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6 MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

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9 BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

10 In Re Matter of License No. 659,
11 Morongo Band of Mission Indians

12 TESTIMONY OF
ROBERT J. SAPERSTEIN

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14 1. My name is Robert J. Saperstein. My business address is 21 East Carrillo Street,
15 Santa Barbara, California 93101. I am a partner with the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber
16 Schreck, LLP, the merger partner with Hatch & Parent, special counsel for Great Spring Waters
17 of America, Inc. (now Nestle Waters North America, referred to as "NWNA").

18 2. My legal practice is exclusively dedicated to water rights issues, advising both
19 public and private water entities on water rights and water supply issues. My practice
20 encompasses transactions of essentially every nature related to the strategic management of water
21 rights and water-related infrastructure, as well as litigation of these matters before state and
22 federal courts and administrative agencies.

23 3. NWNA first retained our law firm (as Hatch & Parent, the merger partner of my
24 current firm, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP) in the mid-1990s. I have been involved
25 with NWNA water rights related work since approximately 1997.

26 4. I am familiar with State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") License 659.

27 5. NWNA acquired certain property and water rights, including License 659, in
28 March 2000. In spring of 2001, NWNA became aware that Ms. Alana Gibbs of the SWRCB was

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attempting to contact the prior holder of License 659. On June 28, 2001, I confirmed the content of a telephone conversation with Ms. Gibbs through a letter attached as Exhibit 21.

6. On July 6, 2001, through correspondence with Ms. Gibbs, I provided the information promised from the June 28, 2001 letter. The July 6, 2001 letter and its enclosures are attached as Exhibit 22. For ease of responding to the SWRCB for Nwana, I am the designated agent who signed the SWRCB forms.