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EAST NORTHBEACH COMMUNITY WATER ASSOCIATION, A WASHINGTON NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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DEFENDANTS/GRANTEES:

DAVID F. ASHBACH AND GAYLE M. ASHBACH, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND THE MARITAL COMMUNITY THEREOF

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

EAST NORTHBEACH COMMUNITY WATER ASSOCIATION, a nonprofit corporation,

-Plaintiff.

VS.

DAVID F. ASHBACH and GAYLE M. ASHBACH, husband and wife,

NO. 14-2-01501-4

SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGMENT

Judge George N. Bowden (Presiding Visiting Judge)

Defendants.

The Motion for Entry of this SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGMENT was brought before this Court on February 15, 2017 by Philip A. Serka of the Law Firm of Adelstein, Sharpe & Serka LLP, attorney on behalf of the Plaintiff East Northbeach Community Water Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), and the Defendant David F. Ashbach represented by T.R.G. 'Ron' Wolff and not appearing, and Defendant Gayle M. Ashbach represented by Brian C. Ashbach of the Ashbach Law Offices and appearing for Defendant Gayle M. Ashbach; and,

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THIS SUPPLEMENTAL JUDGMENT is intended to add additional terms of the judgment entered by this Court on January 9, 2017 by and between the parties, and therefore:

- East Northbeach Community Water Association is entitled to the following declaratory relief:
 - 1. The Association may replace the well within the Water System Easement boundaries which is considered maintenance, subject to any permits and/or regulatory approval.
 - 2. The Association has the right to maintain the 10-foot access easement.
 - 3. The Association is entitled to construct within the existing well house the proposed duplex booster pump system, dedicated backup generator (including propane tank) with automatic transfer switch to operate the booster pumps and well pumps.
 - 4. The dimensions of the Water System Easement retained by the Association are as dedicated via Short Plat 93-047 which was recorded under Auditor's File Number 9410070117 and includes a 10-foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities as depicted on the Short Plat 93-047.
 - 5. The Association has the right of access at any reasonable time to undertake necessary maintenance authorized to the Water System.

6. The Association is permitted to survey, to the extent necessary, the applicable boundaries of the Defendants' property in order to establish the boundaries of the Water System Easement, and the 100-foot radius well protection zone ("Well Protection Zone") in order to verify the location of the Defendants' existing sewer line. In the event that the Defendants' sewer line is located within the Well Protection Zone, Defendants shall be required to relocate the sewer line outside of the Well Protection Zone at Defendants' expense. Said work shall be accomplished as soon as reasonably possible. The Association shall be required to provide Defendants written reports, if produced, from its investigation as to the location of the sewer line.

B. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Defendants David F. Ashbach and Gayle M. Ashbach's counterclaims against the Association for slander of title, connection fees and damages are dismissed.

C. IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, and upon stipulation of Plaintiff and Defendants, Defendants David F. Ashbach and Gayle M. Ashbach and their agents are enjoined from interfering with the Association's right to exercise its Water System Easement rights as set forth herein, provided such rights are performed in a manner which is consistent with the terms and conditions of this judgment.

D. The Court's oral rulings (appended hereto) are incorporated by reference herein to further define its ruling.

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EAST NORTHBEACH COMMUNITY WATER ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff.

NO. 14-2-01501-4

DAVID ASHBACH, et ux.,

VS.

Defendants.

PRESENTATION

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on February 15, 2017, the above-named and numbered cause came on regularly for hearing before the HONORABLE GEORGE N. BOWDEN sitting as judge at the Snohomish County Courthouse, in the city of Everett, County of Snohomish, State of Washington;

The plaintiff appeared through its attorney, Philip A. Serka:

The defendants appeared in person and through his attorney, Brian Ashbach.

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THE COURT: We're here on Mr. Serka's motion for entry of a supplemental judgment, and, in the pleadings I've reviewed, there were some objections made with respect to timeliness as a motion or multiple motions for reconsideration.

