DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER

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- 3. all parties shall make initial expert disclosures pursuant to N.R.C.P. 16.1(a)(2) on or before 3/14/12.
- 4. all parties shall make rebuttal expert disclosures pursuant to N.R.C.P. 16.1(a)(2) on or before 5/16/12.
- 5. all parties shall file dispositive motions on or before 9/28/12.

Certain dates from your case conference report(s) may have been changed to bring them into compliance with N.R.C.P. 16.1.

Within 60 days from the date of this Scheduling Order, the Court shall notify counsel for the parties as to the date of trial, as well as any further pretrial requirements in addition to those set forth above.

Unless otherwise directed by the court, all pretrial disclosures pursuant to N.R.C.P. 16.1(a)(3) must be made at least 30 days before trial.

Motions for extensions of discovery shall be made to the Discovery Commissioner in strict accordance with E.D.C.R. 2.35. Discovery is completed on the day responses are due or the day a deposition begins.

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Unless otherwise ordered, all discovery disputes (except disputes presented at a pre-trial conference or at trial) must first be heard by the Discovery Commissioner.

Dated this 7 day of November, 2011.

DISCOVERY COMMISSIONER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date filed, I placed a copy of the foregoing DISCOVERY SCHEDULING ORDER in the folder(s) in the Clerk's office or mailed as follows:

Amanda J. Brookhyser, Esq. Aaron D. Shipley, Esq.

COMMISSIONER DESIGNEE

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

JAMES WOLFRAM, WALT WILKES

Plaintiffs,

VS.

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,

Defendant.

CASE NO.: A-10-632338-C DEPT NO.:

STIPULATION AND ORDER TO EXTEND DISCOVERY **DEADLINES**

(First Request)

(Discovery Commissioner)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among JAMES WOLFRAM and WALT WILKES ("Plaintiffs") and Defendant PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA ("Pardee" or "Defendant") that the discovery deadline be extended 60 days for the limited purpose of taking the depositions of Linda Jones, Jon Lash and Harvey Whitemore.

In accordance with EDCR 2.35, good cause exists for this extension because Plaintiffs are still waiting for a third party, Coyote Springs, Inc. ("CSI"), to produce documents in response to Plaintiffs' subpoena. Plaintiffs contend that they cannot conduct and complete the depositions of the aforementioned witnesses until CSI produces the requested documents and the parties have had adequate time to review them. Continuing the current discovery deadline is in the interest of the parties and judicial economy. Thus, the parties request a sixty (60) day

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- 3. Reasons Why Remaining Discovery Has Not Been Completed: Plaintiffs contend that they cannot conduct and complete the depositions of the aforementioned witnesses until CSI produces the requested documents and the parties have had adequate time to review them.
- 4. A Proposed Schedule for Completing Remaining Discovery: The parties propose a 60 day extension of the discovery deadline to October 28, 2012. All other discovery deadlines dates are to remain the same.
- The Current Trial Date: Trial is presently scheduled for a five-week non-jury 5, stack beginning November 13, 2012. This matter previously received preferential status pursuant to NRS § 16.025. The parties request a continuance of the current trial date for a period of not less than 60 days.

DATED this 23 day of August, 2012

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PLAINTIFFS' FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO NRCP 16.1 DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS

COME NOW Plaintiffs, JAMES WOLFRAM and WALT WILKES, by and through their attorneys, Lynn M. Hansen, Esq., and James M. Jimmerson, Esq., of the law firm of Jimmerson Hansen, P.C., and hereby submits the following Fifth Supplement to list of witnesses and production of documents, as follows (*new items in bold*):

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WITNESSES

Plaintiffs provide the following witnesses' identities, last known address and telephone numbers:

1. James Wolfram c/o Jimmerson Hansen, P.C. 415 South Sixth Street, Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 388-7171

This person most knowledgeable is expected to render testimony regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject matter of this litigation.

Walt Wilkes
 c/o Jimmerson Hansen, P.C.
 415 South Sixth Street, Suite 100
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
 (702) 388-7171

This person most knowledgeable is expected to render testimony regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject matter of this litigation.

 Frances Butler Dunlap Chicago Title Company Las Vegas, Nevada

This person was the head of the Real Estate Commercial Department of Chicago Title Company, is most knowledgeable, and is expected to render testimony regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject matter of this litigation.

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA
 Custodian of Records
 McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
 100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor
 Reno, Nevada 89501
 (775) 788-2000

Pardee Homes of Nevada is a named Defendant in this matter. Its present or former employees, representatives, agents, person to be designated pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) and/or custodians of records are expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

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5. PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA
Person Most Knowledgeable
McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor
Reno, Nevada 89501
(775) 788-2000

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employees, representatives, agents, person to be designated pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6)

6. Jon Lash c/o McDonald Carano Wilson LLP 100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor Reno, Nevada 89501 (775) 788-2000

Mr. Lash is an employee of PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

and/or Person Most Knowledgeable are expected to testify regarding the facts and background

7. Clifford Anderson c/o McDonald Carano Wilson LLP 100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor Reno, Nevada 89501 (775) 788-2000

Mr. Anderson is an employee of PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

8. Harvey Whitemore c/o Coyote Springs Address Unknown

Mr. Whitemore is the owner of the property involved in this lawsuit and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

