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12	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
13	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
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15	CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, a non-profit	Case No. 2:10-cv-00879-GEB-DAD		
16	corporation,	(PROPOSED) CONSENT AGREEMENT		
17	Plaintiff,			
18	vs.	(Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 to 1387)		
19	BALDWIN CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC., a California corporation, BCJ SAND	33 0.3.0. 33 1231 to 1307)		
20	AND ROCK, INC., a California corporation, J. BRAD SLENDER, an individual, TED			
21	HALE, an individual, MASON RICHARDSON, an individual, and RENE VERCRUYSSEN, an individual,			
22	VERCRU I SSEN, an individual,			
23	Defendants.			
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25	•	fishing Protection Alliance (hereinafter "CSPA") is a		
26		to the preservation, protection, and defense of the		
27	environment, wildlife, and natural resources of California's waters;			
28	WHEREAS, Defendant BALDWIN CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. (hereinafter			

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"BCCI") owns an approximately 60-acre construction sand and gravel facility located at 4970 Wheelock Road, in Oroville, California (the "Facility"), Defendant René Vercruyssen is the General Manager/VP of BCCI, Defendant BCJ Sand and Rock, Inc. ("BCJ") leases the Facility from BCCI, Defendant J. Brad Slender is the Operator of the Facility for BCJ, and Defendant Ted Hale is the Plant Manager of the Facility;

WHEREAS, CSPA and Defendants collectively shall be referred to as the "Parties";

WHEREAS, the Facility collects and discharges storm water to Sawmill Ravine Creek, which flows to Dry Creek and ultimately into the Sacramento River, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (a map of the Facility is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference);

WHEREAS, storm water discharges associated with industrial activity are regulated pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES"), General Permit No. CAS000001 [State Water Resources Control Board], Water Quality Order No. 91-13-DWQ (as amended by Water Quality Order 92-12 DWQ and 97-03-DWQ), issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342 (hereinafter "General Permit");

WHEREAS, on or about February 12, 2010, and again on or about April 26, 2010, Plaintiff provided notice of Defendants' violations of the Act, and of its intention to file suit against Defendants, to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"); the Administrator of EPA Region IX; the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board"); the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region ("Regional Board"); and to Defendants, as required by the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(b)(1)(A) (true and correct copies of CSPA's notice letters are attached as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference);

WHEREAS, Defendants deny the occurrence of the violations alleged in the Notices and maintains that they have complied at all times with the provisions of the General Permit and California Health & Safety Code sections 25249.5 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, CSPA filed a complaint ("Complaint") against Defendants in the United States District Court, Eastern District of California, on April 13, 2010 and filed a First Amended Complaint

on June 28, 2010;

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Consent Agreement, the Parties stipulate that venue is proper in this Court, and that Defendants do not contest the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court to enter this Consent Agreement;

WHEREAS, this Consent Agreement shall be submitted to the United States Department of Justice for the 45-day statutory review period, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1365(c); and shall thereafter be submitted for approval by the Court, the date of which approval shall be referred to herein as the "Court Approval Date";

WHEREAS, at the time the Consent Agreement is submitted for approval to the United States District Court, CSPA shall request a dismissal of the Complaint with prejudice and the Parties shall stipulate and request that the Court retain jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Agreement as provided herein;

AND WHEREAS, the Parties agree that it is in their mutual interest to resolve this matter without further litigation.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED BETWEEN THE SETTLING PARTIES, AND ORDERED AND DECREED BY THE COURT, AS FOLLOWS:

I. COMMITMENT OF DEFENDANTS

- 1. Compliance With General Permit & Clean Water Act. Beginning immediately, and throughout the term of this Consent Agreement, Defendants shall commence all measures needed to operate the Facility in full compliance with the requirements of the General Permit and the Clean Water Act, subject to any defenses available under the law.
- 2. Defendants' Implementation of Specific Storm Water Best Management Practices
 On Or Before October 1, 2010. On or before October 1, 2010, Defendants shall complete the
 implementations of the following storm water control measures/best management practices ("BMPs"):
 - (a) Defendants shall conform all BMPs to handbooks for Caltrans or California Stormwater Quality Association ("CASQA"; see complete listings for industrial Storm water at: http://www.cabmphandbooks.com/Industrial.asp);

