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BBID'S CONSOLIDATED OPPOSITION TO: (1) SWC'S MOTION TO QUASH AND (2) CH2M, CHILMAKURI, AND WINSLOW'S MOTION TO QUASH

I. INTRODUCTION

On February 22, 2016, State Water Contractors (SWC) submitted Paul Hutton's (Hutton) rebuttal testimony, almost entirely based on a 60-page report prepared by engineers with CH2M Hill, Inc. (CH2M Hill). The report is attached as an exhibit to the testimony. CH2M Hill engineer Chandra Chilmakuri (Chilmakuri) assisted in preparation of the report. This same report is an exhibit to the complaint filed by the SWC with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). At the same time Chilmakuri was working on the report, Kyle Winslow (Winslow), also with CHWM Hill, was conducting similar work for BBID, and communicating with Chilmakuri with respect to that work. BBID sought to conduct discovery on this evidence relied on by Hutton to form the basis of his testimony, and served CH2M Hill, Chilmakuri, and Winslow (collectively, "CH2M") with deposition notices and document production requests. SWC and CH2M moved to quash BBID's subpoenas on the basis of burden, relevance, privilege, and timeliness issues.

Discovery is meant to be a liberal vehicle for finding evidence that may be helpful or harmful to a party's case in advance of the final adjudication. Winslow undertook work on behalf of BBID. The subpoena issued to Winslow seeks information regarding that work, and cannot be withheld from BBID based on an assertion of privilege. Chilmakuri engaged in work on behalf of SWC, and the results of that work have been submitted to the SWRCB as part of SWC's testimony in the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint to BBID, Enforcement Action ENF01951 (the "ACL"). SWC cannot assert privilege to materials submitted as expert testimony in a quasi-adjudicatory proceeding. The short timeframe within which to comply with the subpoena is forced by SWC's decision to submit testimony which relies, in part, on Chilmakuri's work, just weeks prior to the evidentiary hearing in the ACL.

BBID respectfully requests the SWRCB prevent SWC's and CH2M's attempt to limit BBID's access to discoverable information in advance of the hearing, and order that the Chilmakuri and Winslow depositions, along with production of the requested

documents, proceed as soon as possible and prior to the hearing.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

On June 12, 2015, the SWRCB sent a Curtailment Notice to BBID and others that purported to curtail appropriative water right with 1903 and later priority dates within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds, including the Delta (Curtailment Notice). (Declaration of Michael E. Vergara in Support of BBID's Opposition to: (1) SWC's Motion to Quash Subpoenas Duces Tecum to Chilmakuri and Wilson and (2) CH2M, Chilmakuri, and Wilson's Motion to Quash Subpoenas Duces Tecum to CH2M, Chilmakuri, and Wilson (Vergara Decl.), ¶ 2.) The Curtailment Notice directed BBID to "immediately stop diverting" under its pre-1914 water rights, and provided that any further diversions would subject BBID to "administrative penalties, cease and desist orders, or prosecution in court." (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 3.)

On June 26, 2015, BBID filed suit against the SWRCB, challenging the Curtailment Notice and asserting that the SWRCB conducted a flawed water availability analysis, among other errors. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 4.) On July 20, 2015, the SWRCB issued the ACL, alleging BBID unlawfully diverted water from June 13, 2015 to June 25, 2015. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 5.)

In 2015, BBID hired CH2M Hill to conduct modeling showing water availability and salinity concentrations in the Delta and sources of water at BBID's point of diversion in 2015. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 6.) Until the beginning of November 2015, Winslow worked extensively with upper management and counsel for BBID to produce models addressing questions presented, and underwent several iterations of modeling to address further questions as they arose. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 7.) This modeling was all in draft form. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 8.) BBID never received a final report. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 9.)

On November 6, 2015, counsel for BBID received an email from Allan Highstreet, the Vice President of CH2M Hill, stating that CH2M Hill would no longer assist BBID with

modeling regarding the Curtailment Notice and the ACL and attaching a letter stating CH2M Hill's position. (Vergara Decl. at Exh. A.)

On February 22, 2016, as part of the ACL, SWC filed Hutton's rebuttal testimony. Exhibit 5 to Hutton's testimony is a draft technical memorandum prepared by Tyler Hatch and Chilmakuri titled "2012-2015 Delta Salinity Conditions under a Without Project Scenario." (Vergara Decl. at Exh. B.) The draft technical memorandum included modeling of salinity concentrations in the Delta from January 28, 2012 through August 29, 2015 with and without the State Water Project. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 12.)

