Marcella I. Coca 315 Laurel Ave. Oakdale, CA 95361 (209) 847-6438

Via Facsimile (209) 982-0120

April 30, 2011

EXHIBIT

1-12-12

Anderson

John Stroh San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District 77595 South Airport Way Stockton, CA 95206-3918

Re: Emily Present POPE

Dear Mr. Stroh:

I own the property at 17265 and 17261 Enterprise Rd., Escalon, CA 95320. I would like to commend Emily Registre for the excellent work she does for the District. I saw her shimmy under a hot-wired fence to get to an area that had a mosquito problem. I have never seen anyone else do that. She is a very strong, capable, and willing worker.

If there is ever an opening in our area again please consider giving it to Emily. She takes her job very seriously.

Thank you for your consideration.

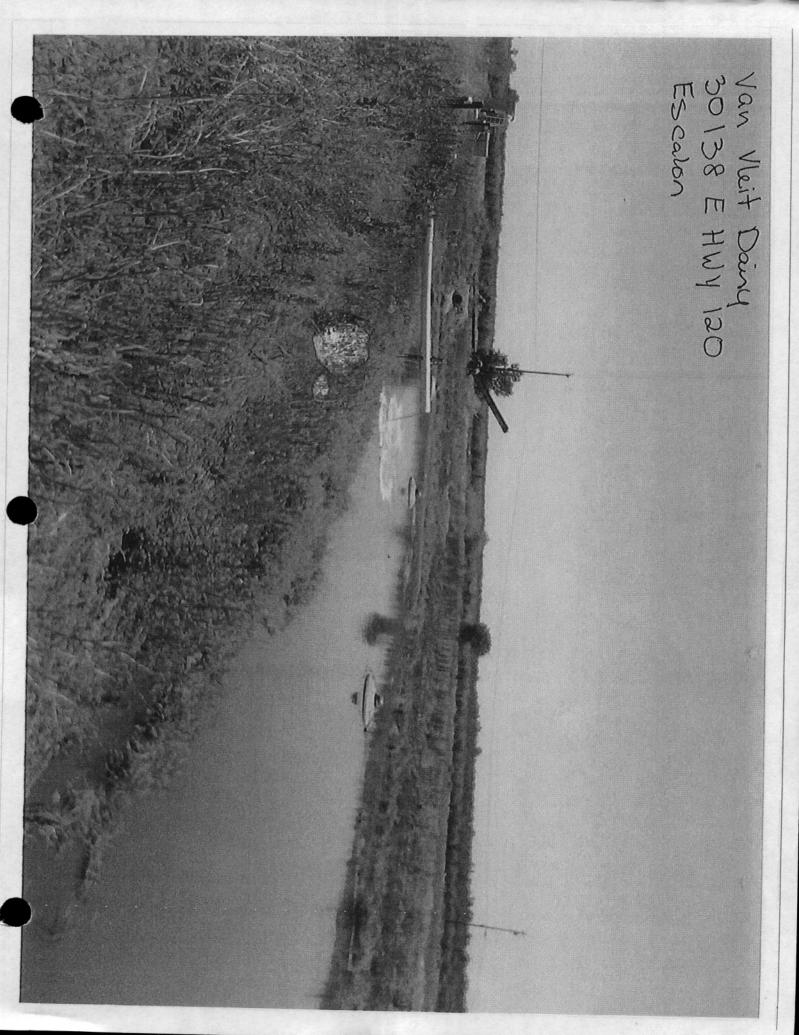
Sincerely,

Marcella I. Coca

Emily-Keep up the good work! Keep up the good work!



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30138 E HWY 126 Escalor site of injury 629-11 weed control program in place, district inspectors will contact the pond owner/operator in person to request compliance.

If, during the months of March through November, any liquid waste pond system has vegetation that creates a mosquito-breeding problem, the site will be declared a public nuisance and the landowner will be requested to abate the nuisance. If compliance is not forthcoming in a reasonable amount of time, the district will initiate legal abatement action to eliminate the public nuisance. The landowner and/or operator will be responsible for all abatement costs. Because of the past cooperation received from most pond owners in San Joaquin County, it is not expected that the district will have to resort to this action.

Enclosed are recommendations for proper waste pond maintenance.

Do not hesitate to contact the district if you have any questions or comments. You may contact us toll-free at 1 800-300-4675.

POND MANAGEMENT FOR INSECT, RODENT, AND ODOR CONTROL

The way dairy wastewater facilities are managed affects many people including fly and air pollution control inspectors, mosquito abatement operators, and neighbors. If a wastewater pond is used only for storm runoff is emptied and dried promptly, and if weeds are controlled, there will probably be no complaints. If it is used daily as a sump for washwater, or as an irrigation reservoir, or just allowed to remain wet for long periods, close management will be necessary to prevent nuisances. Although house fly eggs will not hatch in standing water, the moist areas protected from the direct rays of the sun (e.g., under weeds or tall grass, in deep cracks in the soil, or in organic waste) are ideal places for fly development. Mosquitoes favor sheltered or stagnant water such as occurs near pond floatage or near banks with vegetation growing or hanging into the water. Elimination of vegetation at the water line, raising and lowering the water level a foot or two every 3 days, and separation of waste material that will float will simplify fly and mosquito control.

Ground squirrel burrows are often a problem around levees. There should be a service road on top, and frequent vehicle use will tend to discourage squirrels. Vehicles (including tractors) will keep the soil compacted for hydraulic strength and safety. The road also will serve for weed and insect control purposes. Elimination of vegetation will discourage burrowing rodents.

Wastewater ponds, properly managed, usually generate fewer odors than would the same total manure wastes remaining in the corrals. A US Department o Agriculture (USDA) study (Luebs, Laag, and Davis, 1973) in the Chino Basin found that the

atmosphere near a wastewater pond contained no more odorous gases that did the atmosphere measured at corral fence lines. Careless operation, however, can produce excessive putrefactive odors from long-term anaerobic sludge from pond bottoms. Odor control, then, is accomplished by frequently removing settled sludge and diluting it with irrigation water. This is best done by pumping the lower pond water into an irrigation standpipe in a blend of no more that one part wastewater to three parts flowing irrigation water. Good sludge elimination and reasonable odor control also can be obtained by admitting irrigation water into the pond near the point of waste inflow and drawing off the manure-irrigation blend from near the bottom at the opposite end. This must be done frequently to prevent excessive concentration. The blend usually needs further dilution.

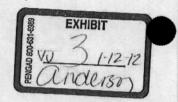
Ponds that are used daily for washwater storage should be promptly refilled with 2 feet of water after emptying to "cap" the odor-generating floor. Pond structures that are only used for infrequent storm runoff should be promptly dried to restore an odorless aerated condition (Light harrowing will speed up drying and will control fly larvae growth.)