9. Chicago Title Company Las Vegas, Nevada Custodian of Records

The Custodian of Records is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

10. Chicago Title CompanyLas Vegas, NevadaPerson Most Knowledgeable

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The Person Most Knowledgeable is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case. Peter J. Dingerson 11. **D&W Real Estate** 5455 S. Durango Dr., Ste 160 Las Vegas, NV 89113 Mr. Dingerson is the owner of D&W Real Estate and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case. 12. Jay Dana **General Realty Group** 6330 S. Eastern Ave Ste 2 Las Vegas, NV 89119 Mr. Dana is the owner of General Realty Group Inc. and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case. Jerry Masini 13. Award Realty Corp. 3015 S. Jones Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146

Mr. Masini is the owner of Award Realty and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to call any and all witnesses who may be disclosed or deposed throughout the course of discovery.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to call any and all of Defendant's witnesses; and

Plaintiffs reserve the right to call any and all rebuttal witnesses.

Plaintiffs' experts, if any, as yet unidentified.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement this list of witnesses as discovery progresses and until the time of trial in this case.

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DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(B), Plaintiffs provide the following documents relating to Plaintiffs and Defendants:

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1	1.	Any and all written agreements between the Parties;
2	2.	Any and all documents evidencing damages to the Plaintiffs;
3	3.	Any and all correspondence between the Parties;
4	4.	Any and all appropriate Custodian of Record documents;
5	5.	Any and all pleadings in this matter;
6	6.	Documents labeled Bates Numbers PLTL0001-PLTL00244;
7 8	Witnesses a	documents are being reproduced as Plaintiffs' Initial NRCP 16.1 Disclosures of nd Documents had duplicate documents. The duplicate copies have been the documents are listed as follows:
9	A.	Option Agreement for the Purpose of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions dated May 2004 (Bates No. PLTF0001-0080);
10 11	B.	Amended and Restated Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions dated March 28, 2005, (Bates No. PLTF0081-0152);
12 13	C.	Two Assignments of Real Estate Commission and Personal Certification Agreement (Bates No. PLTF0153-0157A)
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15	D.	Letter dated September 2, 2004 from Pardee Homes to Mr. Walkes regarding the attached Commission letter dated September 1, 2004, (Bates No. PLTF0158-0162);
16 17	E.	Amendment No. 2 to Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions, (Bates No. PLTF0163-0174);
18	F.	Letter dated April 6, 2009 from Pardee Homes to Mr. Jim Wolfram, (Bates No. PLTF0175-0179);
19 20	G.	Letter dated April 23, 2009 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Jim Stringer, Esq., (Bates No. PLTF0180-0187);
21	H.	Letter dated May 19, 2011 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Jim Stringer,
22		Esq., (Bates No. PLTF0188-0191);
23	l.	Letter dated July 10, 2009 from Charles E. Curtis to James J. Jimmerson, Esq., (Bates No. PLTF0192-0193);
2425	J.	Letter dated August 26, 2009 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Charles E. Curtis, (Bates No. PLTF0194-0196);
26	K.	Letter dated November 24, 2009 from Jon E. Lash to Mr. Jim Wolfram, (Bates No. PLTF0197-0202);
27 28	L.	Letter dated April 21, 2010 from Jim Wolfram to Mr. Jon Lash, (Bates No. PLTF0203-0205);
·	M.	Letter dated May 17, 2010 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Mr. John E. Lash, (Bates No. PLTF0206-0209);
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3		Bates Nos. PLTF0212-0244 are the duplicative documents produced in Plaintiffs' Initial 16.1 Disclosure of Documents and Witnesses.
4 5	7.	Documents produced by Stewart Title in response to Plaintiffs' Subpoena Duces Tecum on CD, (Bates No. PLTF0245-PLTF1423);
6	8	Documents produced by Chicago Title in response to Plaintiffs' Subpoena Duces Tecum on CD, (Bates No. PLTF1424-PLTF10414);
7 8	9.	Documents produced by Coyote Springs Investments in response to Plaintiff's Duces Tecum on CD, (Bates No. CSI_Wolfram 000014 -
9	10.	CSI_Wolfram0003004), attached hereto; Coyote Springs Investment, LLC's Privilege Log, (Bates No. PLTF10415 - PLTF10417), attached hereto;
11	11.	Affidavit of Custodian of Records, (Bates No. PLTF10418-PLTF10419); attached hereto;
12 13	12.	Non-Party Coyote Springs Investments, LLC.'s Supplement and Amended Objection and Response to Plaintiff's Subpoena Duces Tecum, (Bates PLTF10420-PLTF10424, attached hereto.
14 15	13.	Chicago Title Company's previously bates stamped documents no. PLTF 1424 through PLTF 10414 (on bottom right of documents bate stamped)
16 17		and rebated as bates nos: Cht 00001 through Cht 08998 (on bottom left of documents bate stamped), including the Custodian of Records Subpoena to Chicago Title Company including the executed Certificate of Custodian of Records bates stamped as Cht 08997.
18 19	14.	Stewart Title Company's previously bate stamped documents no. PLTF 0245 through PLTF 1423 and rebated as bates nos: Stwt 0001 through 1202. Documents Stwt 0699 and Stwt 0731 are copy coversheets and were inadvertently bates stamped.
20 21	15.	Copy of Plat Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in Book 138, page 51, bates PLTF 10427 through PLTF 10438.
22	16.	Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 116, page 35, bates PLTF 10439 through PLTF 10440.
2324	17.	Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 117, page 18, bates PLTF 10441 through PLTF 10443.
25 26	18.	Copy of Plat Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in Book 140, page 57, bates PLTF 10444 through PLTF10456.
27	19.	Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 113, page 55, bates PLTF 10457 through PLTF 10462.
28	20.	Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 98, page 57, bates PLTF 10463 through PLTF 10468.
	21.	Copy of redacted billing sheets representing attorney's fees charged by