On February 24, 2016, BBID served Subpoenas Duces Tecum on Winslow and Chilmakuri. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 13.) On March 3, 2016, BBID served Amended Subpoenas Duces Tecum on Winslow and Chilmakuri, and a Subpoena Duces Tecum on the Custodian of Records for CH2M Hill. (Vergara Decl. at Exhs. C, D, and E.) Winslow is required to appear for his deposition on March 16, 2016 and Chilmakuri is required to appear for his deposition on March 18, 2016. (Vergara Decl. at Exhs. C and D.) The Subpoenas Duces Tecum require Winslow, Chilmakuri, and the Custodian of Records for CH2M Hill to produce all documents in their control related to (1) the draft technical memorandum, (2) communications between CH2M and SWC or between CH2M and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) about the draft technical memorandum, (3) communications between CH2M and SWC or between CH2M and MET about BBID, (4) communications between CH2M and SWC or between CH2M and MET about CH2M's modeling work for BBID, and (5) the report that CH2M was in the process of preparing for BBID. (Vergara Decl. at Exhs. C, D, and E.)

On March 2, 2016, SWC filed its Motion to Quash Subpoenas Duces Tecum to Chilmakuri and Winslow. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 17.) On March 3, 2016, counsel for CH2M sent a letter to counsel for BBID advising that CH2M was preparing a motion to quash. (Vergara Decl. at Exh. F.) On March 4, 2016, counsel for BBID responded by letter, notifying counsel for CH2M of the flaws associated with their arguments stated in their

letter. (Vergara Decl. at Exh. G.) On March 4, 2016, CH2M filed a motion to quash CH2M's Subpoenas Duces Tecum. (Vergara Decl. at ¶ 20.)

The ACL hearing is set to begin on March 21, 2016.

III. ARGUMENT

Administrative hearings and discovery procedures are governed by the Water Code (Wat. Code, § 1075 et seq.) and SWRCB regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648 et seq.), which incorporate portions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, § 11400 et seq., 11513) and the Civil Discovery Act (Code Civ. Proc., § 2016.010 et seq.). The Board or any party to a proceeding before the Board may take the deposition of witnesses in accordance with the Civil Discovery Act. (Wat. Code, § 1100.)

Discovery in the SWRCB's proceedings should, as in civil actions in the superior courts, be construed broadly in favor of permitting discovery. As courts have repeatedly explained, "[t]he scope of discovery [in civil actions] is very broad." (*Tien v. Superior Court* (2006) 139 Cal.App.4th 528, 535.) This expansive scope of discovery "enable[s] a party to obtain evidence in the control of his adversary in order to further the efficient, economical disposition of cases according to right and justice on the merits." (*Fairfield v. Superior Court* (1966) 246 Cal.App.2d 113, 119-120.) Consistent with this purpose, the California Supreme Court has consistently held that "discovery statutes are to be construed broadly in favor of disclosure, so as to uphold the right to discovery whenever possible." (*Puerto v. Superior Court* (2008) 158 Cal.App.4th 1242, 1249 [citing *Emerson Electric Co. v. Superior Court* (1997) 16 Cal.4th 1101, 1107-08; *Greyhound Corp. v. Superior Court* (1961) 56 Cal.2d 355, 377].)

Further, parties to an adjudicative proceeding are entitled to due process, which includes a full and fair opportunity to participate. (See, e.g., *Sallas v. Municipal Court* (1978) 86 Cal.App.3d 737, 742 ["due process of law requires that an accused ... have a reasonable opportunity to prepare and present his defense"] BBID is seeking no more than it is afforded by the Water Code, the Code of Civil Procedure, and the basic

tenets of due process rights.

A. The Attorney Work Product Privilege is Inapplicable to the Requested Discovery

SWC and CH2M claim BBID seeks information protected by the attorney work product privilege. Work product subject to protection includes writings that reflect an attorney's impressions, conclusions, opinions, legal research, or theories. (Code Civ. Proc., § 2018.030.) Winslow undertook work on behalf of BBID. The subpoena issued to Winslow seeks information regarding that work. Work that was done for BBID cannot be withheld from BBID based on an assertion of privilege. The work Chilmakuri conducted for SWC was submitted to the SWRCB as part of SWC's testimony in the ACL. The documents are now part of the SWRCB's record in this hearing. SWC cannot assert privilege to materials submitted as expert testimony in a quasi-adjudicatory proceeding.

SWC and CH2M state that BBID will not be unfairly prejudiced by denying the requested discovery because all testimony and supporting documents have been submitted and the requested testimony and documents have no bearing on whether BBID engaged in unauthorized diversions, which SWC and CH2M claim is the subject of the ACL. SWC and CH2M demonstrate a misunderstanding of the scope of the ACL. Phase I of the ACL is dedicated to water availability in the Delta, which is the topic of Chilmakuri and Winslow's work. Such work is absolutely relevant to the ACL, as evidenced by the reliance by SWC's expert on this work, along with the SWRCB's submission of the same in conjunction with its filing of the ACL.