Since I had indicated that I would entertain entry of a supplemental judgment, I'm not concerned with the fact that some of this may not have been within a ten-day time limit for reconsideration, so I'll get to the merits of the issues without concern for our rules that apply to reconsideration, which motions are usually heard without So I'll hear argument. araument.

Mr. Serka, it's your motion.

Thank you, Your Honor. MR. SERKA:

As you know, you entered findings on reconsideration. Typically, when we're entering findings or judgments, I'm used to having some discussion about or interlineations on the proposed findings. You accepted the findings and judgment as written. You gave me an - and I appreciate that gave me an opportunity to provide some comment on Specifically the concerns I have with the them, followup. conclusions, and I'll say number one and two are the conclusions, and they're in the supplemental judgment. the conclusions of law basically say -- one is they re not conclusions of law, they're findings of fact. But

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THE COURT: A distinction which the Court of Appeals will sort out as they often do.

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MR. SERKA: My main concern is -- my only concern is we recognize the judgment of this Court. We wanted to make sure that the decision is consistent with that judgment.

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Number one of the conclusions of law said that there's no right to increasing the drawdown through this well or increasing the storage capacity of the current water system.

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Number two says any added extraction of water from the well will constitute an added impact upon aquifer on Guemes Island. Now, those conclusions are significant, but that is not what the Court stated and goes way beyond what this

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If you look at the transcript Number 4 lines 5 through 6 say, The plaintiff, rather, to my view, has not met its burden of showing that there will be no adverse impact on the defendant's water supply. On line 21 and 22 says, But there have been no measurements taken, no hydrology studies

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So that's what the Court decided. There was no finding, there was no evidence to show that the association is actually impacting the aquifer. There's no evidence to show that the increased drawdown -- there's no right to

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increase the drawdown in the well. As you can understand, Your Honor, this would pose some real issues on terms of if we want to put storage elsewhere. And this Court has said in its rulings that the parties all recognize that the -- that they have -- that tanks that may go in other property not belonging to defendants is not an issue here.

So we propose that those two conclusions of law be deleted because, as I just read to you in your findings, that's not what this Court decided. I understand the Court said that we lose because we have not met its burden of proof, and I'm willing to accept that. And the proposed paragraph, paragraph 3, deals with burden of proof which is a conclusion of law. And I've expanded it to state that we did not show -- prove these things as your findings state. But to leave in paragraph conclusions of one and two simply are not based on the Court's decision. And I'm just here asking the Court to comport or -- make sure the decision is in compliance with your findings.

I understand I'm not here to ask - to argue to the Court you shouldn't have made that decision or made that finding. I know that's what the response does on a lot of other favorable findings, that's not before Court. It's very limited and pointed on that issue.

So, as you can see, if we leave conclusions of law one and two in which are not part of the decision at all, there

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was no evidence, and the Court did not rule on that basis. And you have said this is not intended to prevent us from proposing storage elsewhere. Those findings may affect that proposal.

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Now not saying we have a right, just saying we have a right to prove on another alternate site that this would be acceptable. But these conclusions -- these conclusions really simply say we can't do it and that we have impacted this system.

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> So we respectfully request that you accept on my recommendations on those -- on paragraphs one and two and expand paragraph three as in the supplemental judgment to say, well, we have not fulfilled the burden of proof which is a legal -- legal conclusion this Court can make.

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> Secondly, I just didn't know and you can clarify this to me, Your Honor, you made delineations, you know, written on the judgment and says you appended the decision and that would be part of the -- was that intended to be part of the

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> THE COURT: Yes.

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MR. SERKA: O.K. All right.

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> Well, then I don't quite have the issue, concern so much on the other points that I raised. Because I think your -- your other findings deal with most of the issues on

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that. And I did notice that, for instance, the parties

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stipulated that we have access to the easement. I was concerned it wasn't part of the judgment, but I think here the stipulation has been signed by you so is intended to be part of the judgment; is that correct; Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. SERKA: O.K.