(retyped from UC leaflet 2910)

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MEMORANDUM



MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL Date: DISTRICT

April, 2001

JOHN R. STROH MANAGER

From: JOHN R. STROH, MANAGER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO:

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE POND OWNERS/OPERATORS

MICHAEL MANNA PRESIDENT SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Subject:

WASTE POND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

CHESTER C. MILLER VICE PRESIDENT TRACY

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As an owner and/or operator of a liquid waste pond system, you have several responsibilities in managing SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY and operating your pond and related drains, of which one is vegetation control to prevent mosquito development. Weeds controlled around the perimeter and surface of the pond, and along the ditch banks of drains, is the most effective mosquito control measure available to the waste pond system owner.

Because state law classifies mosquito development as a "public nuisance", the owner or operator of the mosquito breeding site is responsible for the prevention of mosquitoes. This district provides routine inspection service for all ponds in San Joaquin County to ascertain their condition and the status of any mosquito development. The district also performs mosquito control on the ponds to prevent adult mosquito emergence. However, these control operations cannot be performed economically or effectively when there is emergent vegetation around the parimeter and surface of the ponds and related drains.

CHRISTOPHER K FIF LEGAL ADVISOR

The district is requesting that all owners and operators of liquid waste ponds implement a vegetation control program for their sites. The plan should contain the following objectives:

- Eliminate and prevent emergent vegetation on all roadways and inside slopes of liquid waste 1. ponds and drains from March through November.
- 2. Eliminate and prevent the accumulation of manure and organic solids on the surface of liquid waste ponds. Any vegetation growing on floating manure or organic waste must be immediately controlled and prevented from re-occurring during the months of March through November.

Pond owners can either perform the weed control themselves or contract with a licensed weed control company. The planning for weed control should start immediately. Certain types of chemicals used in controlling weeds must be applied during normal growing conditions, while others can be applied when the weeds are dormant.

District inspectors will monitor the condition of all liquid waste ponds through the fall and winter months. When vegetation growth appears excessive, or if there does not appear to be a

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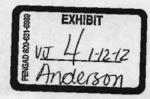
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Altosid Pellet Applications in Zone 18 on Pastures

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This product is a historical staple out in Escalon when the irrigation water is released onto a pasture larvae can go from egg to adult in 2.5 days

Itosid[®] Pellets



A GRANULAR PRODUCT TO PREVENT ADULT MOSQUITO EMERGENCE

SPECIMEN LABEL

ACTIVE INGREDIENT: (S)-Methoprene (CAS #65733-16-6) OTHER INGREDIENTS: 4.25% Total 95,75%

EPA Reg No. 2724-448

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS CAUTION **ENVIROMENTAL HAZARDS**

This product is toxic to aquatic dipteran (mosquitoes) and chironomid (midge) larvae. Using it in a manner other than that described by the label could result in harm to aquatic dipteran. Do not contaminate water when disposing of rinsate or equipment washwaters.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal Law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

INTRODUCTION

ALIOSID® Pellets release ALTOSID® Insect Growth Regulator as they erade. The pellets prevent the emergence of adult standing water mosquitoes, including Anopheles, Culex, Culiseta, Coquillettidia, and Mansonia spp., as well as adults of the floodwater mosquitoes, such as Aedes and Psorophora spp. from treated sites.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

ALTOSID Pellets release effective levels of ALTOSID ALLOSID reliefs release effective levels of ALLOSID fusect Growth Regulator for up to 30 days under typical environmental conditions. Treatment should be continued through the last broad of the season. Treated larvae continue to develop normally to the pupol stage where they die. NOTE: This insect growth regulator has no effect on mosquitoes which have reached the pupol or adult stage prior to treatment.

APPLICATION SITES AND RATES MOSQUITO HABITAT RATES (Lb/Acre)

Floodwater sites Pastures, meadows, ricefields, freshwater swamps and marshes, salt and tidal marshes, cattail marshes, woodland pools, flood- plains, fires, other artificial water-holding containers	2.5-5.0
Dredging spoil sites, waste treatment and settling ponds, ditches and other manmade depressions	5.0-10.0
Permanent water sites Omamental pands and fountains, fish ponds, cattail marshes, water hyacinth beds, flooded crypts, transformer vaults, obandoned svrimning pools, construction and other manmade depressions, treeholes, other artificial water holding containers	2.5-5.0
Storm drains, catch basins, roadside ditches, cesspools, septic tanks, waste settling ponds, vegetation-choked phosphate pits	5.0-10.0

7/15/2005 12 days

Here is a history and pattern I noticed while going through my personal records. I had three work-comp exposures during my employment with the district. In all three cases I broke out in severe rashes and then I was chronically sick. Because the treating physicians could only treat physical symptoms they could see with their eyes which happened to be severe rashes in all three cases I was released after the rashes were cleared up with the cortisone. As you can see some of these rashes lasted a near month. When the physical signs were gone I was then left to use my sick leave, vacation and accrued overtime to deal with the internal symptoms. But on all three evaluations given I was dinged on my abuse of sick leave. My supervisor at the time informed me his supervisor made him add those comments to my evaluation; which I believe is a violation. My supervisor then pointed out the time from which he wrote the evaluation to the time I signed it.

The discrimination I face today is isolation and blatant the District has always retaliated against their employees for filing work comp claims.

to Emily she informed me she was instructed by her supervisor Brian Heine not to talk to me. Emily has stuck to her guns and a year later still does not talk to me. The first date Emily was assigned to work with me alone she went home sick, yet was well enough to appear at a company party that evening.1

As for the manager and his assistant they have discriminated against me in many ways. I have a book of documents I can provide to prove as I started writing the worst of the acts down this last year and calling them incident reports and sending them to the board.

In researching my past history with the District I noticed a pattern.

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chemical

6/9/04 Discharged released with chronic fatigue

Work-Comp 6/30/2004 22 symptoms days Exposure to unknown

Discharged 6/30/2004 22 days released with chronic fatigue symptoms

1/18/0 Evaluation by written
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Bridgewater- days
Zone assignment 7
Linden

1/26/0 Work-Comp Discharged released with chronic fatigue Exposure- 1/31/2005 6

Tiffany Anderson 2 N Avena Avenue Lodi, CA 95240 209-329-9523 209-625-8587

August 31, 2011

I will start from the most current acts of discrimination in regards to me and my experiences with my employer and their responses to employees who file worker's comp claims.

July 29, 2011 my union representative called me as he had received a complaint from a fellow co-worker who noticed I was excluded from fishing duties that past protocol would have included me in. You see since my return to work on Monday August 30, 2010 from my last work comp claim I have encountered nothing but discrimination from my employer.

