STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In re: Draft Order WR 2009-0079-DWR).)	TESTIMONY OF RUDI MUSSI
MUSSI et. al.)	APN 131-170-03

My name is Rudi Mussi, and along with my wife and my brother (via his trust) own San Joaquin County Assessor's Parcel No. 131-170-03. We purchased the property in 1999 and have farmed it since that time.

Counsel ask me to provide evidence regarding the irrigation of the Parcel in the earlier part of the last century, specifically at or before 1914. I certainly do not have any personal recollection from that period, but I do understand from my numerous discussions over the years with many local farmers, that the portion of Roberts Island on which the Parcel lies was both farmed and irrigated since at least 1900, and probably before that.

In my investigation, I located the attached map (printed in five parts). This map is undated and in the possession of Quarteroli and Associates, a civil engineering firm located in Stockton, California. I am informed the map was used as part of the San Joaquin Valley Counties Association display at the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. The map would seem to predate that Exposition somewhat as the inscription on the map states it was "used by permission of the San Joaquin Valley Counties Association . . ." which apparently was formed in 1910. The text at the bottom references "ten years later" than 1904, so I conclude it was made in 1914.

The map shows a number of crops being grown in the area of my Parcel. These include potatoes, alfalfa, beans, and barley. Given that these crops grow and are harvested during and through summer, irrigation must have occurred. The other testimony submitted in this matter show that water was available to the Parcel at this time (early 1900's), and when considered in conjunction with this map of crops as of 1914, I believe there is no doubt surface irrigation was occurring. Although there may have been some subsurface irrigation, I am confidant surface irrigation was practiced on the Parcel at and before 1914.

Exhibit 8

I am one of the partners of Central Valley Land Service Company which is a full service Title and Research Company located at 1726 Fourth Street, Lincoln, California, 95648. Our company has been in business since 1997, but the partnership involved in it has over 40 years of experience in title research and examination. I personally have over 15 years of experience as a title officer.

Pursuant to request, I collected all the title documents for the parcel referenced above and which is the subject of this hearing. In my efforts, I have gone back as far as is possible in the chain of title. The chain of title produced (Exhibit 6 A, attached hereto) contains a copy of the original Patent from the State of Californian and subsequent deeds and other recorded documents affecting title. The above referenced parcel was the subject of transfers before patenting.

In the performance of this investigation, I used the Lot Book Plant and the Computer Plan at the Chicago Title Company located at 3663 Arch Road, Stockton, California, and when necessary, the Official Records of San Joaquin County. Such method of investigation is the accepted standard in the industry, and I therefore conclude that chain of title documents included herewith are true and correct copies of the documents contained therein.

If needed I can explain and assist the hearing officers in designating any particular legal description on any of the maps which are being submitted along with the testimony of others.

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THE GATEWAY COUNTY OF CALIFORNIA

Seventy-five miles east of San Francisco at the entrance to two of the great valleys of the world, the Sacramento and the San Joaquin.

This imperial county of 926,720 acres is larger than either Rhode Island or Delaware.

It has three transcontinental railroads, three interurban electric lines, four hundred miles of navigable waterways, and three hundred miles of paved highways radiating in every direction from Stockton, its county seat.

San Joaquin is indeed the Gateway County—the gateway of opportunity to the clear-visioned who make their homes within its borders; the gateway to some of nature's outstanding masterpieces for the traveler and lover of the Great Out-of-doors.

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The map tells its own story. It is geographic to occurate. The crops of the county are indicated. Many deta

Not many years ago the land was given over almost exclusively to grain farming, in dividuals owning wheat fields numbered in thousands of acres. Now intensive farming it coming to the front with extension of irrigation and better agricultural methods. Between 1900 and 1910 the Federal census reports showed an increase of 250.7 per cent in the number of irrigated farms, more than one thousand separate farms coming under irrigation



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of course, have been omitted, but, in a general way, the crop adaptation of the county may be comprehended in a glance.

Since 1910 the great South San Joaquin Irrigation District has been completed and innu-

merable private enterprises have been built. The West Side is now planning an irrigation system that will water an immense acreage in the southwestern part of the county.

In 1904 the assessed value of property in San Joaquin County totaled \$33,293,111. Ten years later it had almost exactly doubled, aggregating \$66,368,964.