### **MIXED MEDIA FILINGS**

#### CUTTING-EDGE FILING TECHNIQUES TO ACCOMMODATE MULTIPLE & VOLUMINOUS MEDIA FORMATS



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### WHAT IS MIXED MEDIA?

The term "Mixed Media" is a shorthand description of different media forms assembled by filers which are presented to the Docket Office for formal filing, whether electronically, or in digital formats, such as paper, or in newer technical formats, such as DVDs, CD-ROMs & Portable External Hard Drives (PEHDS).

### **COMPLIANCE FILINGS**

With greater frequency, many utilities are now required to file large amounts of information with the Commission on a regular basis, and the size of these filings are becoming increasingly unwieldy. More Commission decisions now require compliance filings at regular intervals in order to provide staff with updated information on matters of great interest to the Commission.

### FILING SIZE KEEPS GROWING

In Addition to Compliance Filings, utilities are now required to provide greater detailed information in many of their new applications, such as General Rate Cases and Energy **Resource Recovery Account and related** Applications, so the sheer volume easily accounts for documents in excess of 100 pages, including appendices & exhibits. The bottom line is that these are not simple or easy filings.

### **30 YEAR RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENT**

### **RESOLUTION L-204: THE LEGAL STANDARD**

Notwithstanding the complexities and volume and size of filings, the Legal Standard continues to apply. Resolution L-204, passed 09/20/1978 established the modern day standard for how long a document must be maintained in the official records of the Commission (Archive-Life).

Resolution L-204 set the modern day standard for Archivelife at 30 years.

### **PDF/A COMPLIANCY**

Any document in whatever form filed with the Docket Office that becomes part of the official records of the Commission must have a retention life of at least thirty (30) years. Those documents which do not meet this test are rejected because the document is not **PDF/A compliant**. You may have heard that term: **P**ortable **D**ocument **F**ormat/**A**rchive.

### PAPER IS DEEMED PDF/A COMPLIANT

Paper has always been deemed PDF/A compliant because it is well-known to have a shelf life of thousands of years. So, if you submit a hard copy paper filing, there is no PDF/A issue.

## LIMITATIONS OF PAPER – SIZE & VOLUME

The only limitations to hard copy filings are size and/or volume. If a filing is very large or voluminous, it will ultimately reach a point where its size and weight make filing it prohibitive. If you add these issues to the fact that all hard copy filings requires "copies," then, you may have a problem.

### FILING MULTIPLE COPIES COMPOUNDS THE PROBLEM

Subject to prescribed exceptions, new filings require one (1) original and six (6) exact copies. [Rule 1.13(b)(1)(i)].

So, if the new filing consists of 300 pages, this filing is prohibitively large!

### IS E-FILING DOCUMENTS THE ANSWER?

Why bother with 300 pages of paper if you can file that same 300 page document electronically without issues of number of copies or moving around very large documents?

### **EFILE LIMITATIONS**

Rule 1.13(b)(1)(i) prohibits electronic filings from exceeding **1500 Mb** (1.5 GB) in size.

So, if I have a document that exceeds 1.5 GB in size, how do I file it other than in paper form?

### ANSWER: USE **POLYCARBONATE PLASTIC!**

### FORMS OF POLYCARBONATE PLASTIC

- Digital Versatile (or Video) Disc (DVD)
- Compact Disc Read Only Memory (CD-ROM)
- Blu-Ray Disc

These Optical Disc Media forms revolutionized the acquisition, maintenance & transmission of information.

### **POLYCARBONATE BENIFITS**

• They are all very portable, very light and very easy to use, but contain huge amounts of data all in about a 12 cm disc.

• We can now place a whole lot of data, graphs, charts, pictures, drawings and of course, words on a tiny disc we can carry in our pockets !

• But, for filing purposes, there is one paramount condition of the disc used to file documents.