On July 18 2011 after returning from the weekend I meekly asked my assistant manager if I could return to US Health Works as I felt like I had a bug. This bug I believed to be contracted through dirty irrigation water that contained pesticides and animal feces I believed to of have entered a open wound I had encountered on June 28, 2011. My assistant manager verbally attacked me yelling at me about being a constant problem and how I pestered my supervisor about frivolous issues. Such as the half way house that serves a s boarding house for child molester's and a rapist.

My employer has not been alone in their discrimination against me. I called a Whistle Blower hotline back in September of 2010. This call went straight to my employers attorney who informed me he was going to investigate my manager and my complaints of harassment, retaliation and blackballing. I informed the attorney that I believed I was being harassed for filling my own work comp complaint as well as serving as a witness to a fellow co workers work comp case had I been served a subpoena to appear before the courts.

My employer, the board and the attorney all thought it would be a good idea to post the Board of Trustees Meeting agenda on Tuesday October 19, 2010, my work comp number along with the illusion that I was suing the district, on the break room wall for all employees to see. Creating an atmosphere where employees feared to communicate with me and some down right refused to work with me.

Such as in the case of our newly hired Emily Diguilio-Pope. Emily was hired in the absence of my last work comp case. When I returned to work and tried to talk

5 Discharged days 1/31/2005 -6 days-released with chronic fatigue symptoms symptoms

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pointed out that my whole crew, just the week prior while working at the cemetery followed the standard district rain policy

Morgan Bennett is not my supervisor but yet a pier that in 2007 physically and verbally harassed me by slamming his clipboard on the table I was sitting at and yelled ERMA at me. Morgan continued to call me ERMA for a week. This has been documented with my supervisor Brian Heine as I requested Brian to make Morgan stop his behavior. Brian was an assistant supervisor acting as our supervisor at that time. During that period of, time management advised Brian that he could not take sides between Morgan and I. Morgan's behavior defined harassment and Brian neglected along with management to protect my rights.

Why did Morgan Bennett even know that I filed a complaint with ERMA when it did not even involve him?

Here is yet another example of management singling me out and harassing me.

What are district policies? Why are there two sets of rules?

Email Correspondence Between Board President Mike Manna and me

Incident Report

Todays date Friday June 10, 2011

Date of incident Wednesday June 8, 2011

Time 7:30 am

On Wednesday June the 8th my supervisor Brian Heine pulled me aside and informed me we needed to talk.

Brian inquired on behalf of management regarding the date Monday June 6, 2011.

Our county had an unusual weather occurrence where we had a steady rain over the weekend. Along with these factors it rained during my drive to my zone in Escalon. The roads were sloppy and congested with traffic. I parked on the north side of HWY 120 and the east side of Seidner road. I documented this on my time sheet and studied irrigation lines for South San Joaquin County. Irrigation District.

Since my employment with the district it has been a standard practice of employees to wait out a rain.

Management looked at my time sheet and then had Brian ask Morgan Bennett if it rained in Escalon, as if my judgment was off. Like I don't know the difference between the rain or the sun?

I informed Brian that Morgan's opinions of me are invalid. I also

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT 7759 S. AIRPORT WAY, STOCKTON, CA 95206-3918 (209) 982-4675

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 1:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Board of
 Trustees relative to matters of the San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District not on the
 agenda. No action may be taken on non-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments will be
 limited to five minutes per person and twenty minutes in total.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDER
 - a. Minutes of the September 21, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees
 - b. Expenditure and Financial reports for September 2010
 - c. District activities report for September 2010
 - d. Community Education Program report for September 2010
 - e. Manager's report .
 - f. Correspondence
- 4. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT
- 5. REVIEW OF DISTRICT WEBSITE, www.simosgulto.org
- REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3), ½ TON 4X4 PICK-UP TRUCKS PER BUDGET CATEGORY 6451001
- 7. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM DECEMBER 21 TO DECEMBER 14, 2010
- 8. CLOSED SESSION (Pursuant to CGC §54956.9)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION
Name of case: ANDERSON, TIFFANY vs. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL
DISTRICT, VCJPA CLAIM NUMBER VE0700184

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION (Pursuant to CGC §54957.1)

- 9. COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - a. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2010
- 11. ADJOURNMENT

Email Correspondence Between Board President Mike Manna and me

How is it going???

In a message dated 8/13/2010 4:41:04 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, tiffanykayanderson@yahoo.com writes:

I enrolled at Humphrey's business school working towards a degree in paralegal studies. I am mid second quarter. I am educating myself so I can be informed of my rights and maybe land an office job one day.

I sent John a letter today it might be a good idea if you forward it to the board.

Take care
Tiffany Anderson
Dear John,

August 13, 2010

Dr. Murata my surgeon and physician assigned to my Workman's Comp claim, has given me a full release to return to work on Monday July 26th. I have not returned to work at your request stated on Friday July 23rd.

You are denying me the right to work.

It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for reporting illegal actions in the workplace. In my case, I would refer to the "Whistle Blowing" that resulted in an investigation by the board in November of 2009.

It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for filing a Workers Comp claim.

It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for giving testimony as a witness to another employee's Workers Comp claim.

Time limits on laws require that I take action to preserve my rights. I am asking that you follow the law and offer me reasonable accommodations or create a new job assignment for me. If you refuse to do this within 48 hours, I will be forced to pursue legal action in order to protect my rights, including filing a claim with the EEOC.

Sincerely, Tiffany Anderson With regard to your request for a meeting with some of the Trustees, I would advise my client against that at this time. The day to day operations of the District, including the review of performance evaluations, are up to District Management. The Board does not become involved unless there is some grievable issue which has not been resolved at the earlier steps in the grievance process. Additionally, the individual Trustees are not in a position to act alone, but can only act as members of the Board. Thus, please do not send your employment issues to the Trustees individually. If you believe that you have a grievance against the District, you should contact your employee representative to discuss the matter.

Sincerely,

Christopher K. Eley

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September 14, 2010

Tiffany Anderson 2 North Avena Street Lodi, CA 95242

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Mike Manna sent to me your e-mail dated September 5, 2010, regarding your employment at the District. In your correspondence you state that you wish your employee file to be expunged; you make some statements about employer-employee relations and ask for a meeting with members of the Board of Trustees.

Regarding expunging your employee file, I am not sure exactly what you are referring to. Are you asking for the District to remove your past performance evaluations? If an employee is unhappy with a performance evaluation, the employee can submit their own response. This needs to be shortly after receiving the evaluation. The time to submit any such response for the evaluation performed in February 2009 has long passed. Moreover, I am informed that your overall evaluation was 'satisfactory' at that time. There is an earlier performance evaluation completed for 2008. I believe that you did write a response to that evaluation. I am not aware of any other matters in the personnel file that would reflect on your performance as an employee.

