DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Hazardous Materials Program 80 Swan Way, Rm. 200 Oakland, CA 94621 (415)

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## 7. Hold Harmless Agreement:

Each party herein agrees to hold the other harmless from any and all obligations which may be incurred in behalf of the respective parties. Any obligations incurred in behalf of DORSO'S AUTO REPAIR prior to February 1, 1987 shall be the responsibilities of the Seller herein, but any obligations or liaibility incurred thereafter shall be the responsibilities of the Buyer herein.

# 8. Attorney's Fees:

If any dispute shall arise between the parties herein and such dispute would require the services of an attorney in behalf of either of the parties herein, the losing party in such dispute agrees to pay to the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees in obtaining a resolution of said dispute.

# 9. Lease Assumption:

The Buyer herein shall be assuming the existing Lease on the premises which runs through June 30, 1987. The Buyer heretofore shall negotiate with the Landlord for the extension of that Lease or a new lease if so desired.

### 10. Accounts Receivable:

It is agreed that all sums which may be due and owing from any work orders made prior to February 1, 1987 shall remain the property of the Seller herein, and anything which may become due and owing after said date shall become the property of the Buyer. Any uncompleted work or work not performed by the Seller will become the property of the Buyer.

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January 6, 1994

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#### Via Facsimile

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Mr. Scott O. Seery, CHMM
Sr. Hazardous Material Specialist
ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE
SERVICES AGENCY
80 Swan Way, Room 200
Oakland, CA 94621

Re:

Garcia & Gallegos

Site: 16035 East 15th Street, San Leandro, CA

Our File No. 01-126-01

Dear Mr. Seery:

Enclosed is a copy of a lawsuit we recently filed to abate the actions of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency in the above-captioned matter.

Please review this material and contact me at your convenience so that we can discuss how to proceed.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICES OF HANS W. HERB

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Garcia Ms. Gallegos

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO 600 UNION AVENUE, FAIRFIELD, CA 94533

PLAINTIFF:	
Gregory J. Garcia, et al.	CASE NO. 1.002217
DEFENDANT: // //	
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Pursuant to local rules and by order of this cour	t, this matter has been calendared for
Status Conference:	
DATE: 4/25/94	
TIME: 9:08 A.M. DEPT:	3

THE OBLIGATIONS OF COUNSEL, OR ANY PARTY NOT REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, IN REGARD TO STATUS CONFERENCE ONE AND STATUS CONFERENCE TWO ARE AS FOLLOWS (Rule 4.6, Local Rules of Court):

- 1) Plaintiff shall serve a copy of **Notice of Status Conference One** on all defendants with the complaint.
- 2) Any party serving a cross-complaint shall serve a copy of **Notice of Status Conference One** on each cross-defendant with the cross-complaint.
- 3) Any cross-complaint served after Status Conference One has been held shall have a **Notice of Status Conference Two** served with it.
- 4) A Status Conference One Report shall be filed with the court and served on all parties by each counsel by the 7th calendar day before the date set for Status Conference One.
- 5) At Status Conference One the court shall inform counsel of the date, time, and place for Status Conference Two and shall make any orders regarding what is expected that counsel will accomplish in regard to the case before the filing of the Status Conference Two Report for Status Conference Two.
- 6) Each counsel shall complete, file and serve on all parties a completed Status Conference Two Report by the 7th calendar day before the date set for Status Conference Two.
- 7) At any Status Conference, counsel shall be completely aware of all procedural, factual, and legal aspects of the case, and have full authority to discuss and resolve any issues that arise at the conference, including settlement of the case.
- 8) The court may impose sanctions in the event that a **Status Conference Report** is not timely filed and/or served, or is not fully completed, or; the requirements of #7, above, are not met.

COUNSEL ARE OBLIGATED TO REVIEW AND COMPLY WITH LOCAL RULES REGARDING CIVIL LITIGATION.

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

GILBERT A. JENSEN; COUNTY OF ALAMEDA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD; STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD; DOES 1 through 100, inclusive.

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Hans W. Herb, Esq.

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50 Santa Rosa Ave., 5th Floor

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#### THE PARTIES

Plaintiff, Gregory J. Garcia ("GARCIA"), is and was 1. at all times relevant to this matter a resident of Solano County, California.

AN OFFICES OF ANS W. HERB Santa Rosa Ave., 5th Floor Santa Rosa, CA 95404 2. Plaintiff, Beatrice S. Gallegos ("GALLEGOS"), is, and was at all times relevant to this matter, a resident of Fresno County, California.

