CONSOLIDATED NOS. 06-16345, 06-16618, 06-16664 UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CONSEJO DE DESARROLLO ECONOMICO DE MEXICALI, A.C.; CITIZENS UNITED FOR RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT,

Plaintiffs - Appellants,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ET AL.,

Defendants - Appellees.

AND CONSOLIDATED ACTIONS

Appeal From United States District Court, District of Nevada Case No. 2:05-cv-0870-PMP-LRL Judge Philip M. Pro, Chief United States District Judge

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Defendant-Intervenor Appellee Imperial Irrigation District ("IID") hereby joins the Motion for Remand for Dismissal of Counts 5-8 and for Vacatur of Injunction Pending Appeal Due to Mootness filed by the United States, on the following bases:

- 1. The injunction pending appeal should be vacated immediately because of the new federal legislation submitted by the United States specifying that the All-American Canal project is to be built without delay, and because of the facts identified in IID's previous filing regarding the time-sensitive window to do certain critical work (e.g., February 15 deadline in order to not disturb bird nesting season; *see* IID Motion to Lift or Modify Injunction Pending Appeal on All-American Canal Lining Project and supporting declarations filed November 14, 2006).
- 2. The preferred alternative identified in the Record of Decision cited by Congress in the new law is the parallel canal that is being built (see Appellants' Excerpts of Record at 3ER 00593-00614), and not the well field alternative sought by the Complaint, and thus claims 5-8 should be dismissed.

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