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(Bates No. PLTF0210-0211);

Letter dated June 14, 2010 from Charles E. Curtis to James J. Jimmerson, Esq.,

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Jimmerson Hansen, P.C. from November 3, 2010 through October 19, 2012, bates PLTF 10469 through PLTF 10481.

- 22. Affidavit of Peter J. Dingerson, bates PLTF 10482 through PLTF 10484.
- 23. Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest from Jay Dana on behalf of General Realty Group Inc. to Walt Wilkes, dated January 11, 2011, bates PLTF 10485.
- Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest from Jerry Masini on behalf of 24. Award Realty to James Wolfram, dated December 20, 2010, bates PLTF 10486.
- Letter from Jeffrey King, M.D. dated November 1, 2011 regarding the health 25. of Walt Wilkes, bates PLTF 10487.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to any and all documents the Defendants disclosed by any parties or used at any depositions.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to any and all other relevant documents to this matter.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to identify and produce different and/or additional documents as the investigation and discovery in this case proceeds.

III.

COMPUTATION OF DAMAGES

Plaintiffs calculate their damages to be in excess of \$1,900,000.00 associated with the Defendant's breach of contract and the Defendant's failure to faithfully meet their obligations to the Plaintiffs.

There are two primary components to this calculation. The first component is the loss of future commissions from future sales or takedowns of property located in Clark County, subject to the September 1, 2004 Commission Letter Agreement. There appears to be at least 3,000 acres of property, defined as Option Property under the Option Agreement effective June 1, 2004, currently owned by Coyote Springs Investment, LLC in Township 13 South, Range 63 East M.D.M., Clark County, Nevada. Under the Option Agreement effective June 1, 2004, these 3,000 acres can be purchased by Pardee and designated as Production Residential Property-a purchase and designation that would entitle Plaintiffs to a 1.5% commission on a per-acre price of \$40,000.00. If 3,000 acres were purchased by Pardee under this scenario, Plaintiffs would be entitled to \$1,800,000 in commissions. However, Pardee's course of conduct

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in failing to appropriately discharge its duties under the Commission Letter Agreement has robbed Plaintiffs of this opportunity to be paid these commissions. Pardee's actions have served to reclassify the land originally labeled as Purchase Property and Option Property, and under the new reclassification, all Option Property has been removed from Clark County, thereby divesting Plaintiffs of any hope to collect any part of the \$1.8 million in commissions they could be paid had no reclassification occurred.

The second component of this calculation is attorney's fees. Plaintiffs' attorney's fees currently exceed \$102,700.00. This amount represents all work from the date of drafting of the Complaint in November 2010 through October 19, 2012. These attorney's fees constitute damages pursuant to the September 1, 2004 Commission Letter Agreement. As stated in the Agreement, "In the event, either party brings an action to enforce its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs." Plaintiffs in bringing this suit expect to be the prevailing party and, as such, are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees as damages for Defendant's breach of contract and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

Finally, Plaintiffs must be compensated for the time and effort expended attempting to discover from public records what information was owed to them under the Commission Letter Agreement. Discovery is still ongoing therefore the Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend and supplement this response as the investigation and discovery in this case proceeds.

Dated this 26th October, 2012

JIMMERSON HANSEN, P.C.

JAMES J. JIMMERSON, ESQ.
Nevada Bar No. 000264
LYNN M. HANSEN, ESQ.
Nevada Bar No. 0244
JAMES M. JIMMERSON, ESQ.
Nevada Bar No. 12599
415 So. Sixth St., Ste. 100
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Attorney for Plaintiffs
James Wolfram and Walt Wilkes

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The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of copy of PLAINTIFFS' FIFTH SUPPLEMENT/TO NRCP 16.1 DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS on this 26 day of October, 2012, at 4.

RECEIPT OF COPY

McDONALD CARANO WILSON, LLP

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AARON D. SHIPLEY, ESQ
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Plaintiffs,

Defendant.

CLERK OF THE COURT

DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

JAMES WOLFRAM. WALT WILKES

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA,

VS.

CASE NO.: A-10-632338-C

DEPT NO.:

DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AS AN ELEMENT OF DAMAGES

(MIL #1)

Hearing Date: Hearing Time:

Trial Date: April 15, 2013

Defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada ("Pardee") hereby moves the Court for an order in limine on the non-admissibility of the issue of attorneys' fees as an element of damages, sought to be introduced by Plaintiffs James Wolfram and Walt Wilkes ("Plaintiffs") in the trial on this matter. Testimony and evidence at the trial regarding Plaintiffs' alleged attorneys' fees and costs would be improper in the context of this breach of contract case as they cannot be considered an element of Plaintiffs' damages. Such issues should be handled in post-trial briefing only.

