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Re: S290840 – Bring Back the Kern v. City of Bakersfield (North Kern Water Storage District)

Dear Counsel:

We are enclosing a copy of this court's order granting review in the above referenced case. Your attention is directed to two provisions of the California Rules of Court, and one provision of the court's Internal Operating Practices and Procedures (IOPPs).

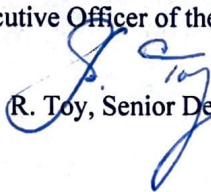
First, regarding rule 8.520, which concerns briefing requirements: Please ensure that submissions for filing reflect the case number, title and party designations appearing on the court's order.

Second, concerning rule 8.29: Please ensure that you have served documents on the Attorney General or other nonparty public officers, including any relevant district attorney, as required by that rule and related statutes listed in Judicial Council form AAP-004 ("Civil Case Information Statement" -- see <https://www.courts.ca.gov/12423.htm>).

Finally, pursuant to IOPP section (§ IV, ¶ L), when review is granted each party must file a "Certification of Interested Entities or Persons" that lists any persons, associations of persons, firms, partnerships, corporations (including parent and subsidiary corporations) or other entities other than the parties themselves known by the party to have either (i) a financial interest in the subject matter of the controversy or in a party to the proceeding; or (ii) any other kind of interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding. For this purpose, we enclose a form for your use. This letter is the sole communication to all counsel for Respondents. If other associated counsel are better situated to provide the required information, please reroute the enclosure to that person or those persons. The completed form and seven copies should be returned to us within 15 days.

Very truly yours,

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Submitted by: Adam F. Keats

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BRING BACK THE KERN, et al., Plaintiffs and Respondents,

v.

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, Defendant and Respondent;

NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, et al., Real Parties in Interest and
Appellants.

(And five other cases.)

The petition for review is granted.

Pending review, the opinion of the Court of Appeal, which is currently published at 110 Cal.App.5th 322, may be cited, not only for its persuasive value, but also for the limited purpose of establishing the existence of a conflict in authority that would in turn allow trial courts to exercise discretion under *Auto Equity Sales, Inc. v. Superior Court* (1962) 57 Cal.2d 450, 456, to choose between sides of any such conflict. (See *Standing Order Exercising Authority Under California Rules of Court, Rule 8.1115(e)(3), Upon Grant of Review or Transfer of a Matter with an Underlying Published Court of Appeal Opinion*, Administrative Order 2021-04-21; Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.1115(e)(3) and corresponding Comment, par. 2.)

The requests for an order directing depublication of the opinion are denied.

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