Then the only other issue to it on the -- and we can -- I can cross out the supplemental judgment parts that you've just -- I think we recognize are not an issue, was the stipulation on access. You might recall that we had an injunction pending to deal with that issue because of what we purport were effects or actions by the defendant to prevent us from accessing. I understand now we have the right of access, and it's a stipulation. But and I ask the Court after that we came in, well, we have a judgment pending, I mean, injunction claim for that. And you said, we'll deal with that later.

So this is my attempt to deal with it later, and that we would like to have some teeth to assure that the there's no interference or affect on the rights of access by the defendants. And typically situation where there has been no history, that would not be an issue. Well, there has been history, and we did submit information about the defendants' actions. And so this is my followup on what the Court said that we'll deal with that issue on the

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stipulation. And I've proposed that there be an injunction to protect those rights in here.

Lastly, this Court said that -- that tanks that may go on other property not belonging to defendants is not an issue here, and I understand that's not an issue. And that was the effect of paragraph E on here is to simply say that. This is a case that deals with servient burden and a servient estate. Otherwise we wouldn't be here before the Court. That was the issue here. And some of the particularly the conclusions one and two and some of the other findings kind of talk about broadly, you know, Guemes Island and total aquifer on Guemes Island, and I wanted to have that restriction which is consistent with what you said in your court rule.

THE COURT: O.K. Mr. Ashbach.

MR. B. ASHBACH: Thanks Your Honor.

THE COURT: Or Mr. Ashbach.

MR. B. ASHBACH: I'll take It. Thank you.

We kind of got two issues here, as I see it. First when we were here in front of the Court in January, Your Honor had given plaintiff leave to add supplemental findings, conclusions. Those were filed February 2nd, and then for the first time we got request basically for a reconsideration again of the conclusions of law one and two and adding to number three that -- we first became aware of

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those on Monday. So that's today. That's 30-something days after the judgment was signed and findings and conclusions were entered by Your Honor.

That's quite a bit different than what Your Honor granted leave for the plaintiff to do. Those modifications ceptainly are untimely. I guess if Your Honor is not recessarily concerned with the timeliness aspect of it. is our position that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law that were entered back in January are adequate and are complete when the Court's rulings are attached. We can kind of go line by line or topic by topic, if you want, through the plaintiff's request, but basically what the Court at the end of the trial had determined what they were trying to do was an unreasonable burden on the property and that attempts today for basically a new motion for reconsideration, at least that's the effective impact of it, is to do piecemeal parts here and here and try and fashion some sort of benefit to them when the ruling is not -- this is an unreasonable burden/

So really that we're here is fairly frustrating but certainly the proposals the plaintiff had made are inappropriate for all the reasons cited in our brief. don't know how long Your Honor wants me to speak, but it seems to be fairly clear that the additions or the changes should be denied.

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THE COURT: All right.

Anything further, Mr. Serka?

MR. SERKA: Other than, Your Honor, no, we didn't have the chance to actually talk about the actual language of the findings. And this is not a reconsideration. Basically it's a -- basically to make sure that the comport - make sure that the decision is consistent with your rulings, and so we've -- all counsel -- we've all intended it to be.

THE COURT: O.K.

Well, the I do think that there is, in part, a little bit of an effort to restrict the decision that I had entered in some respects, for example, where you have wanted delineation of the right of access, and the Ashbachs have said that -- that they ve acknowledged that, they've stipulated to that. And as long as it's at reasonable times, but the proposed language of your supplemental judgment is to undertake necessary maintenance or upgrades.

This trial was largely about the guestion of whether the water district could upgrade the water system, so adding that language seems to be intended to undercut the Court's prior decision, and I don't wish to change the decision that I entered.