- 3. The acts alleged herein occurred, in part, in Soland County, California.
- 4. Defendant Gilbert A. Jensen (hereinafter "JENSEN") is, on information and belief, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of California. Although JENSEN has purported to represent the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board as well as other regulatory agencies, on information and belief, JENSEN is an assistant attorney at the County of Alameda District Attorney's office. Because it is unclear what capacity, if any, JENSEN is involved in the matters alleged herein, he is named as an individual defendant as well as an agent of any organization who ultimately takes responsibility for his conduct.
- 5. Alameda County is a duly authorized and existing public corporation organized under California law. The District Attorney's Office is a subdivision of Alameda County.
- 6. The Regional Water Quality Control Board for the San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter "RWQCB") is a duly organized political subdivision of the State of California. The RWQCB is a subordinate agency of the State Water Resources Control Board.
- 7. The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "SWRCB") is a duly authorized and existing governmental entity of the State of California. It is a part of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

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In 1961, Joseph R. Garcia died in Alameda County, 8. In December of 1962, his estate was distributed. California. Among the items in his estate was the piece of property located at 16035 E. 14th Street in San Leandro, California (the "property"). At that time, the property was improved by a service station operated by the Seaside Oil Company of Santa Barbara, California.

- In accordance with Joe Garcia's wishes, his son, 9. plaintiff herein, Gregory J. GARCIA, received a 50% interest in the property to be held in trust until he reached the age of The remaining 50% was deeded by the court to Joe majority. Garcia's widow and plaintiff herein, Beatrice S. GALLEGOS.
- At no time did either of the plaintiffs have any operational control over the service station or the equipment on the property. Instead, the plaintiffs simply acted as passive landlords for the piece of property they inherited.
- In 1974, after Gregory J. GARCIA returned from military service in Vietnam, the trust administered for him by his mother deeded him the property. It was later disposed of by sale.
- In 1979, Jerry Petsas and Mary Petsas (hereinafter 12. referred to as "Petsases"), purchased the property and all the service station equipment from the plaintiffs. purchased the property "as-is" and without any right of recourse against the plaintiffs.

13. At the time the property was sold to the Petsases, the underground storage tanks, pumps and all service station equipment at the San Leandro property were in good working condition. The property was leased and the improvements were being used by the tenants who were operating an automobile repair business on the property.

14. At no time were there ever any improper or illegal spills, leaks, discharges, or releases of petroleum products known to plaintiffs. In fact, the equipment was sold as-is at the demand of the purchasers, not the sellers. The property was discounted substantially by the sellers to satisfy the as-is clause.

15. In 1983, the State of California first enacted requirements for the permitting of underground storage tanks. In accordance with the requirements of the State permitting statutes, the Petsases apparently notified the appropriate permitting agency of the presence of the underground storage tanks on their property. After receiving several extensions of time within which to comply with the permit requirements or remove the tanks, the Petsases were ordered by Alameda County to have the tanks removed. According the public records, this took place beginning in 1985. The Petsases took no action to remove the tanks for several more years.

16. In 1991, the Petsases finally removed the underground storage tanks from their property pursuant to Orders issued by various regulatory and permitting agencies. When the

tanks were removed, trace amounts of contamination were apparently detected in the soil and groundwater at the site.

- 17. From information gathered from public records, plaintiffs are informed and believe that in 1991, the Petsases became subject to local agency oversight by the Alameda County Healthcare Services Agency (hereinafter referred to as "ACHSA"). The ACHSA operates as a "deputy" water board pursuant to a contract with the SWRCB.
- 18. Under the terms of the ACHSA's oversight contract, the Petsases were to be provided with assistance and advice from ACHSA in dealing with their contamination problem. In exchange for paying the SWRCB a service charge of approximately \$125 per hour, the Petsases were to be assisted by the ACHSA in cleanup of the unauthorized releases at the site.
- 19. Unfortunately, the expert advice offered by the ACHSA apparently turned out to be incorrect. As a result, on information and belief, the Petsases were required to expend tens of thousands of dollars frivolously while the toxic problem at the site, to the extent it existed, was not being addressed.
- 20. On information and belief, after becoming financially destitute due to the advice provided by the ACHSA, the Petsases sought to bring in other potentially responsible parties to assist them with the high cost of dealing with the cleanup requirements.
- 21. On information and belief, in accordance with instructions from the ACHSA, the Petsases requested that plaintiffs be named as "responsible parties" for the cleanup of

the San Leandro site. This was based on the ACHSA's erroneous belief that all operators and owners of an underground storage tank are responsible for the cleanup of any contamination discovered once the tank is removed.

- 22. As a result of the request by the Petsases, the ACHSA, by letter dated March 2, 1993, informed plaintiffs that the ACHSA had declared them to be responsible parties in connection with the property.
- 23. In the time provided by statute, and in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §25297.1(d)(3) and (h), as well as Health and Safety Code §\$25299.37(c) and (d), plaintiffs filed a proper appeal to the SWRCB, objecting to the requirement that they participate in the investigation and cleanup at the San Leandro property.
- 24. While the petition was pending before the SWRCB, defendant JENSEN appointed himself as a hearing officer and conducted what he termed a "Pre-enforcement Review Panel."