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	This	Motion is brought pursuant to NRS 47.060, the following Memorandum of
Points	and	Authorities, the exhibits attached hereto, the pleadings and papers on file
herein	, and	any oral argument this Court wishes to consider.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of March, 2013.

McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP

NOTICE OF MOTION

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD HEREIN:

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will bring the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AS AN ELEMENT OF DAMAGES** on for hearing before the above-entitled Court on the $\underline{16}$ day of $\underline{\text{April}}$ 2013, at the hour of $\underline{8:30a}$ m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of March, 2013.

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Isl Aaron D. Shipley
Pat Lundvall (#3761)
Aaron D. Shipley (#8258)
2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1000
Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
Attorneys for Defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada

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DECLARATION OF AARON D. SHIPLEY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AS AN ELEMENT OF DAMAGES

AARON D. SHIPLEY, after being sworn, declares as follows:

- 1. I am licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, and am a partner with the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, attorneys of record for Defendant Pardee Homes ("Pardee").
- 2. This Declaration is made of my own personal knowledge except where stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.
- 3. This Declaration is submitted in compliance with EDCR 2.47 and in support of Defendant's Motion in Limine to Exclude Plaintiffs' Claim for Attorneys' Fees as an Element of Damages (the "Motion").
- 4. On February 28, 2013, I spoke to James M. Jimmerson, counsel for Plaintiffs, via telephone, as required by EDCR 2.47. We discussed the issues relevant to this Motion. We disagreed on the issue of whether Plaintiffs could properly seek an award of their attorneys' fees as an element of their damages at trial, as opposed to seeking an award of their fees in post-trial motion practice if they are found to be the prevailing party at trial. Ultimately we were unable to resolve this issue during our telephone conference.
- 5. Under the circumstances, despite a good faith effort to confer, the motion has become necessary.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2013.

/s/ Aaron D. Shipley AARON D SHIPLEY

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

INTRODUCTION AND RELEVANT FACTUAL BACKGROUND I,

This case, simply put, involves claims for breach of contract arising from the Commission Agreement dated September 1, 2004 ("Commission Agreement" or "Commission Letter"), which Pardee and the Plaintiffs negotiated and executed.A copy of the Commission Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The undisputed evidence reveals that Pardee performed all of its contractual obligations.

Plaintiffs acknowledge that their contractual relationship with Pardee is dictated entirely by the Commission Agreement. The Commission Agreement governs the payment of commissions from Pardee to Plaintiffs related to Pardee's purchase of certain property from CSI related to the Project. It is this Commission Agreement that Plaintiffs accuse Pardee of breaching. The Commission Agreement contains an attorneys' fees provision, which states: "In the event either party brings an action to enforce its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs." See Exhibit A, at p. 2.

Plaintiffs have claimed that their attorneys' fees should be considered an element of their damages. Their NRCP 16.1 disclosure states, in part: "The second component of this calculation [of damages] is attorney's fees. Plaintiffs' attorney's fees currently exceed \$102,700.00. This amount represents all work from the date of drafting of the Complaint in November 2010 through October 19, 2012. attorney's fees constitute damages pursuant to the September 1, 2004 Commission Letter Agreement...Plaintiffs in bringing this suit expect to be the prevailing party and, as such, are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees as damages for Defendant's breach of contract and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing." See Plaintiffs' Seventh Supplement to NRCP 16.1 Disclosure of Witnesses and Documents, at p. 8:14-22, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Plaintiffs' contention that they are entitled to reimbursement of their attorney's fees as an element of their alleged damages is misguided and contrary to Nevada law.

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Therefore, Pardee requests the Court issue an order in limine that Plaintiffs are precluded from offering any evidence at trial, in the form of documents, testimony, expert opinions and any other evidence, related to their claim for an award of their attorneys' fees. Attorneys' fees in the context of a breach of contract case such as this cannot be awarded as an element of damages. In this context, Attorneys' fees can only be only properly awarded to the prevailing party. There can be no determination of prevailing party until the conclusion of the trial. An order in limine on this issue will promote efficiency in preparation for and during the trial.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

Legal Standard. Α.

Pursuant to NRS 47.060, a motion in limine is the proper vehicle to prevent the introduction of inadmissible evidence at trial. See NRS 47.080(1). ("[p]reliminary questions concerning the qualification of a person to be a witness, the existence of a privilege or the admissibility of evidence shall be determined by the judge."). The ruling on a motion in limine lies soundly within the district court's discretion. See State ex. rel. Dept. of Highways v. Nevada Aggregates and Asphalt Co., 92 Nev. 370, 551 P.2d 1095, 1098 (1976).

Motions in limine take two forms: (1) to procure a definitive ruling on the admissibility of evidence at the outset of trial; or (2) to prevent counsel for the opposing party from mentioning potentially inadmissible evidence in his opening statement, or eliciting such evidence from a witness until a definitive ruling on the admissibility or nonadmissibility of the evidence can be made. Born v. Eisenman, 114 Nev. 854, 962 P.2d 1227 (1998); Nev. Rev. St. 47.080; see 21 Charles Alan Wright and Kenneth W. Graham, Jr., Federal Practice and Procedure §5037.6 (2007). This motion takes both forms.