I would agree with you that what's denominated as conclusions of law one and two are, in reality, factual

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findings insofar as there's nothing in the existing easement that provided any right or entitlement to the water district to increase the size of the well house; add storage tanks; increase the size of the storage tanks; or, mest importantly, draw down more water from this well facility than was being drawn down at the time of the creation of the easement.

while I know it's your view that this is not a water rights case, I don't think that the impact on the aquifer and the potential impact on the Ashbachs' right to a continuation of their supply of fresh water, that is drawn from the same aquifer through a well on their property, are somehow not at issue in this case. And that's where my comment at the end of trial about the lack of any hydrology studies came in place.

The ability of the water district to pump more, store more, expand their facilities, and so forth is inextricably intertwined with what the impact of that may be on the aquifer and the impact that that may have for the Ashbachs.

If this is an aquifer that's regenerating at a rate that permits a greater drawdown without any adverse impact, then that's one thing. If this is an aquifer that has ongoing problems with saltwater intrusion, limited fresh water, and a limited capacity of the aquifer to serve the needs of the people on Guemes Island, then you do have a

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question of water rights that's presented here. And where -- one of the places where we disagreed was over your claim that because the well that's now servicing the water district was prior to the Ashbachs' well, that somehow they have a paramount right to increase the amount of water taken from that well regardless of the impact on the Ashbachs, and I disagree. I think as another user of water with a well that's been approved, the hierarchy still obligates the water system to protect the water supply for the other users who have wells in the area that have been approved.

It might be a different question if circumstances changed and there was less water available. Maybe then the paramount obligation would go to those who are prior in time. But that helps maybe to explain some of my comments at the conclusion of trial.

Be that as it may, while the trial did not have anything to do with whatever rights the association may have to drill a well elsewhere or to provide storage tanks elsewhere, I assume those are issues that, if they surface, then the Ashbachs' interest can be voiced at that time consistent with whatever plans are afoot permitting regulatory approval, and the like.

So I don't want my decision to impair the ability of the water service to go forward in trying to find a

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location for tanks to go forward with expanding its system through an easement or access elsewhere. There are two undeveloped lots there now because of a lack of water. If one of those owners chose to sell to the water district as a site for a community well to serve the water district, that might be an option. And then that would bring into play the permits, the regulatory approval. And the folks who feel their interest may be adversely affected would have a right to be heard.

And those are different interests than the rights asserted by the owners of the servient estate who has an obligation to cooperate with the water district so that the nonexclusive easement remains in effect and so forth.

So I don't know if that's helpful. Looking at the proposed supplemental judgment that you've offered, while I don't know that a lot of this language is necessary. I would approve a supplemental judgment that states as follows:

Number one, the association may replace the well within the water system easement boundaries which is considered maintenance subject to any permits and/or regulatory approval.

Two, the association has the right to maintain the 10-foot access easement. I'm not saying that you have a right or the water district has a right to pave the access.

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road which is now essentially lawn enjoyed by the Ashbachs which also serves as access to the pump house.

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I think the district has a right to access the pump If they damage the lawn or sod, they would have an abligation to restore whatever damage results. And I'm sure they could take precautions by putting down plywood or something if vehicles are going to traverse grass that's, you know. Tikely to be disturbed there. Number of things

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> But I'm not going to enter finding that implicitly gives permission to the district to go in and pave an access road on the Ashbachs' property. So I'm not going to approve language that says they may improve the access, but they may maintain it

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> Three, I have no objection to that language about construction or being entitled to construct within the existing well house a proposed duplex booster pump. And you had "booster booster pump," so I assume that was just a scrivener's error. And the generator and the transfer switch. These seem to be in the nature of maintenance to make sure that the water system will function in the case

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to undertake necessary maintenance authorized to the water system. And I had no objection to paragraph 6 which allowed for the surveying and removal of any encroaching septic system within the easement boundary.

So I would strike paragraph D at the very end, given my comments here. And if you wish to transcribe these comments and append them to your supplemental judgment, I'd be happy to authorize you to do so.

MR. B. ASHBACH: Your Honor, can I address something? Is there any way to have just a notice requirement added in to number five just reasonable time?

