

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SEASIDE BASIN
WATERMASTER AND CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER**

This Memorandum of Understanding between the Seaside Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) and California American Water (CAW) is entered into pursuant to a motion passed by Watermaster on December 3, 2008 with respect to the following:

RECITALS

A. The Amended Decision in Case No. M66343 filed February 9, 2007 (Decision) provides that Standard Producers that exceed their allocation of Natural Safe Yield are subject to a Replenishment Assessment for each acre foot of Over-Production for each Water Year. Under Section III.M.1.d of the Decision, CAW has the right to claim a credit against its Replenishment Assessment (Replenishment Credit) for costs incurred for water supply augmentation that has or will result in replenishment of the Basin.

B. Watermaster has calculated the Replenishment Assessments for CAW for Fiscal Year 2006 (Water Year 05/06), Fiscal Year 2007 (Water Year 06/07) and Fiscal Year 2008 (Water Year 07/08) in the total amount of \$10,166,640. Pursuant to Section III.M.1.d of the Decision, CAW applied for a Replenishment Credit for expenditures totaling \$12,305,924.00 that CAW has made through calendar year 2006 for water supply augmentation associated with pre-construction expenses for the Coastal Water Project. The request was made on March 5, 2008 and supplemented with further information on May 2, 2008.

C. Watermaster approved CAW's request for a Replenishment Credit in the amount of \$12,305,924.00, subject to conditions set forth in the motion which provide that CAW will ensure replenishment of the Basin with water from the Coastal Water Project, or a comparable alternative project, at no cost to Watermaster, in an amount equivalent to the quantity of water that CAW has overproduced, and thus incurred a Replenishment Assessment obligation for Fiscal Years 2006, 2007 and 2008.

D. Watermaster and CAW desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding regarding future CAW requests pursuant to Section III.M.1.d of the Decision for Replenishment Credits against future Replenishment Assessment obligations.

AGREEMENT

Watermaster and CAW agree as follows:

1. At the end of each Water Year, Watermaster shall determine the Replenishment Assessments in accord with Section III.L.3.j.iii of the Decision. Within 40 days of CAW's receipt of Watermaster's notice of Replenishment Assessment against CAW for the preceding Water Year, CAW shall provide Watermaster any claim for a Replenishment Credit pursuant to Section III.M.1.d of the Decision. Such claim shall be based upon expenditures for a water supply augmentation project (such as the Coastal Water Project and/or other projects that produce water that can be used to replenish the Seaside Basin (hereinafter "Project(s)")) that CAW contends has or will result in replenishment of the Basin.

2. Watermaster agrees that the Project will result in replenishment of the Basin, and therefore:

(a) Watermaster hereby grants CAW's current request for a Replenishment Credit in the amount of \$12,305,924.00. Such Credit shall be immediately applied to CAW's Replenishment Assessments for Fiscal 2006 (Water Year 05/06), Fiscal Year 2007 (Water Year 06/07) and Fiscal Year 2008 (Water Year 07/08), which total \$10,166,640, subject to the condition that, upon completion and implementation of a water supply augmentation Project, CAW shall provide Watermaster, at no cost to Watermaster, and on a schedule that is Feasible either (1) water for Artificial Replenishment through direct replenishment and/or (2) cause in-lieu replenishment of the Basin by forbearing to produce water to which CAW is entitled as CAW's share of the Native Safe Yield, in an amount equal to CAW's total acre feet of Over-Production for the Water Years 05-06, 06-07, and 07-08, which total is 6,390.1acre feet. Future CAW requests for Replenishment Credit shall be granted subject to the same conditions set forth in this Section 2 (a).

(b) In future Water years Watermaster shall address future requests by CAW for a Replenishment Credit as follows:

- i. For years in which Watermaster declares that water for Artificial Replenishment is not available, Watermaster shall grant CAW's request for a Replenishment Credit for that Water year, subject to CAW's obligation to provide future Artificial Replenishment as set forth in Section 2(a) herein.
- ii. For years in which Watermaster declares that water for Artificial Replenishment is available from sources other than a CAW water supply augmentation Project, Watermaster shall have the option of either: (i) requiring CAW to pay all or part of CAW's Replenishment Assessment for that Water Year for the purpose of providing Watermaster with funds to obtain Artificial Replenishment in sufficient quantities to replenish that quantity of Over-Production for which CAW pays a Replenishment Assessment; or (ii) granting CAW's request for a Replenishment Credit subject to CAW's obligation to provide future Artificial Replenishment as provided for in section 2(a) herein. . If Watermaster is unable to purchase Replenishment Water equal to CAW's total Over-Production for that Water Year,

the Watermaster shall grant CAW a Replenishment Credit for the balance of CAW's Over-Production for that Water year, subject to CAW's obligation to provide future Artificial Replenishment as set forth in Section 2(a) herein.

3. The sum of the acre feet of water to be provided to Watermaster for replenishment either by direct replenishment and/or in-lieu replenishment for each Water Year shall equal the number of acre feet for which CAW is assessed a Replenishment Assessment for the Water Year at issue. In no event shall the total amount of direct replenishment and/or forbearance by CAW be greater than the cumulative total of acre feet of CAW's Over-Production for all Water Years for which CAW is granted Replenishment Credits.

4. Upon completion and implementation of the Project(s), at any stage in CAW's direct replenishment and/or in-lieu replenishment pursuant to conditions set by Watermaster upon granting of Replenishment Credits, CAW shall have the right to request that the Court determine that, based upon principles of the physical solution set forth in the Decision, the Basin has been replenished in an amount sufficient to prevent seawater intrusion or the Basin has been protected by alternative seawater intrusion preventive measures. Upon such determination by the Court, CAW's obligations under conditions set by Watermaster upon granting of Replenishment Credits and any obligation under this Memorandum of Understanding to provide direct replenishment water and/or in-lieu replenishment at no cost to Watermaster shall be deemed fully satisfied.

5. All terms used in this Memorandum of Understanding that are defined terms in the Decision shall be defined herein as set forth in Section III.A of the Decision.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereby agree to the full performance of the terms set forth herein.

SEASIDE BASIN WATERMASTER



Chair, Seaside Basin Watermaster
Date: January 21, 2009

CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER



President, California American Water
Date: 1-29-2009