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Statement from Thomas W. Birmingham Regarding Oliver W. Wanger and Westlands Water District

FRESNO, CA – In response to Oliver Wanger's decision today to substitute out of a pending state court case on appeal, Westlands Water District General Manager Thomas W. Birmingham issued the following statement:

The Westlands Water District regrets that we will not have the benefit of Oliver Wanger's assistance in connection with this case. But we have the highest respect for his integrity and appreciate his strict adherence to the most exacting standards of legal ethics. His decision not to proceed with this matter is entirely consistent with the meticulous attention he applied to all aspects of the law during his long career in the federal judiciary. We hope to work with him on other issues in the future.

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