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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY and SIERRA CLUB,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE BUREAU OF LAND
MANAGEMENT and S.M.R. JEWELL,
Secretary of the Department of the Interior,

Defendants.

Case No. CV-11-06174-PSG

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club (“Plaintiffs”) and defendants S.M.R. Jewell, in her official capacity of Secretary of the Interior, and the Bureau of Land Management (“Federal Defendants”) (together with Plaintiffs, “the Parties”) provide this joint status report providing a status update, as ordered by the Court in its July 17, 2014 Order.

Federal Defendants provide the following report of activities undertaken related to the Parties’ settlement agreement. On August 5, 2013, the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Oil and Gas Leasing and Development on Public Lands and Federal Mineral Estate and Potentially Amend the Hollister Resource Management Plan, CA in the Federal Register (78 Fed. Reg. 47408), thereby initiating a public scoping process. BLM accepted public comment on issues to address in the EIS through October 4, 2013. BLM issued a Scoping Summary Report in August 2014. The report documents public comments received addressing how federal oil and gas resources in the Hollister Field Office should be managed. Fifteen planning issues of concern were identified by the public and BLM will consider these issues in the EIS as it develops a reasonable range of management alternatives.

On August 28, 2014, an independent science assessment of hydraulic fracturing technology and practices in California was completed. This assessment, the Advanced Well Stimulation Technologies

1 in California study, was prepared by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and The Pacific Institute,
2 and published by the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST). The study was peer-
3 reviewed by CCST as well as the U.S. Geological Survey. BLM funded the study. The study addresses
4 three key questions: (1) what are the past, current, and potential future well stimulation technologies in
5 California; (2) where will these technologies allow expanded onshore oil production in California; and
6 (3) what are the potential environmental hazards of these technologies in California.

7 In September 2014, BLM awarded a contract for the preparation of the Resource Management
8 Plan (“RMP”) Amendment and EIS to address oil and gas leasing and development on public lands and
9 federal mineral estate in the Hollister Field Office. An initial “kick-off” meeting between BLM and the
10 contractor is scheduled to take place on October 16, 2014. Project completion and issuance of a Record
11 of Decision is tentatively scheduled for October 2016.

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I, Romney S. Philpott, pursuant to Civil L.R. 5-1(i), attest that Brendan Cummings has concurred in and authorized the filing of this Joint Status Report.

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