Your correspondence also states that it is illegal to retaliate against an employee for certain protected actions, i.e., A) reporting of workplace wrong doing, B) filing a worker compensation claim or, C) giving testimony in a worker's compensation hearing. Your statements of the law are generally correct. If you have evidence to show that there has been retaliation against you based on any three of those actions, you may either contact management at the District, or I am available to receive facts which support any claim of retaliation. Finally, there are state and federal agencies which would consider such a claim.

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worked two weeks ago. Legally I know I am right, but I'm not going to argue his position and put Brian in a more uncomfortable position. We've already made Brian uncomfortable enough.

Stop right here. This is my private information.

Bob Durham the man who should not even be working at the district due to his harassment and public humiliation of employees knows about my time on the books? Wait now his girlfriend in Lodi will know and the list goes on, as there is no privacy protection in our workplace.

The double standards and harassment astound me.

I go back to the locker room and put on my uniform and am thankful I have a job.

The date of my work comp hearing was scheduled at nine a.m. I put in a blue sheet requesting the district to pay for the time off. Eddie pulls my legal file with the county and attaches it to my blue sheet and hands it to Brian to look at. This document has nothing to due with my employment. It has my divorce date on it. The date my exhusband and I filed charges against the person who molested my son. This information is given to Brain why? This is an invasion of my privacy, illegal, harassment and just morally wrong.

I could go on but I won't. It is my greatest hope that this information does not get back to my fellow employees and the cycle repeated as John has done in the past to perpetuate a hostile work environment and publicly humiliate me. These are acts that lawsuits are made of. When is it going to stop?

Sincerely, Tiffany Anderson district, disliked me from the day we met. per my request, John allowed me to change in different shifts.

When I returned to work these girls dogged. Somehow management was able to transfer the hate and hostility Janine held towards me to this new employee. Both the girls came to work late chronically. Both Janine and Emily abused their sick leave as I have been accused of doing. This is what I returned too.

December 17, 2010 Emily and I were assigned our first job assignment together. Emily had to clean the vehicle she worked in the day prior before we were to go out into the field. I was asked to clean the break room to fill in for the time I had to wait for her to finish her job assignment. Around nine when she was finished, she informed Scott Andreas she was going home sick. I believe this was an act so she wouldn't have to work with me. I believe this, due to her behavior towards me prior to this date and after. Due to this emotional insult I went to John and Eddie with Scott Andreas witnessing and asked if I could go home according to our rainy day policy. I was informed by both John and Eddie that we do not have a rainy day policy. The policy stands a day for a day. I was reassigned to inspect swimming pools in Tracy in the rain. That day I was rear ended by a woman in a parking lot. I had never been in a vehicle accident and it rattled me pretty bad. I was not sent to the doctor. I did however use my own medical care and time to be seen.

May 18 2011 was a rainy day. Many employees were allowed to leave due to the rainy day policy that didn't exist when I wanted to use it in the middle of winter, only five months ago. I requested to leave as well. I changed out of my uniform after Brian gave me permission to leave. Brian had been off work for four days and is apparently not allowed to go out into the field with me so I sat in his office and was pouring over field information I wanted to communicate to him. Brain and I are sitting at his desk. Bob is sitting right by in the same office. Eddie comes in and asks me why I am not in my uniform. I inform him I am going home. He in front of Bob informs me that I do not have enough time on the books. I asked him did you check my accrual time? He said "you bet I did" you only have 3 hours. I inform Eddie that I worked overtime a few weeks back and I know I have at least one accrual day. Eddie informs me that it hasn't been counted for yet, although it was

Email Correspondence Between Board President Mike Manna and me

---- Forwarded Message ----

From: tiffanyanderson <tiffanyanderson@me.com>

To: Michael Manna <zinman104@aol.com>; Tiffany Anderson

<tiffanykayanderson@yahoo.com>

Cc: tiffanyanderson <tiffanyanderson@me.com>

Sent: Thu, May 19, 2011 9:46:02 PM

Subject: my success at integrating back into a hostile work environment

Dear Mike,

Just in case you wanted to know how I am doing at work I thought I'd fill you in.

This letter of acknowledgement recognizing Emily is biased because it comes from her prior landlord of less than a month ago, while putting me down passively. Who's idea is it to get rid of me and put Emily back in zone 18? John!

Emily has aligned herself with Janine and Bob as they are still a couple (supervisor subordinate in the workplace) and is openly hostile to me. I guess this makes her a team player in the eyes of management, although ignoring the ERMA training seminar concepts that were taught a few weeks ago. "Creating A Better Working Environment"

When I was on work comp John offered me one month of work in November and December of 2010 while Chris Eley was supposed to investigate my complaint against John. I asked to be removed from the locker room as Janine and Emily had already formed a tight bond. It was obvious this new employee, Emily who should have not known a thing about me or regarding my past history with the

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

Tiffany anderson

WCAB#:

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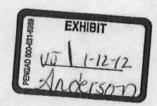
Applicant,

San Joaquin County Mosquito & Vector Control District

Defendants.

APPLICATION FOR DISCRIMINATION BENEFITS PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE SECTION 132(A)

See attached



John ...

8/3/12011

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     January 20, 2012
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     Tiffany Anderson
     2 North Avena Avenue
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     Lodi, CA 95240
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     Re: Anderson vs. SJ County Mosquito and Vector Control
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                      District
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    Dear Ms. Anderson:
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     The transcript of your deposition in the above-entitled
     action is now available for your review.
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     You have the option of coming into our office in
 9
     Stockton to read and sign the original transcript, or
     you may read your attorney's copy (if you are
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     represented by an attorney and they have ordered a
     copy) and advise us by letter of any changes you wish
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     to make in your testimony or if you approve the
     transcript in its printed form.
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     Our office is open every weekday between the hours of
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     9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Our address is 2453 Grand
     Canal Boulevard, Suite J, Stockton, California
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     and our telephone number is (209) 957-2841.
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    You have 30 days from the date of this letter within
     which to review your deposition. If we do not hear
     from you within that 30-day period, we will assume that
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     you are waiving review and signature, and the original
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     transcript will be sealed.
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     If you come to our office to read your deposition,
     please bring this letter with you.
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     Sincerely,
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    Hill & McPherson
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     cc: All Counsel
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1	STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
2	COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN.
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5	I, Vicki Jelley, a Certified Shorthand Reporter
6	licensed to practice in the State of California, do
7	hereby certify:
8	That on the 12th day of January, 2012, at the
9	hour of 1:28 p.m., I was present at the above-entitled
10	matter; that I took down in shorthand notes all
11	proceedings had and testimony given; that I thereafter
12	caused said shorthand notes to be transcribed into
13	longhand typewriting, the above and foregoing being a
14	full, true, and correct transcription thereof.
15	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
16	this 20th day of January, 2012.
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21	Vicu Jelley
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23	Vicki Jelley, CSR No. 11067
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and I think we're almost finished.
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                    (Recess taken.)
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          MR. ELEY: I have no further questions.
          MS. OTOYA: I would just like to state for the
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    record that I am here just representing Miss Anderson
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    just for this deposition on behalf of Moorad, Clark &
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    Stewart.
          MR. ELEY: So then your representation would
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    cease now?
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          MS. OTOYA: Yes.
          MR. ELEY: So I have no problem communicating if
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    I need to directly.
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           (The deposition concluded at 4:23 p.m.)
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- 1 toward me. It was almost like he wished I would have
- 2 gotten fired because the stress or the pressure that he
- 3 was under was so bad.
- 4 Q. And what makes you think that John or Ed would
- 5 put pressure on Brian for the sake of Bob Durham?
- 6 A. Who gave Bob Durham and Keith Neiheis the
- 7 authority to give me two retaliatory evaluations saying
- 8 that I'm uncapable of thinking? Who gave Keith Neiheis
- 9 the permission to send me home for being on my
- 10 menstrual cycle because I would be a liability to the
- 11 district? Who gave the district such authority to do
- 12 such heinous things? Did they act on their own?
- 13 Q. Those are kind of rhetorical. I'm asking,
- 14 though, if there's something else that would indicate
- 15 that Ed Lucchesi or John Stroh would interfere with
- 16 your supervisorial relationship between you and Brian
- 17 simply to please Janine or Bob.
- 18 A. Maybe they're protecting something other than
- 19 just Janine and Bob. Maybe Bob or Janine know
- 20 something. I don't know, Chris. I don't have all the
- 21 answers. I just -- I can only see what I can see.
- MR. ELEY: Counsel, are you going to have any
- 23 questions?
- MS. OTOYA: I do not.
- MR. ELEY: Let me talk with you just a minute,