- (b) Defendants shall not mine within the active streambed, nor cross the active streambed, unless applicable permits are timely obtained from the relevant governmental agencies, and timely courtesy copied to Plaintiff pursuant to the Notice provisions set forth herein below;
- (c) Defendants shall limit its mining activities to no more than three active mining areas during the Wet Season, except to the extent that Defendants are engaging in reclamation in one area while mining in another;
- (d) Defendants agree to construct and maintain a continuous berm, at least three feet in height and constructed out of on-site native materials, along the entire boundary between the Facility and the active stream channel;
- (e) Defendants agree to install a silt fence running along this entire boundary between the Facility and the berm and directly adjacent to the berm, as set forth on Exhibit A hereto;
- (f) Defendants shall construct and maintain BMPs at the active process ponds that are sized to control a 25 year/24-hour storm event, as set forth on Exhibit A hereto;
- (g) Defendants shall undertake BMPs to eliminate surface runoff from the freshwater pond to the active stream bed, including but not limited to increasing the freeboard to not less than three feet high and sloping the freeboard to ensure stormwater flows toward the ponds and away from the active stream channel;
- (h) Defendants shall ensure that all storage containers are properly labeled and, where appropriate, Defendants shall utilize secondary containment BMPs;
- (i) Defendants shall maintain the Facility so as to protect against fluid leakage (e.g., from equipment, stored lubricants, etc.), increase the number of spill kits readily available to at least three (3), and, when necessary, employ reasonable steps to clean up any spills;
- (j) Defendants shall develop and implement an Erosion & Sediment Control Plan for the entire Facility and incorporate same as part of the SWPPP.

- 3. SWPPP Amendments/Additional BMPs. Within thirty (30) days of mutual execution of this Consent Agreement, Defendants shall formally amend the SWPPP for the Facility to incorporate all of the relevant requirements of this Consent Agreement, as well as the revised Facility map attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the Erosion & Sediment Control Plan described above, and provide a courtesy copy of the amended SWPPP to Plaintiff pursuant to the Notice provisions set forth herein below.
- 4. Sampling Frequency. Defendants shall collect and analyze samples from four (4) storm events, as qualified in the General Permit¹ for sampling purposes, in each of the two Wet Seasons occurring during the term of this Consent Agreement (2010-2011 and 2011-2012). The storm water sample results shall be compared with the values set forth in Exhibit C, attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference. If the results of any such samples exceed the parameter values set forth in Exhibit C, Defendants shall comply with the "Action Memorandum" requirements set forth below.
- 5. Sampling Parameters. All samples shall be analyzed for each of the constituents listed in Exhibit C by a laboratory accredited by the State of California. All samples collected from the Facility shall be delivered to the laboratory as soon as possible to ensure that sample "hold time" is not exceeded. Analytical methods used by the laboratory shall be adequate to detect the individual constituents at or below the values specified on Exhibit C. Sampling results shall be provided to CSPA within seven (7) days of Defendants' receipt of the laboratory report from each sampling event pursuant to the Notice provisions below.
- 6. "Action Memorandum" Trigger; CSPA Review Of "Action Memorandum"; Meet-and-Confer. If any sample taken during the two (2) Wet Seasons referenced in Paragraph 4 above exceeds the evaluation levels set forth in Exhibit C, Defendants shall prepare a written statement discussing the exceedance(s), the possible cause and/or source of the exceedance(s), and

¹ "Qualifying Storm Events" under the General Permit are those events in which (i) the samples taken are are preceded by at least three (3) working days during which no storm water discharges from the Facility have occurred; (ii) the samples are collected within the first hour that flow is observed at the Discharge Point being sampled; and (iii) the samples are collected during daylight operating hours.

7. Inspections During The Term Of This Agreement. In addition to any site inspections conducted as part of the meet-and-confer process concerning an Action Memorandum as set forth above, Defendants shall permit representatives of CSPA to perform up to three (3) physical inspections of the Facility during the term of this Consent Agreement. These inspections shall be performed by CSPA's counsel and consultants and may include sampling, photographing, and/or videotaping and CSPA shall provide Defendants with a copy of all sampling reports, photographs and/or video. CSPA shall provide at least forty-eight (48) hours advance notice of such physical inspection, except that Defendants shall have the right to deny access if circumstances would make the inspection unduly burdensome and pose significant interference with business operations, the schedules of parties and their representatives, or the safety of any individuals. In such case, Defendants shall specify at least three (3) dates within the two (2) weeks thereafter upon which a

physical inspection by CSPA may proceed. Defendants shall not make any alterations to Facility conditions during the period between receiving CSPA's notice and the start of CSPA's inspection that Defendants would not otherwise have made but for receiving notice of CSPA's request to conduct a physical inspection of the Facility, excepting any actions taken in compliance with any applicable laws or regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent Defendants from continuing to implement any BMPs identified in the SWPPP during the period prior to an inspection by CSPA or at any time.

- 8. Defendants' Communications with Regional and State Boards. During the term of this Consent Agreement, Defendants shall provide CSPA with copies of all documents submitted to the Regional Board or the State Board concerning storm water discharges from the Facility, including, but not limited to, all documents and reports submitted to the Regional Board and/or State Board as required by the General Permit. Such documents and reports shall be provided to CSPA pursuant to the Notice provisions herein and contemporaneously with Defendants' submission to such agencies.
- 9. SWPPP Amendments. Defendants shall provide CSPA with a copy of any amendments to the Facility SWPPP made during the term of the Consent Agreement within fourteen (14) days of such amendment.