An order in limine further promotes efficiency at trial and helps minimize disruptions, increasing uninterrupted flow of evidence during trial. Kelly v. New West Federal Savings, 56 Cal. Rptr. 2d 803, 808 (1996).

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Plaintiffs Are Precluded From Presenting Evidence At Trial About В, Their Alleged Attorneys' Fees as an Element of Damages.

Plaintiffs argue that they have suffered damages in the form of attorneys' fees. However, Plaintiffs have not specially pled attorneys' fees as an element of their damages. See Sandy Valley Assoc. v. Sky Ranch Estates Owners Assoc., 117 Nev. 948, 35 P.3d 964, (2001). In Sandy Valley, the Nevada Supreme Court discusses the difference between attorney fees as a cost of litigation and attorney fees as an element of damages. See id., 117 Nev. at 955, 35 P.3d at 968-969. The court acknowledges that attorney fees cannot be recovered as a cost of litigation unless authorized by agreement, statute, or rule. See id., 117 Nev. at 956, 35 P.3d at 969 (internal citation omitted). The Nevada Supreme Court also recognizes that when parties seek attorney fees as a cost of litigation, documentary evidence of the fees is presented generally by post-trial motion. See id. In contrast, however, when attorney fees are claimed as foreseeable damages arising from tortious conduct or a breach of contract, they are considered special damages and must be pled in the complaint pursuant to NRCP 9(g). See id. "The mention of attorney fees in a complaint's general prayer for relief is insufficient to meet this requirement." Id.

Plaintiffs have only generally alleged attorneys fees, and therefore, cannot now claim their attorneys' fees as an element of damages. In their Amended Complaint, a recovery of attorneys' fees was only mentioned in the Plaintiffs' general prayer for relief. Plaintiffs did not articulate its current position until a very late NRCP 16.1 disclosure. Thus, Plaintiffs have now wrongfully asserted their attorneys' fees as a basis for their argument that they have suffered recoverable damages.

Most recently, in 2011 the Nevada Supreme Court again recognized development of Sandy Valley and its progeny by summarizing:

In Sandy Valley Associates v. Sky Ranch Estates, we distinguished between attorney fees as a cost of litigation and as special damages. 117 Nev. 948, 955-60, 35 P.3d 964, 968-71 (2001), receded from on other grounds as stated in Horgan v. Felton, 123 Nev. 577, 579, 170 P.3d 982, 983 (2007). Attorney fees that are a cost of litigation arise from an

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agreement, statute, or rule authorizing the fees, whereas attorney fees that are considered special damages are fees that are foreseeable arising from the breach of contract or tortious conduct. <u>Id. at 956, 35 P.3d at 969.</u> In <u>Shuette v. Beazer Homes Holdings Corp.</u>, we supplemented <u>Sandy Valley</u> by explaining that fees as special damages "constitute a rather narrow exception to the rule prohibiting attorney fees awards absent express authorization." <u>121 Nev. 837, 862, 124 P.3d 530, 547 (2005)</u>(emphasis added).

Reyburn Lawn & Landscape Designers, Inc. v. Plaster Dev. Co., Inc., 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 26, ---, 255 P.3d 268, 279 n. 11 (Jun. 2, 2011). Thus, Plaintiffs have wrongfully asserted their attorneys' fees as a basis for their argument that they have suffered recoverable damages.

By completely failing to specifically plead for such an award at the outset of this litigation, Plaintiffs cannot now claim their attorneys' fees as an element of damages. Plaintiffs should be precluded from introducing any evidence at trial to support this claim. In this case, pursuant to the attorneys' fees provision in the Commission Agreement attorneys' fees can only be awarded to the prevailing party. There can be no determination of prevailing party until the conclusion of the trial. Therefore, this issue should be handled in post-trial briefing only. In this regard, if Pardee is the prevailing party at trial, it will seek an award of its attorneys' fees and costs after the trial under the same attorneys' fees provision in the Commission Agreement.

CONCLUSION

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Based on the foregoing, Pardee requests the Court issue an order in limine to preclude impermissible evidence, in the form of documents, testimony, expert opinions and all other evidence, at trial on the issue of attorneys' fees as an element of Plaintiffs' alleged damages. This early in limine ruling will allow the parties to more efficiently prepare for trial.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of March, 2013.

McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP

/s/ Aaron D. Shipley Pat Lundvall (#3761) Aaron D. Shipley (#8258) 2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1000 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 Attorneys for Defendant Pardee Homes of Nevada

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP and that on the 1st day of March, 2013, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DEFENDANT'S MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AS AN ELEMENT OF DAMAGES** via U.S. Mail on the following:

James J. Jimmerson Lynn M. Hansen James M. Jimmerson JIMMERSON, HANSEN, P.C. 415 S. Sixth Street, Ste 100 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attorney for Plaintiffs

<u>/s/ Melissa A. Merrill</u>
An Employee of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP

EXHIBIT A





30 M 8. LARM: Sr. Vice President (310) 476-3525 est. 281 (310) 446-1285

September 1, 2004

Mr. Walt Wilkes
General Realty Group, Inc.
10761 Turquoise Valley Dr.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89144-4141

Mr. Jim Wolfram
Award Realty Group
10761 Turquoise Valley Dr.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89144-4141

Re: Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions dated as of June 1, 2004, as amended (the "Option Agreement") between Coyote Springs Investment LLC ("Coyote") and Pardee Homes of Nevada ("Pardee")

Gentlemen:

This letter is intended to confirm our understanding concerning the pending purchase by Pardeofrom Coyote of certain real property located in the Counties of Clark and Lincoln, Nevada pursuant to the above-referenced Option Agreement. Except as otherwise defined herein, the capitalized words used in this Agreement shall have the meanings as set forth in the Option Agreement.