THE COURT: I'm not going to add that because I don't think it's necessary. And one of the problems is that if there's a power outage or other emergency, you know, there may not be time enough to give --

MR, B, ASHBACH: Yeah. I understand that.

THE COURT: -- advance notice. So I think it's -- that's subsumed within the phrase or the word "reasonable."

MR. B. ASHBACH: O.K.

THE COURT: So I've made those various interlineations. If you want, I can hand down the proposed supplemental judgment so you could work on a clean copy.

Or if you'd prefer to go back and retype or add the my comments from today, I'll leave that up to you.

The only caveat is I'm here today and tomorrow then

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I'll be out of the country for two weeks. And thereafter you'll need to find me in juvenile court.

MR. SERKA: O.K.

Your Honor, I did have just a couple questions for you, if I may.

THE COURT: O.K.

MR. SERKA: Paragraph E. That was the one -- you say it in your decision. It's restricted to -- I think you said in your parrative.

THE COURT: I was looking, I think, at the earlier supplemental judgment you drafted.

MR. B. ASHBACH: Your Honor's talking about the judgment and order that was filed on February 2nd.

THE COURT: Well, I think the reference now is to the second supplemental judgment which had maybe rearranged things. So I had looked at the - so looking at paragraph E, with the comments that I've made today, I don't see a need to include paragraph E, presuming that you'll wish to append my -- a transcript of my decision to your supplemental judgment.

MR. B. ASHBACH: O.K.

THE COURT: So let me --

MR. B. ASHBACH: I guess to the extent that Your Honor's made some additions today, the prior judgment that remains unaffected?

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THE COURT: Correct.

MR. B. ASHBACH: Thank you.

THE COURT: So I'll hand this down, and you can take a look at that.

and, as I say, if you prefer to enter that another day after getting a transcript of my oral ruling today, that's time with me.

MR. SERKA: I can do that and send it to counsel.

And just send it to you and --

THE COURT: If it's signed, I'll go ahead and sign off on it, although that probably won't happen until I get back in March. And if there are problems, I can sort them out later.

MR. B. ASHBACH: I actually think this is fine. Let me just confer.

MR. SERKA: On the conclusions, Your Honor, you're leaving them as they are, then?

THE COURT: Yes. Although I am mindful at least a couple of the conclusions are more properly defined as findings.

MR. SERKA: 0.K.

MR. B. ASHBACH: Should I interlineate in here that otherwise the judgment remains unaffected?

THE COURT: I don't think you need to because I haven't otherwise changed the judgment, so it remains in

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13:31:47		effect. So that would be surplusage.
13:31:51	2	MR. B. ASHBACH: O.K.
13:31:52	3	THE COURT: If you sign that around and want to
13:31:55	4	sater that or some similar document today, just let my
13:31:57	5	clerk know. She can make copies. And I'll sign that in
13:32:00	6	chambers
13:37:02	7	MR. SERKA: I'll redo it and work it out between
13:32:06	8	us.
13:32:06	9	THE COURT: That's up to you.
13:32:12	10	MR. B. ASHBACH: Your Honor, can we address one
13:32:13	11	other thing?
13:32:19	12	Paragraph C, Your Honor says that they're enjoined with
13:32:22	13	interfering with the right to exercise water easement
19:32:26	14	system rights.
13:32:29	15	THE COURT: That's fine
13:32:30	16	MR. B. ASHBACH: Was that intended to be in there?
13:32:31	17	THE COURT: Yes. I believe so.
13:32:41	18	If this is what we're going to sign.
13:32:43	19	MR. SERKA: I'll go ahead and revise it and
13:32:47	20	append, you know, the
13:32:48	21	THE COURT: 0.K.
13:32:48	22	So you just want a copy of this so you can do that.
13:32:51	23	That's fine. We'll make a copy of that for you
	24	(Whereupon, the proceedings were
	25	concluded.)
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