### **ARCHIVAL-GRADE DVD**

The "Original" of the Discs used for filing must be an Archival-Grade DVD in order to be in compliance with the 30-year retention rule. Such DVDs have been shown to have a retention life of at least 30 years and therefore, PDF/A compliant.

### COPIES MAY BE PLACED ON CD-ROMs

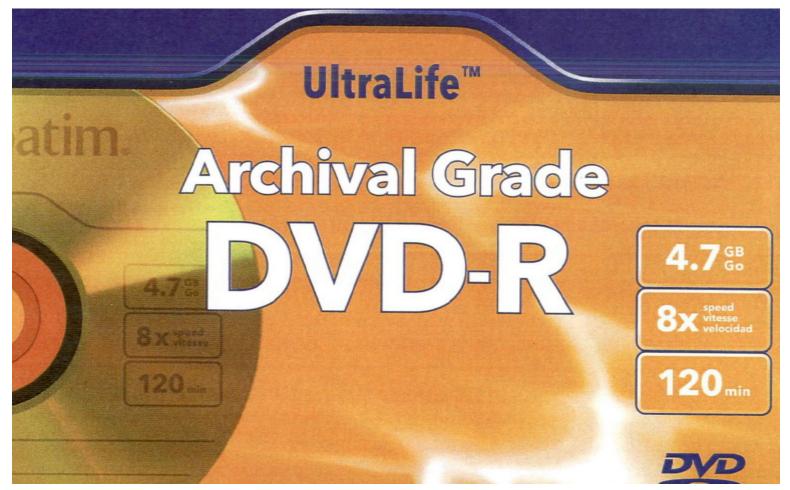
Since the requirement for compliance with the 30-year retention rule applies only to the ORIGINAL of a filing, the copies may be placed on ordinary CD-ROM Discs.

When the Original is created on the DVD, copies should be placed on CD-ROM Discs immediately thereafter to insure uniformity.

### NAME-BRAND ARCHIVAL-GRADE DVDS

- ✓ MAM-A GOLD ARCHIVE GRADE
- ✓ VERBATIM ULTRALIFE GOLD ARCHIVE GRADE
- ✓ KODAK GOLD PRESERVATION

### **ULTRALIFE DVD-R IMAGE**



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### **INFORMATION ON DISC LABEL**

- ✓ Name of Filer
- ✓ Title of Document and Volume or other designation (e.g., 1 of 3)
- ✓ Proceeding Number (or blank if new)
- ✓ Date of Filing (or blank if new)

### TITLE PAGE

(Rule 1.6)

Perhaps, the most important page you can create when filing documents with the CPUC is a Title Page.

The following is a picture of a basic Title Page:

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Conduct a Comprehensive Examination of the California Teleconnect Fund.

R. 13-01-010 (Filed January 24, 2013)

#### **COMMENTS ON STATE REPORT**

#### EXHIBIT A IS SUBMITTED IN DISC FORM BEC ITS SIZE EXCEEDS THE SIZE LIMITATION OF RULE 1.13(b)(1)(ii)

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Date: February\_\_\_\_, 2013

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### EXAMPLE

#### (SLIP SHEET FOR EXHIBITAIN COMMENTS)

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### **EXAMPLE - ORIGINAL**

#### (TITLE PAGE SCOTCH-TAPED TO OUTSIDE OF MANILA ENVELOPES CONTAINING EXHIBIT A - ORIGINAL)

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EXHIBIT A TO COMMENTS ON STATE REPORT

ORIGINAL – ARCHIVAL-GRADE DVD 

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### **EXAMPLE - COPY**

#### (TITLE PAGE SCOTCH-TAPED TO OUTSIDE OF MANILA ENVELOPES CONTAINING EXHIBIT A - COPIES (3 or 4)

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COPY – CD-ROM FORMAT

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### MANILA ENVELOPES -CLASP TYPE

To properly "house" the Discs at the time of filing, please use Manila Envelopes with the following specifications:

- ✓ Manila
- ✓ 10 x 12 in size with clasp-type closure –no adhesives
- ✓ Securely Scotch-tape proper Title Page to outside along all four (4) edges

### EXAMPLE – COPY EXHIBIT

#### DC 150810284

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the East Bay Regional Park District for an Order Authorizing Construction of a new grade separated pedestrian/bike crossing (001A-19.80-AD, DOT NO. 441041W) over the Union Pacific Railroad Company's mainline tracks at milepost 19.79 in the City of Pinole in the County of Contra Costa. A. 15-08-011 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

(Filed August 12, 2015) AUG 12 2015

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#### EXHIBIT D

#### FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

#### COPIES -CD-ROM

East Bay Regional Park District Attn: Sean Dougan, Acting Manager PO Box 5381 Oakland CA 94605-0381 T-510-544-2611 Email: <u>sdougan@ebparks.org</u>

August 12, 2015

### **EXAMPLE EXHIBIT**

 Signature
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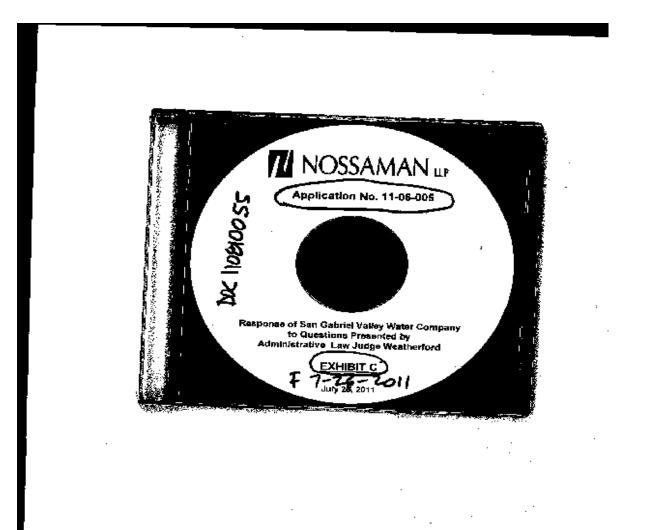
 GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY
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 Discounted Rates for Recycled Water Service and Apply Facilities Focs in its Fontana Water

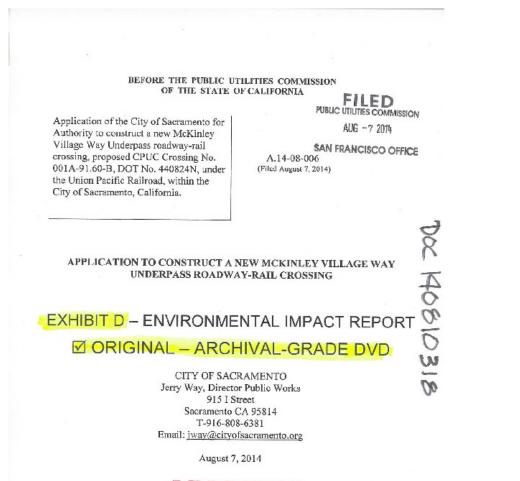
 Company Division in Accordance With a
 Contract With the City of Fontana.

ළූ Contract With the City of Fontana. . RESPONSE OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY TO QUESTIONS PRESENTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WEATHERFORD **EXHIBIT C** (CD-ROM FORMAT) Timothy J. Ryan Vice President and General Counsel Martin A. Mattes San Gabriel Valley Water Company NOSSAMAN LLP Post Office Box 6010 50 California Street, 34<sup>th</sup> Floor E Monte, CA 91734 San Francisco, CA 94111 (415) 398-3600 Tel.: [626] 448-6183 . Tel.: (415) 398-2438 Fax: (626) 448-5530 Fax: E-mail: <u>tirvan@savwater.com</u> E-mail: mmattes@nossaman.com Attomeys for SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY July 26, 2011 260855\_L.DCC

### **IMAGE OF DVD**



### **EXAMPLE – ORIGINAL EXHIBIT**



ORIGINAL

A1408006 Title Page City Sacramento

### PICTURE OF ORIGINAL WITH DVD



### SERVICE OF MIXED MEDIA FILINGS

### [Rule 1.9(a) + (b)]

OPTION 1 - Regular service by Email or U.S.P.S.