In the event Pardee approves the transaction during the Contingency Period, Pardee shall pay to you (one-half to each) a broker commission equal to the following amounts:

- (i) Pardee shall pay four percent (4%) of the Purchase Property Price payments made by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Option Agreement up to a maximum of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000);
- (ii) Then, Pardee shall pay one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the remaining Purchase Property Price payments made by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Option Agreement in the aggregate amount of Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000); and
- (iii) Then, with respect to any portion of the Option Property purchased by Pardee pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, Pardee shall pay one and one half percent (1-1/2%) of the amount derived by multiplying the number of acres purchased by Pardee by Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000).

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Pardee shall make the first commission payment to you upon the Initial Purchase Closing (which is scheduled to occur thirty (30) days following the Settlement Date) with respect to the aggregate Deposits made prior to that time. Pardee shall make each additional commission payment pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above concurrently with the applicable Purchase Property Price payment to Coyotes. Thereafter, Pardee shall make each commission payment pursuant to clause (iii) above concurrently with the close of escrow on Pardee's purchase of the applicable portion of the Option Property; provided, however, that in the event the required Parcel Map creating the applicable. Option Parcel has not been recorded as of the scheduled Option Closing, as described in paragraph 9(c) of the Option Agreement, the commission shall be paid into escrow concurrently with Pardee's deposit of the Option Property Price into Escrow and the commission shall be paid directly from the proceeds of said Escrow.

Pardee shall provide to each of you a copy of each written option exercise notice given pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Option Agreement, together with information as to the number of acres involved and the scheduled closing date. In addition, Pardee shall keep each of you reasonably informed as to all matters relating to the amount and due dates of your commission payments.



In the event the Option Agreement terminates for any reason whatsoever prior to Pardee's purchase of the entire Purchase Property and Option Property, and Pardee thereafter purchases any portion of the Entire Site from Seller, at the closing of such purchase, Pardee shall pay to you a commission in the amount determined as described above as if the Option Agreement remained in effect.

For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Pardes" shall include any successor or assignee of Pardee's rights under the Option Agreement, and Pardee's obligation to pay the commission to you at the times and in the manner described above shall be binding upon Pardee and its successors and assigns. Pardee, its successors and assigns, shall take no action to circumvent or avoid its obligation to you as set forth in the Agreement. Nevertheless, in no event shall you be entitled to any commission or compensation as a result of the resale or transfer by Pardee or its successor in interest of any portion of the Entire Site after such property has been acquired from Seller and commission paid to you.

In the event any sum of money due hereunder remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) days, said sum shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum from the date due until paid. In the event either party brings an action to enforce its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

This Agreement represents our entire understanding concerning the subject matter hereof, and all oral statements, representations, and negotiations are hereby merged into this Agreement and are superseded hereby. This Agreement may not be modified except by a written instrument signed by all of us. Nothing herein contained shall create a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between the parties hereto unless expressly set forth to the contrary. The language of this Agreement shall be construct under the laws of the State of Nevada according to its normal and wastal meaning, and not strictly for or against either you or Pardee.

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Our signatures below will represent our binding agreement to the above.

Sincerely,

PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA.

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Senior Vice President

LISA M. LAWSON

Gommission # 1336608

Notary Public - California

Los Angeles County

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Los Angeles, State of California

Agreed to and accepted:

GENERAL REALTY GROUP, INC.

By: Walt Wilkes:

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SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this ______ day of _____ 2004.

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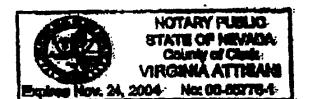


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WITNESSES

Plaintiffs provide the following witnesses' identities, last known address and telephone numbers:

1. James Wolfram c/o Jimmerson Hansen, P.C. 415 South Sixth Street, Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 388-7171

This person most knowledgeable is expected to render testimony regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject matter of this litigation.

2. Walt Wilkes c/o Jimmerson Hansen, P.C. 415 South Sixth Street, Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (702) 388-7171

This person most knowledgeable is expected to render testimony regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject matter of this litigation.

3. Frances Butler Dunlap Chicago Title Company Las Vegas, Nevada

This person was the head of the Real Estate Commercial Department of Chicago Title Company, is most knowledgeable, and is expected to render testimony regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the subject matter of this litigation.

4. PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA
Custodian of Records
McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor
Reno, Nevada 89501
(775) 788-2000

Pardee Homes of Nevada is a named Defendant in this matter. Its present or former employees, representatives, agents, person to be designated pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) and/or custodians of records are expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

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5. PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA
Person Most Knowledgeable
McDonald Carano Wilson LLP
100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor
Reno, Nevada 89501
(775) 788-2000

Pardee Homes of Nevada is a named Defendant in this matter. Its present or former employees, representatives, agents, person to be designated pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) and/or Person Most Knowledgeable are expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

6. Jon Lash c/o McDonald Carano Wilson LLP 100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor Reno, Nevada 89501 (775) 788-2000

Mr. Lash is an employee of PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

7. Clifford Anderson c/o McDonald Carano Wilson LLP 100 West Liberty Street, 10th Floor Reno, Nevada 89501 (775) 788-2000

Mr. Anderson is an employee of PARDEE HOMES OF NEVADA and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

8. Harvey Whitemore c/o Coyote Springs Address Unknown

Mr. Whitemore is the owner of the property involved in this lawsuit and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

 Chicago Title Company Las Vegas, Nevada Custodian of Records

The Custodian of Records is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

 Chicago Title Company Las Vegas, Nevada Person Most Knowledgeable

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The Person Most Knowledgeable is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

11. Peter J. Dingerson
D&W Real Estate
5455 S. Durango Dr., Ste 160
Las Vegas, NV 89113

Mr. Dingerson is the owner of D&W Real Estate and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

12. Jay Dana
General Realty Group
6330 S. Eastern Ave Ste 2
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Mr. Dana is the owner of General Realty Group Inc. and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

13. Jerry Masini
Award Realty Corp.
3015 S. Jones Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Mr. Masini is the owner of Award Realty and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

14. Mark Carmen Exit Realty Number One 6600 W. Charleston, Suite #119 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

Mr. Carmen is the owner of Las Vegas Realty Center and is expected to testify regarding the facts and background of this case.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to call any and all witnesses who may be disclosed or deposed throughout the course of discovery.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to call any and all of Defendant's witnesses; and

Plaintiffs reserve the right to call any and all rebuttal witnesses.

Plaintiffs' experts, if any, as yet unidentified.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement this list of witnesses as discovery progresses and until the time of trial in this case.

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DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(1)(B), Plaintiffs provide the following documents relating to Plaintiffs and Defendants:

- 1. Any and all written agreements between the Parties;
- 2. Any and all documents evidencing damages to the Plaintiffs;
- 3. Any and all correspondence between the Parties;
- 4. Any and all appropriate Custodian of Record documents;
- 5. Any and all pleadings in this matter;
- 6. Documents labeled Bates Numbers PLTF0001-PLTL10496.

These documents are being reproduced as Plaintiffs' Initial NRCP 16.1 Disclosures of Witnesses and Documents had duplicate documents. The duplicate copies have been removed and the documents are listed as follows:

- A. Option Agreement for the Purpose of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions dated May 2004 (Bates No. PLTF0001-0080);
- B. Amended and Restated Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions dated March 28, 2005, (Bates No. PLTF0081-0152);
- C. Two Assignments of Real Estate Commission and Personal Certification Agreement (Bates No. PLTF0153-0157A)
- D. Letter dated September 2, 2004 from Pardee Homes to Mr. Walk Walkes regarding the attached Commission letter dated September 1, 2004, (Bates No. PLTF0158-0162);
- E. Amendment No. 2 to Option Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions, (Bates No. PLTF0163-0174);
- F. Letter dated April 6, 2009 from Pardee Homes to Mr. Jim Wolfram, (Bates No. PLTF0175-0179);
- G. Letter dated April 23, 2009 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Jim Stringer, Esq., (Bates No. PLTF0180-0187);
- H. Letter dated May 19, 2011 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Jim Stringer, Esq., (Bates No. PLTF0188-0191);
- Letter dated July 10, 2009 from Charles E. Curtis to James J. Jimmerson, Esq., (Bates No. PLTF0192-0193);
- J. Letter dated August 26, 2009 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Charles E. Curtis, (Bates No. PLTF0194-0196);

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1	K.	Letter dated November 24, 2009 (No. PLTF0197-0202);
2	L.	Letter dated April 21, 2010 from
3		PLTF0203-0205);
4	M.	Letter dated May 17, 2010 from Ja (Bates No. PLTF0206-0209);
5	N.	Letter dated June 14, 2010 from C
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14	10.	Coyote Springs Investment, LLC PLTF10417), attached hereto;
15	11.	Affidavit of Custodian of Records, (hereto;
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- L. Letter dated April 21, 2010 from Jim Wolfram to Mr. Jon Lash, (Bates No. PLTF0203-0205);
- M. Letter dated May 17, 2010 from James J. Jimmerson, Esq., to Mr. John E. Lash, (Bates No. PLTF0206-0209);
- N. Letter dated June 14, 2010 from Charles E. Curtis to James J. Jimmerson, Esq., (Bates No. PLTF0210-0211);

Bates Nos. PLTF0212-0244 are the duplicative documents produced in Plaintiffs' Initial 16.1 Disclosure of Documents and Witnesses.