To the extent the SWRCB determines that privilege is properly asserted, BBID is entitled to a privilege log with respect to the documents. Further, witnesses can be directed not to answer questions during the depositions. However, there is no legal basis to prevent the depositions in their entirety on the basis of privilege.

B. SWC and CH2M's Relevance and Burden Objections to the Document Requests Are Unfounded and Improper

SWC and CH2M argue that BBID's subpoenas are overbroad, unduly

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burdensome, seek information already available, and seek irrelevant information that is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Code of Civil Procedure section 2017.010 provides that "any party may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, that is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action[.]" In an administrative hearing, relevant evidence "is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs." (Gov. Code, § 11513(c).) Although administrative adjudications follow a relaxed standard of admissibility, the evidence still "must be relevant and reliable." (Aengst v. Bd. of Medical Quality Assurance (1980) 110 Cal.App.3d 275, 283.)

BBID requests all documents related to (1) the draft technical memorandum, (2) communications between CH2M and SWC or between CH2M and MET about the draft technical memorandum, (3) communications between CH2M and SWC or between CH2M and MET about BBID, (4) communications between CH2M and SWC or between CH2M and MET about CH2M's modeling work for BBID, and (5) the report that CH2M was in the process of preparing for BBID. (Vergara Decl. at Exhs. C, D, and E.) The draft technical memorandum and modeling work done for BBID relates to water availability in the Delta, which is the focus of Phase I of the ACL. Certainly, the requested categories of documents have a tendency to prove or disprove disputed facts in this matter. Moreover, BBID is entitled to production of all documents relied upon by Hutton in forming his opinions. (Code Civ. Proc., § 2034.210(c).)

Further, the standard for production of documents at the discovery stage is whether the documents sought are likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, not whether they are actually admissible at the hearing. (Code Civ. Proc., § 2017.010.) It is improper to assert "relevance" as a justification for refusing to produce documents unless the categories sought are blatantly unrelated to the issues. That is not the case with BBID's document requests, and CH2M's refusal to produce documents that, at a minimum, are likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence is an abuse of the

discovery process.

C. BBID Served Subpoenas As Quickly As Possible Given Its Shortened Timeframe

SWC and CH2M claim there is insufficient time to produce documents and prepare for depositions. BBID had little choice on the timeframes within which to serve subpoenas and request documents. SWC submitted testimony relying on Chilmakuri's work on February 22, 2016, mere weeks prior to the evidentiary hearing for the ACL that is set to begin on March 21, 2016. Given this already short timeframe, BBID served CH2M on March 3, 2016, as expeditiously as possible.

D. The Subpoenas Were Served on the Proper Parties

CH2M claim BBID served the wrong parties because it seeks records held by CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. (CHE), which is the entity retained by SWC, MET, and BBID. However, BBID served the Custodian of Records for CH2M Hill, a separate entity, and Winslow and Chilmakuri, who are employed by CH2M Hill. BBID seeks to depose Chilmakuri and Winslow, who work for CH2M Hill. Presumably, their documents are owned or controlled by CH2M Hill, as they are employees of CH2M Hill. For this reason, BBID also subpoenaed CH2M Hill's Custodian of Record. If the documents BBID seeks are in fact housed in CHE, BBID would have no way of knowing that was the case without detailed conversations with CH2M. CH2M Hill cannot use its non-intuitive division of labor and document retention policy to confound discovery. BBID believes it served the correct party. To the extent it has not, it is CH2M Hill and CHE's responsibility to determine the proper course of action between the two entities.

E. SWC and CH2M's Alternative Request to Limit the Scope of the Depositions and Document Productions is Unfounded

SWC and CH2M's alternative request to limit the scope of the depositions and document productions is unfounded and must be denied. BBID has a statutory right to "obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, that is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action[.]" (Code Civ. Proc., § 2017.010.) For the reasons

discussed above, SWC and CH2M fail to set forth any facts or legal arguments to reasonably justify any curtailment of BBID's discovery rights.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, BBID respectfully requests the SWRCB deny SWC's and CH2M's Motions to Quash Subpoenas Duces Tecum and allow the Chilmakuri and Wilson depositions to proceed as noticed. BBID further requests that the SWRCB deny SWC's and CHWM's requests to Quash the document requests set forth in the subpoenas. To the extent that the SWRCB permits withholding documents on the basis of a privilege, BBID requests production of a privilege log.

Dated: March 8, 2016

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