- 1 A. Okay. Well, then Brian and I were very close.
- 2 Brian and I, in group settings, went to concerts and
- 3 went to church a couple times, carpooled. He helped me
- 4 move.
- 5 When Brian became my supervisor, he had
- 6 come from the northern region, so he had no idea really
- 7 what had taken place. I hadn't told anybody, so the
- 8 only -- only way people were going to know is if Bob,
- 9 Janine, Keith, or John or Eddie told them, and I asked
- 10 Brian if he would like to carpool again because we had
- 11 carpooled back when he worked with me before, and he
- 12 said that when he took the position, John told him he
- 13 was giving him the job but that he was not allowed to
- 14 get involved in any of the stuff going on at work.
- Now, I want to know why I can't carpool
- 16 with a coworker, but we can have married couples at
- 17 work.
- 18 Q. All right. Other than not carpooling with you,
- 19 anything else?
- 20 A. He acted like -- see, when you know somebody and
- 21 you know that their personality has changed, you just
- 22 know, and I knew Brian, and so he would avoid me.
- He -- I mean, I'd be walking this way.
- 24 He'd see me, and he'd walk the other way. He was like
- 25 afraid of me, and then he would say derogatory things

- 1 document off of my computer to give to John, and Keith
- 2 walked up and saw me doing something.
- He didn't know what I was doing, but he saw
- 4 something, so, you know, I think that he was aware.
- 5 John told me -- we had a meeting, John, Eddie, Keith,
- 6 Bob, myself, and John said, "There's going to be a lot
- 7 of speculation why Tiffany is being moved, but if
- 8 anybody has any questions, they can come and ask me,
- 9 and that's what you tell them, " and so when I was
- 10 asked, that's what I did, but I feel like from the day
- 11 that I filed my complaint, the process of firing me was
- 12 in effect, and we can -- we can just refer back to my
- 13 evaluation from Keith and Bob.
- 14 Q. Okay. What about Brian -- Brian was the next
- 15 one? Was he the next supervisor after Keith?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And do you think that somehow Bob has affected
- 18 your relationship with Brian?
- 19 A. I think John even affected my relationship with
- 20 Brian, but -- does this get repeated to other
- 21 employees? Do other employees get to know in this
- 22 meeting? Is this confidential?
- 23 Q. This is not confidential.
- 24 A. This is not?
- 25 Q. No.

- 1 A. Oh, of course.
- 2 Q. And do you think that influenced -- do you think
- 3 that affected your new supervisors after that?
- 4 A. Yes, yes.
- 5 Q. Who was that -- who was your first supervisor
- 6 after Bob?
- 7 A. My first supervisor was Keith Neiheis.
- 8 Q. And do you think that affected his relationship
- 9 with you?
- 10 A. Very much so.
- 11 Q. Negatively?
- 12 A. Very much so.
- 13 Q. What makes you think that?
- 14 A. Keith and I had carpooled for a couple years
- 15 together. Keith was so kind to me. I had so much
- 16 respect for Keith, and he just -- his behavior towards
- 17 me changed.
- 18 Q. And when did it change?
- 19 A. When I filed -- when I was moved under his
- 20 supervision.
- 21 Q. And is there any particular incident you can
- 22 think of that indicates that change?
- 23 A. Keith did see -- when I returned -- when I showed
- 24 up for work the day that I filed my ERMA complaint,
- 25 because that is the mediator that I used, I pulled the

- 1 had never taught me or showed me how to do and --
- 2 Q. You were transferred to a different zone and a
- 3 different supervisor in 2007. I think you said July.
- 4 And correct me if I'm wrong, but I think it was about
- 5 July, 2007?
- 6 A. I believe so, Chris.
- 7 Q. All right. Do you think that Bob's attempt to
- 8 put you in a bad light continued after that?
- 9 A. Oh, I think -- well, yes, because I -- I went to
- 10 Steve Azevedo. Our kids went to school together. I
- 11 went to Steve Azevedo, dropped my daughter off one day,
- 12 and just started venting, and Steve Azevedo told me to
- 13 put a formal complaint in writing against Bob Durham
- 14 because management had a history of protecting Bob's
- 15 misconduct and if I were to complain, I would need
- 16 something, a document, to back up my complaint, and so
- 17 I believe that that document was -- once I gave it to
- 18 management, it was given to Bob to read, so I think
- 19 that management created the -- I don't know what came
- 20 first, the chicken or the egg.
- I mean, yes, I complained about Bob, but
- 22 Bob deserved it. Bob did not have the personality or
- 23 the behavior of a supervisor.
- 24 Q. I guess my concern is, do you think that
- 25 continued then after 2007?