**OPTION 2 – Personal Delivery** 

**OPTION 3 - Notice of Availability** 

### **OPTIONS 1 & 2**

### Regular Service by Email or via United States Postal Service

or

### Personal Service by Hand-Delivery

### OPTION 3 - Notice of Availability -Rule 1.9(d)

A Notice of Availability (NOA) is a legal document that deals with the issue of service of documents which are tendered for filing. Normally, the document that is filed is the document that is served. However, if the document is too large for service, for example, i.e, exceed 1.5 GB in size, it cannot be served directly by Email.

### NOA

- The concept of the NOA is you don't serve the subject document. Instead, you serve notice of where parties can get a copy.
- Requests for a copy per the NOA must be fulfilled within one business day after receipt of the request.
- In essence, it is an easy method by which to "FILE" a very large or voluminous document, in Disc form, at the same time, having the ability to properly & timely SERVE it as required by Principles of Due Process.

### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop and Adopt Fire-Threat Maps and Fire-Safety Regulations. Rulemaking 15-05-006 (Filed May 7, 2015)

RESPONSE TO RULING OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DATED JANUARY 22, 2016 CONSISTING OF (I) THE FINAL MAP REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT REPORT, INCLUDING THE FINAL VERSION OF FIRE MAP 1; (II) FOUR (4) HARD DRIVES CONTAINING THE UNDERLYING DATA AND MODELS USED TO PRODUCE FIRE MAP 1; AND (III) A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR ACCESSING THE HARD DRIVES

#### ☑ NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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February 16, 2016

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### **NOA - CONTINUED**

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#### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) provides this Notice of Availability (NOA)<sup>1</sup> regarding the filing of the Final Map Review and Development Report, Fire Map 1, and all technical data associated with the development of Fire Map 1.

The technical data and information associated with the creation of Fire Map 1 are contained on portable external hard drives (PEHD).

This NOA contains information regarding how parties may access the PEHD.

Appendix A of this NOA contains information detailing the name, type, and a

brief description of all files contained on the PEHD.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's docket office provided the instructions regarding Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) provided oral and written instructions to SED to file and serve the NOA. See <u>Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Providing Instructions for Filing and Serving Documents</u> (filed December 8, 2015) and <u>Administrative Law Judge's Ruling</u> (filed January 22, 2016).

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**



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I hereby certify that I have on this date served a copy of RESPONSE TO RULING OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DATED JANUARY 22, 2016 CONSISTING OF (1) THE FINAL MAP REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT REPORT, INCLUDING THE FINAL VERSION OF FIRE MAP 1; (II) FOUR (4) HARD DRIVES CONTAINING THE UNDERLYING DATA AND MODELS USED TO PRODUCE FIRE MAP 1; AND (III) A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR ACCESSING THE HARD DRIVES to all known parties by either United States mail or electronic mail, to each party named on the official attached service list in Rulemaking 15-05-006.

I hand-delivered a hard copy to the assigned Administrative Law Judge's mail slot.

Executed on February 17, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ VIOLETA MANGUNDAYAO VIOLETA MANGUNDAYAO

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### IN SUMMARY

So, now you know how to "file" information that is contained in media other than paper. We even showed you how to file a "Hard Drive." Even if it is a stand-alone Hard Drive, we have the means to file it. Literally, we can "file" anything legally unless the applicable law or the Administrative Law Judge states otherwise.

### **END OF PRESENTATION**

# Questions or issues can be emailed to:

### Efile-Help@cpuc.ca.gov