- 7. Documents produced by Stewart Title in response to Plaintiffs' Subpoena Duces Tecum on CD, (Bates No. PLTF0245-PLTF1423);
- Documents produced by Chicago Title in response to Plaintiffs' Subpoena Duces Tecum on CD, (Bates No. PLTF1424-PLTF10414);
- 9. Documents produced by Coyote Springs Investments in response to Plaintiff's Duces Tecum on CD, (Bates No. CSI_Wolfram 000014 CSI_Wolfram0003004), attached hereto;
- 10. Coyote Springs Investment, LLC's Privilege Log, (Bates No. PLTF10415 PLTF10417), attached hereto;
- 11. Affidavit of Custodian of Records, (Bates No. PLTF10418-PLTF10419); attached hereto;
- 12. Non-Party Coyote Springs Investments, LLC.'s Supplement and Amended Objection and Response to Plaintiff's Subpoena Duces Tecum, (Bates PLTF10420-PLTF10424, attached hereto.
- 13. Chicago Title Company's previously bates stamped documents no. PLTF 1424 through PLTF 10414 (on bottom right of documents bate stamped) and rebated as bates nos: Cht 00001 through Cht 08998 (on bottom left of documents bate stamped), including the Custodian of Records Subpoena to Chicago Title Company including the executed Certificate of Custodian of Records bates stamped as Cht 08997.
- 14. Stewart Title Company's previously bate stamped documents no. PLTF 0245 through PLTF 1423 and rebated as bates nos: Stwt 0001 through 1202. Documents Stwt 0699 and Stwt 0731 are copy coversheets and were inadvertently bates stamped.
- 15. Copy of Plat Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in Book 138, page 51, bates PLTF 10427 through PLTF 10438.
- 16. Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 116, page 35, bates PLTF 10439 through PLTF 10440.
- 17. Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 117, page 18, bates PLTF 10441 through PLTF 10443.
- 18. Copy of Plat Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in Book 140, page 57, bates PLTF 10444 through PLTF10456.

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19.	Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 113
	pagé 55, bates PLTF 10457 through PLTF 10462.

- 20. Copy of Parcel Map recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office in File 98, page 57, bates PLTF 10463 through PLTF 10468.
- 21. Copy of redacted billing sheets representing attorney's fees charged by Jimmerson Hansen, P.C. from November 3, 2010 through October 19, 2012, bates PLTF 10469 through PLTF 10481.
- 22. Affidavit of Peter J. Dingerson, bates PLTF 10482 through PLTF 10484.
- 23. Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest from Jay Dana on behalf of General Realty Group Inc. to Walt Wilkes, dated January 11, 2011, bates PLTF 10485.
- 24. Assignment of Rights, Title and Interest from Jerry Masini on behalf of Award Realty to James Wolfram, dated December 20, 2010, bates PLTF 10486.
- 25. Letter from Jeffrey King, M.D. dated November 1, 2011 regarding the health of Walt Wilkes, bates PLTF 10487.
- 26. Affidavit of Jerry Masini, bates PLTF 10488 through PLTF 10490.
- 27. Assignment signed by Mark Carmen dated December 3, 2012 along with Exhibit A signed by Jay Dana dated January 11, 2011, attached hereto as bates PLTF 10491 through PLTF 10493; and
- 28. Assignment signed by Peter J. Dingerson dated December 20, 2012 along with Exhibit A signed by Jerry Masini dated December 20, 2010, attached hereto as bates PLTF 10494 through PLTF 10496.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to any and all documents the Defendants disclosed by any parties or used at any depositions.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to any and all other relevant documents to this matter.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to identify and produce different and/or additional documents as the investigation and discovery in this case proceeds.

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COMPUTATION OF DAMAGES

Plaintiffs calculate their damages to be in excess of \$1,900,000.00 associated with the Defendant's breach of contract and the Defendant's failure to faithfully meet their obligations to the Plaintiffs.

There are two primary components to this calculation. The first component is the loss of future commissions from future sales or takedowns of property located in Clark County, subject to the September 1, 2004 Commission Letter Agreement. There appears to be at least 3,000 acres of property, defined as Option Property under the Option Agreement effective Page 7 of 10

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June 1, 2004, currently owned by Coyote Springs Investment, LLC in Township 13 South, Range 63 East M.D.M., Clark County, Nevada. Under the Option Agreement effective June 1, 2004, these 3,000 acres can be purchased by Pardee and designated as Production Residential Property—a purchase and designation that would entitle Plaintiffs to a 1.5% commission on a per-acre price of \$40,000.00. If 3,000 acres were purchased by Pardee under this scenario, Plaintiffs would be entitled to \$1,800,000 in commissions. However, Pardee's course of conduct in failing to appropriately discharge its duties under the Commission Letter Agreement has robbed Plaintiffs of this opportunity to be paid these commissions. Pardee's actions have served to reclassify the land originally labeled as Purchase Property and Option Property, and under the new reclassification, all Option Property has been removed from Clark County, thereby divesting Plaintiffs of any hope to collect any part of the \$1.8 million in commissions they could be paid had no reclassification occurred.

The second component of this calculation is attorney's fees. Plaintiffs' attorney's fees currently exceed \$102,700.00. This amount represents all work from the date of drafting of the Complaint in November 2010 through October 19, 2012. These attorney's fees constitute damages pursuant to the September 1, 2004 Commission Letter Agreement. As stated in the Agreement, "In the event, either party brings an action to enforce its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs." Plaintiffs in bringing this suit expect to be the prevailing party and, as such, are entitled to their reasonable attorney's fees as damages for Defendant's breach of contract and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

Finally, Plaintiffs must be compensated for the time and effort expended attempting to discover from public records what information was owed to them under the Commission Letter Agreement. Discovery is still ongoing therefore the Plaintiffs reserve

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