- 1 A. I'm going to correct you and I'm going to tell
- 2 you that Janine had the animosity toward me. I think
- 3 that Bob was indifferent. I think that Janine
- 4 influenced Bob and told him not to talk to me, he
- 5 wasn't allowed to talk to me.
- There was a jealousy factor there, and
- 7 because of Janine's bad-mouthing me and to protect
- 8 Bob's own misconduct and the misconduct of his
- 9 girlfriend, Janine, I think that he, you know, brought
- 10 to management's attention my faults and my issues to
- 11 kind of divert from him and what was going on with him
- 12 and Janine. Does that answer your question?
- 13 O. Well, yeah, it does. What would be the things
- 14 that they would have said to management that would have
- 15 somehow diverted that?
- 16 A. Oh, look at, Tiffany is off again. Oh, look
- 17 at -- you know, making fun of me for being on the
- 18 radio. Making fun of me for asking him for help.
- 19 Bob Durham and Dwayne Bridgewater are two
- 20 different people, and Dwayne supervised differently
- 21 than Bob Durham, and to know what Bob would need as a
- 22 supervisor, I would need to be able to communicate with
- 23 him, but Bob would not communicate with me, and
- 24 therefore, not know what he wanted.
- Bob would ask me to do things that Dwayne

- 1 relationship then, do you think that then caused Bob
- 2 and Janine to act hostilely to you?
- 3 A. They -- no. It was -- it was almost like Bob --
- 4 anybody was fair game for Bob. Bob --
- 5 Q. I know. I'm not concerned about anybody. I'm
- 6 just concerned about what you've --
- 7 A. Okay. Well, I don't think I was any different
- 8 than anybody else --
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. -- okay?
- When I had my rash and I was gone, Janine
- 12 would sit and talk about me at the table and just
- 13 bad-mouth me, and so, you know, knowing that she was
- 14 with the supervisor, I just thought, this isn't going
- 15 to be good for me, you know.
- JOHN STROH: Excuse me. I need to make that
- 17 quick phone call back to the office.
- MR. ELEY: Sure, sure. Let's take a break.
- 19 (Recess taken.)
- 20 MR. ELEY: Q. Okay. We were discussing the
- 21 animosity that Janine and Bob Durham had towards you.
- Do you think that Bob Durham or Janine
- 23 somehow influenced management, in terms of disliking
- 24 you or retaliating against you or treating you
- 25 differently?

- behavior and -- or at the very least demoted or asked
- 2 to leave work for a while and get some help because I
- 3 will acknowledge that his wife passed away, and maybe
- 4 it had something to do with his behavior.
- 5 Q. Okay. So how do you relate that misconduct of
- 6 Bob Durham then to treatment of you or do you? Maybe
- 7 you don't.
- 8 A. Oh, I do, because -- well, it seemed like there
- 9 was a few things going on at the same time, and one was
- 10 that Bob was sleeping with Janine, the subordinate, and
- 11 Janine -- I don't know -- was like really jealous or
- 12 very catty towards me.
- 13 Q. You guys were friends at one time, weren't you?
- 14 A. I've known Janine since -- geez, 14 years old.
- 15 She dated my cousin when I was like 12. Yeah, I've
- 16 known Janine for a very long time, but the day that I
- 17 had my -- the White Slough incident, she told me
- 18 that -- you know, under her breath, she told me she
- 19 would kick my ass if I scraped her with some brush, and
- 20 I got some insight as to a different side of Janine.
- I didn't like the idea of her dating Bob
- 22 and Bob having power and authority in the workplace
- 23 because he abused his power, and she was taking
- 24 advantage of that.
- 25 Q. And the fact that you didn't like that

- 1 know -- a lot of people -- a lot of people -- there has
- 2 been this -- this story or this prediction that when
- 3 John Stroh retires that Eddie will have John's job and
- 4 that Bob Durham would have Eddie's job, and so a lot of
- 5 people have kissed up to Bob for that purpose, thinking
- 6 they're going to get ahead, and so I think it's caused
- 7 a lot of dissension in the workplace.
- 8 Q. You said Don's lawsuit, people had to pick sides.
- 9 Which lawsuit is this?
- 10 A. His stress heart attack.
- 11 Q. And is that a work comp lawsuit?
- 12 A. I don't know. I'm assuming, yes, because I was
- 13 subpoenaed and had to appear in the work comp building,
- 14 so I would say yes.
- 15 Q. And, I mean, are you relating your -- well, let
- 16 me think about that. Are you relating your, somehow
- 17 aligning -- well, are you viewed as aligning yourself
- 18 with Don?
- 19 A. I'm -- unknowingly. I had never worked with Don
- 20 Meidinger, and Don Meidinger and I weren't friends, so
- 21 it's not like we got together and said, hey, you
- 22 know -- unknowingly, Don and I aligned ourselves
- 23 because I had my own personal issues with Bob Durham.
- 24 I -- his misconduct -- he should have been fired.
- He should have lost his job for his

- 1 technician and I should know.
- 2 Q. And when was this?
- 3 A. Well, it started -- in 2007 is when I was
- 4 relocated. It was -- I think it was the 29th of July.
- 5 Q. And does this indicate, in your mind, some
- 6 discriminatory action?
- 7 A. Oh, yes, definitely.
- 8 Q. And what do you think was the cause of that --
- 9 the reason that discriminatory action occurred?
- 10 A. I believe -- I didn't know that there was so much
- 11 dissension between Don Meidinger and management, and I
- 12 didn't know that -- I had never worked with Bob Durham.
- 13 He had worked in Lodi, so I didn't know the history of
- 14 those men, and apparently I walked into something that
- 15 was bigger than me, and there was a lot of dissension
- 16 with those men and a lot of history.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. I happened to align myself with Don's way of
- 19 thinking without knowing, you know, that he had been
- 20 labeled a problem or that there was problems with him
- 21 in management.
- 22 Q. Do you think that became the genesis of the
- 23 discrimination against you?
- 24 A. Yeah, Don's lawsuit affected a lot of people at
- 25 work. It's like people had to pick sides and, you

- 1 EXHIBIT 6: Map
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- 3 MR. ELEY: Q. Anything else? Photos?
- 4 A. Yeah, I have photos because it's like, you know,
- 5 I was assigned to the islands, and what my assignment
- 6 was in the islands is pretty much duck clubs, and it's
- 7 a flooded area.
- 8 They're the same areas usually every year.
- 9 You map it out, you find out when it's breeding.
- 10 You -- I would report it to Eddie usually going above
- 11 Dwayne, going above my assistant supervisor.
- 12 They would normally send me straight to
- 13 Eddie, and Eddie would fly it. Eddie wouldn't even
- 14 tell you what he was putting on it, so I go from that
- 15 to being sent to Escalon after filing my complaint
- 16 against Bob Durham, and I'm put out in these pastures,
- 17 and I don't know what to do.
- 18 I mean, I honestly -- I have never see an
- 19 irrigation system or an irrigation district, and I
- 20 didn't know if I could put chemicals in pipes. I
- 21 didn't know if I could put chemicals -- you know, if I
- 22 was breaking rules or laws, I mean, and nobody was out
- 23 there to help me or tell me.
- 24 When I told them I didn't know what I was
- 25 doing, I was told that I was -- that I was a trained

