

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Neal E. Costanzo, SBN: 122352, 575 E. Locust Ave, Suite 115, Fresno, CA 93720		FOR COURT USE ONLY ELECTRONICALLY FILED Superior Court of California, County of Fresno By: Lily Vang, Deputy Clerk 07/31/26 11:15 AM
TELEPHONE NO.: (559) 261-0163 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): neal@costanzolaw.com ATTORNEY FOR (Name): PINEDALE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	FAX NO. (Optional): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO STREET ADDRESS: 1130 O St, Fresno, CA 93720-220 MAILING ADDRESS: 1130 O St, Fresno, CA 93720-220 CITY AND ZIP CODE: Fresno, CA 93720-220 BRANCH NAME: CIVIL	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: PINEDALE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: James A. Kus, Fresno County Clerk and Registrar of Voters		CASE NUMBER: 26CU02177
PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS		Ref. No. or File No.:

(Separate proof of service is required for each party served.)

1. At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action.
2. I served copies of:
 - a. ☒ summons
 - b. ☒ complaint
 - c. ☒ Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) package
 - d. ☒ Civil Case Cover Sheet (served in complex cases only)
 - e. ☐ cross-complaint
 - f. ☐ other (specify documents):
3. a. Party served (specify name of party as shown on documents served):
James A. Kus, Fresno County Clerk and Registrar of Voters
 - b. ☒ Person (other than the party in item 3a) served on behalf of an entity or as an authorized agent (and not a person under item 5b on whom substituted service was made) (specify name and relationship to the party named in item 3a):
Victoria Najera, Fresno County Elections Office
4. Address where the party was served:
Fresno County Elections Office 2221 Kern St. Fresno, CA 93721
5. I served the party (check proper box)
 - a. ☒ by personal service. I personally delivered the documents listed in item 2 to the party or person authorized to receive service of process for the party (1) on (date): 7/30/2026 (2) at (time): 3:36 p.m.
 - b. ☐ by substituted service. On (date): at (time): I left the documents listed in item 2 with or in the presence of (name and title or relationship to person indicated in item 3):
 - (1) ☐ (business) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the office or usual place of business of the person to be served. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (2) ☐ (home) a competent member of the household (at least 18 years of age) at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the party. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (3) ☐ (physical address unknown) a person at least 18 years of age apparently in charge at the usual mailing address of the person to be served, other than a United States Postal Service post office box. I informed him or her of the general nature of the papers.
 - (4) ☐ I thereafter mailed (by first-class, postage prepaid) copies of the documents to the person to be served at the place where the copies were left (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.20). I mailed the documents on (date): from (city): or ☐ a declaration of mailing is attached.
 - (5) ☐ I attach a declaration of diligence stating actions taken first to attempt personal service.

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5. c. ☐ by mail and acknowledgment of receipt of service. I mailed the documents listed in item 2 to the party, to the address shown in item 4, by first-class mail, postage prepaid,
- (1) on (date): (2) from (city):
- (3) ☐ with two copies of the *Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt* and a postage-paid return envelope addressed to me. (*Attach completed Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt.*) (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.30.)
- (4) ☐ to an address outside California with return receipt requested. (Code Civ. Proc., § 415.40.)
- d. ☐ by other means (*specify means of service and authorizing code section*):

☐ Additional page describing service is attached.

6. The "Notice to the Person Served" (on the summons) was completed as follows:

- a. ☒ as an individual defendant.
- b. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (*specify*):
- c. ☐ as occupant.
- d. ☒ On behalf of (*specify*):

under the following Code of Civil Procedure section:

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| ☐ 416.10 (corporation) | ☐ 415.95 (business organization, form unknown) |
| ☐ 416.20 (defunct corporation) | ☐ 416.60 (minor) |
| ☐ 416.30 (joint stock company/association) | ☐ 416.70 (ward or conservatee) |
| ☐ 416.40 (association or partnership) | ☐ 416.90 (authorized person) |
| ☐ 416.50 (public entity) | ☐ 415.46 (occupant) |
| | ☒ other: official capacity |

7. **Person who served papers**

- a. Name: Michael G. Slater
- b. Address: 575 E. Locust Ave Suite 115, Fresno, CA 93720
- c. Telephone number: (559) 261-0163
- d. The fee for service was: \$ 0.00
- e. I am:

- (1) ☒ not a registered California process server.
- (2) ☐ exempt from registration under Business and Professions Code section 22350(b).
- (3) ☐ a registered California process server:
- (i) ☐ owner ☐ employee ☐ independent contractor.
- (ii) Registration No.:
- (iii) County:

8. ☒ I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
- or
9. ☐ I am a California sheriff or marshal and I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: July 30, 2026

Michael G. Slater

(NAME OF PERSON WHO SERVED PAPERS/SHERIFF OR MARSHAL)



(SIGNATURE)