  Also present at the review panel were members of the ACHSA and a staff employee of the RWQCB.
- 25. At the end of the "hearing", which plaintiffs were not present at, JENSEN announced that plaintiffs were responsible parties for the cleanup of this site.
- 26. Upon receiving information that JENSEN had determined that plaintiffs were responsible parties at the site, plaintiffs, through their attorneys, contacted the SWRCB to inquire as to how to proceed in order to avoid inconsistant adjudications. The SWRCB, via letters and verbal

communications, indicated that the matter was still pending 2 3 5 6 7 8

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before the SWRCB. Further, the SWRCB advised plaintiffs that JENSEN was neither authorized to represent the SWRCB, nor did the State approve of his conduct in holding illegal hearings in which he appointed himself a hearing officer. In addition, the State Board advised that the issue of plaintiff's liability for the cleanup at the site would be presented to the State Board for review and that any determination of JENSEN was null and void.

- Subsequently, plaintiffs received yet another directive, this one from the executive officer of the Bay Area RWQCB, again ordering the plaintiffs to participate in the cleanup at the San Leandro property. Plaintiffs timely appealed that decision to the SWRCB and, in accordance with local practice, appealed to the executive officer of the RWQCB to have a full hearing on the issue. The hope was to resolve the conflict informally since three appeals were already pending.
- On December 20, 1993, plaintiffs received a letter from the Mr. JENSEN regarding his position on these various cleanup orders and their appeals. In Mr. JENSEN's letter, Mr. JENSEN implied that he was not bound by the decisions of either the SWRCB or the RWQCB and that he was going to exercise his independent judgment, outside of the legal and statutory process, to determine how to proceed with various sanctions against plaintiffs.

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29. According to defendant JENSEN, these sanctions include fines of up to \$1000 per day for each day plaintiffs failed to comply with defendant JENSEN's directives.

They have purportedly been named as responsible parties by no less than three agencies and/or organizations (the ACHSA, the RWQCB and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office). At the same time, appeals have been filed, as required by statute, of the decision of these entities in naming petitioners as responsible parties. Nevertheless, despite the fact that appeals are pending, defendant JENSEN, of his own volition, apparently contends that the appeals do not bind him and that he alone can make an independent decision, outside of the statutory process, to sanction the plaintiffs.

- 31. Plaintiffs have repeatedly attempted to establish communications with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office to resolve the issues in this matter. JENSEN has refused to return any phone calls or to substantively answer any letters concerning this matter.
- 32. Although the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, the Bay Area RWQCB and the SWRCB have all attempted to work, in good faith, to resolve this matter, the ultimate ability of those agencies to affect a proper resolution depends on being able to properly control and restrain defendant JENSEN. Under such circumstances, any settlement with the legally authorized agencies would be meaningless since, according to defendant

JENSEN, he has the power to ultimately overrule any decision of any of the agencies.

Under California Code of Civil Procedure \$1021.5, plaintiffs are entitled to recover attorneys' fees for acting in the public interest. Plaintiffs base their claim to attorneys' fees in this case on at least three separate and independent First, the actions of JENSEN, as a representative of grounds. the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, threatens to harm the environment by diverting resources from the cleanup of environmental contamination instead to finance litigation and attorneys' fees to the detriment of the people of the State of California. Second, despite acknowledging the fact that its conduct is without legal authority, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office has continued to proceed with its claims against the plaintiffs. Third, plaintiffs are entitled, if they so choose, to damages under U.S.C. 1983. Because plaintiffs believe they will prove that this same improper conduct has happened to others, they request reasonable attorneys' fees for abating this illegal practice as a private attorney general.

### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief)

- 34. Plaintiffs refer to each and every paragraph set forth in the preceding allegations and incorporate those paragraphs as though set forth in full in this cause of action.
- 35. Plaintiffs allege that an actual and present controversy now exists between plaintiffs and defendants in that plaintiffs contend that they have a right to seek redress of the

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erroneous decisions of the ACHSA and the Bay Area RWQCB. The defendants, dispute these contentions, and contend that plaintiffs have no rights of appeal and that JENSEN, either individually or as an agent of the District Attorney's Office, is not bound by the statutory or decisional law of the State of California.

As a result of the foregoing, plaintiffs request a 36. declaration of their rights pursuant to §1060 of the Code of Civil Procedure and §11350(a) of the Government Code.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- For an injunction restraining defendant JENSEN from illegally interfering with the exercise of due process rights by the plaintiffs;
- For a declaratory judgment that plaintiffs are entitled to due process under the local oversight program contract;
- For a declaratory judgment that plaintiffs are entitled to due process under the Water Code;
  - For attorneys' fees pursuant to C.C.P. §1021.5; (d)

BY:

For such other and further relief as the Court rules (e) is just and proper.

December 23, 1993 DATED:

Respectfully submitted, LAW OFFICES OF HANS W ? HERB

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