- 1 fired, I'm being discriminated against.
- Why am I being put in someone else's area
- 3 when I know my area and know it well, especially when
- 4 this stuff tracks you and, you know, tells on you,
- 5 tells where you've been, how much you put out, what
- 6 mistakes you made.
- 7 Q. And who made the assignment? Do you know?
- 8 A. Brian Heine. It's my assumption, Chris, that
- 9 Eddie Lucchesi tells Brian what to do.
- 10 Q. And did -- did you discuss with Brian --
- 11 A. The difficulties?
- 12 Q. Well, the difficulties or why you were being
- 13 assigned out of your zone.
- 14 A. I'm a complainer, Chris. I'm not going to tell
- 15 Brian -- Brian has called me a complainer. Why would I
- 16 tell him that I need help?
- 17 Q. Did he volunteer why it was being done that way?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 MR. ELEY: Okay. We'll mark those if we haven't
- 20 marked them. We'll mark them next. Oh. That's this.
- 21 I think it's just that, isn't it?
- THE WITNESS: There's that one and then that one.
- 23 MR. ELEY: I think this has been marked. We'll
- 24 mark that. That would be 6, I believe.

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- 1 it's this one right here.
- 2 Q. All right. The area that you've marked three?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And do you know who did one?
- 5 A. I think Deanna Hopkins did. I'm pretty sure
- 6 Deanna Hopkins did, and I think Mike did his area.
- 7 Q. Now, to do these, you use a cold fogging truck;
- 8 is that correct?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. So you don't use your usual truck?
- 11 A. That is correct. Now, when we do these, we have
- 12 a computer system that -- I mean, we have a computer
- 13 system that we're supposed to be looking at while we're
- 14 driving, and -- but because I don't know where I'm at,
- 15 I also have to have my own GPS unit that I'm looking
- 16 at, so I'm driving, and I'm looking at two computer
- 17 systems, and the one -- this computer system -- I don't
- 18 know what you want to call this document for her
- 19 purposes, but the one that the district provides, the
- 20 light goes out to preserve the battery life, so we're
- 21 supposed to be looking at it the whole time we're
- 22 driving, but you constantly have to be pushing the
- 23 button to keep the light on so that you can see it, so
- 24 I just don't understand -- you know, I already feel
- 25 like I'm being set up to fail, I'm being set up to be

- 1 A. Just a small portion. It was town.
- 2 Q. Well, I mean, that's -- looks to me about a third
- 3 of the area is in zone 18. No?
- 4 A. Oh. Okay. Of this area?
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you know whose zone this is?
- 8 A. I believe it's Mike Corales.
- 9 Q. Would this be Mike Corales, as well?
- 10 A. It's either Mike Corales or Morgan Bennett. I
- 11 think one is Mike's and one is Morgan's.
- 12 Q. One person was to go ahead and cold fog this
- 13 whole area surrounded --
- 14 A. No. One, two, three.
- 15 Q. So there were actually three different areas?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Let me rephrase that. This entire section
- 18 surrounded by the dotted red line was to be cold fogged
- 19 that evening, but it was to be done by three different
- 20 people?
- 21 A. Correct, three technicians.
- 22 Q. Did you do any of these areas?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Which area did you do?
- 25 A. I did -- let me double-check, but I'm pretty sure

- 1 Q. And if you look at these, was it -- which one of
- 2 these represents your area or your zone?
- 3 A. This part.
- 4 Q. Is that the one that's --
- 5 A. Henry, Vine.
- 6 Q. You've got this whole area that's kind of
- 7 circled?
- 8 A. This was my assigned area. Yeah, I was given
- 9 somebody else's, and somebody was given mine.
- 10 Q. Let me go back. So this area which is hedged in
- 11 the dotted red line, that's not zone 18, is it?
- 12 A. No, it's not.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. My zone is this portion right here.
- 15 Q. Okay. And is that zone 18, or is that --
- 16 A. That's a portion of it.
- 17 Q. That's a portion of zone 18?
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. So the area that is in that red line --
- 20 surrounded by that red line, what is the -- what does
- 21 that red line represent?
- 22 A. I think it represented the whole area that was
- 23 being cold fogged or Adulticiding.
- Q. So that would indicate then that part of zone 18
- 25 would be --

- 1 EXHIBIT 5: Map
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- 3 THE WITNESS: I'm pretty sure that this is this
- 4 here, and this was another cold fogging assignment that
- 5 was given to me, and for the life of me, I just really
- 6 couldn't understand -- I was not familiar with this
- 7 area at all, but my area was being cold fogged, and
- 8 somebody else was assigned my area, and I just thought,
- 9 why are they giving me somebody else's area that I'm
- 10 not familiar with; it's pitch black out.
- 11 You know, why am I doing somebody else's
- 12 assignment when my area is being done, and why am I not
- 13 being assigned my own place that I'm familiar with when
- 14 they have that -- you know, this light here that shows
- 15 everywhere I've been and what I'm doing and every
- 16 mistake I make.
- MR. ELEY: Q. So this was another incident
- 18 sometime in the 2011 mosquito season; is that right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. Do we have an estimate of the date?
- 21 A. Is it on there?
- 22 Q. I couldn't say. I'm not seeing anything in
- 23 particular.
- 24 A. Oh, wait. You know what? I got it right here.
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- 1 what sense?
- 2 A. This one, no. This is an example of our new
- 3 computer system that actually shows where you've been,
- 4 how you've distributed the material.
- It judges you. It grades you. You don't
- 6 even need a supervisor, anybody out there to, you know,
- 7 see if you're okay or see if you've done the job right
- 8 because it's going to tell on you.
- 9 Q. And how does this relate to your application for
- 10 discrimination benefits?
- 11 A. Well, I'm pretty sure that this is this one. Let
- 12 me double-check. This, if anything, was just an
- 13 example of showing you what happens out here.
- 14 This is depicting what, you know -- what it
- 15 looks like when I come back and how well of a job I
- 16 did. I don't think I did a good job that night because
- 17 I didn't know -- I couldn't see anything.
- 18 Q. There were no headlights?
- 19 A. Yeah, but, Chris, our trucks are pretty low.
- 20 They're the -- yeah, I don't know how to explain this
- 21 to you, but we don't have like a big beacon light on
- 22 top or something that, you know, shows ahead. It's
- 23 pitch black out there.
- MR. ELEY: Okay. All right. Let's mark this 5,
- 25 I guess.