II. MITIGATION, COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND FEES AND COSTS

- 10. Mitigation. As mitigation of the Clean Water Act violations alleged in CSPA Complaint, Defendants agree to pay CSPA the sum of \$30,000 which CSPA shall remit to the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment for projects relating to the reduction, prevention or mitigation of, or research on, the effects of discharges of pollutants in storm water to the Sacramento River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.
- 11. Reimbursement of Fees & Costs. Defendants agree to reimburse CSPA in the amount of \$32,500 to defray CSPA's reasonable investigative, expert, consultant and attorneys' fees and costs, and all other costs incurred as a result of investigating the activities at the Facility, bringing the Action and negotiating a resolution in the public interest.
- **12. Payment Schedule.** Pursuant to Paragraphs 10 and 11 herein, Defendants are jointly and severally liable for a total payment of \$62,500, all of which shall made payable to the "Law

Offices of Andrew L. Packard Attorney-Client Trust Account" and delivered to Plaintiff's counsel's address pursuant to the Notice provisions herein upon the following schedule: (a) an initial payment in the amount of \$22,500 shall be due within twenty-one (21) days of the mutual execution of this Consent Agreement; (b) a second payment in the amount of \$20,000 shall be due within forty-five (45) days of the Court Approval Date; and (c) a third payment in the amount of \$20,000 shall be due within one hundred thirty-five (135) days of the Court Approval Date.

- axis and and attorneys' fees and costs associated with monitoring Defendants' compliance with this Consent Agreement, Defendants agree to contribute \$5,000 for each of the two (2) years covered by this Consent Agreement, to a compliance monitoring fund maintained by CSPA.

 Compliance monitoring activities may include but shall not be limited to, site inspections, review of water quality sampling reports, review of annual reports, discussions with representatives of Defendants concerning the Action Memoranda referenced above, and potential changes to compliance requirements herein, preparation for and participation in meet-and-confer sessions, water quality sampling and analysis, and compliance-related activities. The first such payment in the amount of \$5,000 shall be made payable to the Law Offices of Andrew L. Packard Attorney-Client Trust Account within forty-five (45) days of the Court Approval Date, with the second installment due on June 1, 2011.
- Agreement is not remitted or post-marked on or before its due date, Defendants shall be deemed to be in default of their obligations under this Consent Agreement. Plaintiff shall provide written notice to Defendants of any default; if Defendants fail to remedy the default within five (5) business days of such notice, then all future payments due hereunder shall become immediately due and payable, with the prevailing federal funds rate applying to all interest accruing on unpaid balances due hereunder, beginning on the due date of the funds in default.

III. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

15. With the exception of the timelines set forth above for addressing exceedances of

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values specified on Exhibit C and the Action Memorandum, if a dispute under this Consent Agreement arises, or either Party believes that a breach of this Consent Decree has occurred, the Parties shall meet and confer within seven (7) days of receiving written notification from the other Party of a request for a meeting to determine whether a violation has occurred and to develop a mutually agreed upon plan, including implementation dates, to resolve the dispute. If the Parties fail to meet and confer or the meet-and-confer does not resolve the issue, after at least seven days have passed after the meet-and-confer occurred or should have occurred, either Party shall be entitled to all rights and remedies under the law, including filing a motion with the District Court of California, Eastern District, which shall retain jurisdiction over the Action for the limited purposes of enforcement of the terms of this Consent Agreement. The Parties shall be entitled to seek fees and costs incurred in any such motion, and such fees and costs shall be awarded, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 505(d) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1365(d), and applicable case law interpreting such provision.

16. CSPA Waiver and Release. Upon Court approval and entry of this Consent Agreement, CSPA, on its own behalf and on behalf of its members, subsidiaries, successors, assigns, directors, officers, agents, attorneys, representatives, and employees, releases Defendants and their officers, directors, employees, shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and each of their predecessors, successors and assigns, and each of their agents, attorneys, consultants, and other representatives (each a "Released Defendant Party") from, and waives all claims which arise from or pertain to the Action, including, without limitation, all claims for injunctive relief, damages, penalties, fines, sanctions, mitigation, fees (including fees of attorneys, experts, and others), costs, expenses or any other sum incurred or claimed or which could have been claimed in this Action, for the alleged failure of Defendants to comply with the Clean Water Act at the Facility, up to the Effective Date of this Consent Decree. In addition, for the period beginning on the Effective Date and ending on September 30, 2012, CSPA agrees that neither CSPA, its officers, executive staff, members of its governing board nor any organization under the control of CSPA, its officers, executive staff, or members of its governing board, will file any lawsuit against Defendants seeking relief for the alleged violations of the Clean Water Act or violations of the General Permit. CSPA further agrees that,

IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

19. The Parties enter into this Consent Agreement for the purpose of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed as, and Defendants expressly do not intend to imply, an admission as to any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendants of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law. However, this paragraph shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligation, responsibilities, and duties of the Parties under

beginning on the Effective Date and ending on September 30, 2012, CSPA will not support other lawsuits, by providing financial assistance, personnel time or other affirmative actions, against Defendants that may be proposed by other groups or individuals who would rely upon the citizen suit provision of the Clean Water Act to challenge Defendants' compliance with the Clean Water Act or the General Permit.

- 17. Defendants' Waiver and Release. Defendants, on their own behalf and on behalf of those Released Defendant Parties under its control, releases CSPA (and its officers, directors, employees, members, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and each of their successors and assigns, and its agents, attorneys, and other representative) from, and waives all claims which arise from or pertain to the Action, including all claims for fees (including fees of attorneys, experts, and others), costs, expenses or any other sum incurred or claimed or which could have been claimed for matters associated with or related to the Action.
- **18.** Upon the Court Approval Date, the Parties shall file with the Court a Stipulation and Order that shall provide that:
 - a. the Complaint and all claims therein shall be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2); and
 - b. the Court shall retain and have jurisdiction over the Parties with respect to disputes arising under this Agreement. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any party's right to appeal from an order that arises from an action to enforce the terms of this Consent Agreement.

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4	And to:			
5	Michael R. Lozeau Lozeau Drury LLP			
6	1516 Oak Street, Suite 216 Alameda, CA 94501			
7	Tel: (510) 749-9102			
8	E-mail: Michael@LozeauDrury.com			
9	Any notices or documents required or provided for by this Consent Agreement or related thereto that			
10	are to be provided to Defendants pursuant to this Consent Agreement shall be sent by U.S. Mail,			
11	postage prepaid, and addressed as follows or, in the alternative, shall be sent by electronic mail			
12	transmission to the email addresses listed below:			
13	Brad Slender			
14	BCJ Unlimited 3388 Regional Parkway, Suite A			
15	Santa Rosa, CA 95403			
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	Baldwin Contracting Company, Inc.			
18	Chico, CA 95928			
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20	With copies sent to:			
21	Michael E. Vinding Scharff, Brady & Vinding			
22	400 Capitol Mall, Ste. 2640 Sacramento, CA 94814			
23	Tel: (916) 446-3400 E-mail: mvinding@scharff.us			
24	E-man. mynding@scham.us			
25	Each party shall promptly notify the other of any change in the above-listed contact information.			
26	27. Signatures of the Parties transmitted by facsimile shall be deemed binding.			
27	28. No Party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of any of its			
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1	obligations when a failure to perform is due to a "Force Majeure." A Force Majeure event is any				
2	circumstances beyond the Party's control, including, without limitation, any act of God, war, fire,				
3	earthquake, flood, and restraint by court order or public authority. A Force Majeure event does not				
4	include normal inclement weather, such as anything less than or equal to a 100 year/24-hour storm				
5	event, or inability to pay. Any Party seeking to rely upon this paragraph shall have the burden of				
6	establishing that it could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which by exercise of due				
7	diligence has been unable to overcome, the Force Majeure.				
8	29. If for any reason the Court should decline to approve this Consent Agreement in the				
9	form presented, the Parties shall use their best efforts to work together to modify the Consent				
10	Agreement within thirty (30) days so that it is acceptable to the Court. If the Parties are unable to				
11	modify this Consent Agreement in a mutually acceptable manner, this Consent Agreement shall				
12	become null and void.				
13	30. This Consent Agreement shall be deemed to have been drafted equally by the Parties,				
14	and shall not be interpreted for or against any Settling Party on the ground that any such party drafted				
15	it.				
16	31. This Consent Agreement and the attachments contain all of the terms and conditions				
17	agreed upon by the Parties relating to the matters covered by the Consent Agreement, and supersede				
18	any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements, negotiations, correspondence, understandings, and				
19	communications of the Parties, whether oral or written, respecting the matters covered by this Consent				
20	Agreement. This Consent Agreement may be amended or modified only by a writing signed by the				
21	Parties or their authorized representatives, and then by order of the Court.				
22	The Parties hereto enter into this Consent Agreement and respectfully submit it to the Court for				
23	its approval and entry as an Order and Final Judgment.				
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25	Dated: California Sportfishing Protection Alliance				
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27	By:				
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Total Suspended Solids	100 mg/L
Oil & Grease	15 mg/L
Total Nitrates/Nitrites	0.677 mg/l