- 1 Q. Had you ever done that?
- 2 A. No. The first time I ever cold fogged an area
- 3 that was unfamiliar to me, somebody rode with me, and
- 4 that's very common, but this is the new thing --
- 5 Q. Let me stay on that.
- 6 A. Okay.
- 7 Q. Did anybody ride with Morgan that night?
- 8 A. That was Morgan's zone. Morgan didn't need
- 9 anybody to ride with him.
- 10 Q. I thought you said it was Mike's zone.
- 11 A. Morgan used to have that zone.
- 12 Q. But did anyone ride with Morgan?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Did anybody ride with Mike that night?
- 15 A. No, but if you look, Mike has roads.
- 16 Q. But I think we've established Mike would have to
- 17 go off road, right?
- 18 A. You've established that. I don't know what Mike
- 19 did. I'm sure they have to chart that -- that's the
- 20 part that's a little scary that now they have this
- 21 where it actually shows everywhere you've been that --
- 22 Q. So now we're referring to a different map. It's
- 23 got, "West rural Ripon," at the top of it, and in the
- 24 bottom in a little box, it's got, "Truck 58," and with
- 25 regard to this, you said it was a little scary. In

- 1 A. Sure, sure, but some of these are not orchards.
- 2 Like mine was. Mine was an orchard. I don't know what
- 3 they had in theirs.
- This, I think, depicts a chicken ranch,
- 5 but, I mean, what scared me about this incident is I'm
- 6 driving through these orchards, and trees are falling,
- 7 and a tree is down, and you have to back up out of
- 8 there and you're driving down a road and you're praying
- 9 to God that somebody hasn't irrigated because, you
- 10 know, once you start going, you can't back out when
- 11 it's dark, and I just -- I felt like I was being set
- 12 up. I don't know if I was or not.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. So that was that incident.
- 15 Q. Have other employees had to cold fog out of their
- 16 zone? Do you know?
- 17 A. Oh, of course, but past precedent used to be --
- 18 well, there's two things. One is employees used to go
- 19 out in the daytime and drive the area so that they
- 20 would be familiar with it. I don't know why that's
- 21 changed.
- 22 Q. You mean that they would drive the entire area
- 23 again once and then come back at night and do it?
- 24 A. Sure. I mean, during the day. I mean, you're
- 25 looking at -- somebody could --

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Now, this shows Mike, Tiffany, and Morgan.
- 3 A. Right.
- 4 Q. Was Morgan doing that at about the same time, do
- 5 you think?
- 6 A. Uh-huh. Yeah, we were all out there at the same
- 7 time.
- 8 Q. All right.
- 9 A. But those guys know the area. Morgan used to
- 10 have Mike's zone, so Morgan knows that area, and if it
- 11 was Mike's zone, Mike knows it, but they both have
- 12 roads to drive around. I don't.
- 13 Q. But aren't they then leaving the zone and going
- 14 through the orchards, as well?
- 15 A. Yeah, you can. Yeah, you can, but if you just
- 16 have a road, some people -- if you just have a road,
- 17 you can just go through the road.
- 18 Q. But if you want to get the material to the -- I'm
- 19 looking at this area which you have Mike's name written
- 20 on.
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. And if you were trying to get material into the
- 23 area between Austin and Frederick, would they not have
- 24 to go off either Austin or Frederick Road into that
- 25 area?

- 1 this area?
- 2 A. Actually, I think I had been injured. This was
- 3 one -- this, I do think, happened after I was injured.
- 4 I was asked to go out here, but if -- what is crazy
- 5 about this assignment here is there's no road, so I'm
- 6 asked to drive in pitch black in an area that I'm not
- 7 familiar with, and I'm supposed to drive through
- 8 orchards. Like this is not a road right here, right?
- 9 I'm supposed to drive through here and serpentine in
- 10 between back and forth, and the part to me that seems
- 11 discriminatory where I could get in trouble that -- you
- 12 know, that made me concerned was that my employer
- 13 actually has a computer on the truck that shows exactly
- 14 where you've been and exactly how much chemical you've
- 15 put out, and so, you know, I felt like I was being set
- 16 up, put in the middle of nowhere with no roads.
- I didn't know where I was, and I didn't
- 18 know what I was doing.
- 19 Q. Now, you were in your truck?
- 20 A. Not in my assigned truck. It was a cold fogger
- 21 truck.
- 22 Q. A cold fogger truck?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. All right. And you turn the cold fog machine on,
- 25 and then you drive through orchards?

- 1 Q. And is that -- whose zone is that? Do you know?
- 2 A. I don't really. I think it's Mike -- I think
- 3 it's Mike's -- no. It's either Steve Azevedo or Mike
- 4 Corales.
- 5 Q. It's not your zone, though?
- 6 A. It's not my zone.
- 7 Q. Is it close to your zone?
- 8 A. No, but it's not out of the ordinary to ask
- 9 somebody to work on somebody else's zone, but
- 10 definitely, as far as safety is concerned, it's
- 11 important -- supervisors used to go out and be out
- 12 there.
- They would either drive ahead of you,
- 14 especially if it was a foreign place to you, but if you
- 15 look at this map, I don't even have roads to follow.
- 16 Q. Let me first of all ask you, what was the date of
- 17 this? Do you recall?
- 18 A. Is there a date on here? 2011 Google maps. It
- 19 was during the season. It was -- I'm sure it was
- 20 before August of 2011.
- 21 Q. Okay. Was there one -- are we talking about one
- 22 incident or multiple incidents?
- 23 A. This one, this was one time.
- 24 Q. Okay. One time. All right. And sometime in
- 25 2011 and you -- were you asked to go out to this -- to

- 1 was taken away from all operators to use on pastures,
- 2 so our hands were already tied by the state removing a
- 3 chemical away from us, so I don't know why my assistant
- 4 manager would take more away from me.
- MR. ELEY: We marked that one, didn't we? We
- 6 marked that one 4?
- 7 THE REPORTER: Yeah.
- 8 MR. ELEY: Q. Something further?
- 9 A. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Okay. That's fine.
- 11 A. Now, these are little ones. They're not big old
- 12 deals here, but, okay, I'm assigned to go out at night
- 13 and spray another technician's area.
- Past precedent, the supervisor in charge
- 15 would allow you to go out in the daylight and see where
- 16 it is that you're going to be spraying because it's a
- 17 foreign place, and when it's dark outside without
- 18 streetlights, you can't see where you're going or what
- 19 you're doing, so I get assigned to work out in somebody
- 20 else's field, somebody else's zone.
- 21 Q. Okay. And -- now, we are looking at a document
- 22 which appears to be a map, and on it there in the
- 23 middle of it, there is an area which is lined in broken
- 24 red lines?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Altosid back, did that truck go to your zone and
- 2 disburse Altosid?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And how would you have disbursed the Altosid
- 5 without having the benefit of that truck? How would
- 6 you have done it?
- 7 A. Well, we have this granule spreader. It's kind
- 8 of a joke, though, because it gets clogged up, and it's
- 9 just the Ag Department's requirement that we use some
- 10 kind of calibration, but most technicians would use it
- 11 by hand, and you just -- you take the acreage of the
- 12 property, and you look at where the water is going to
- 13 sit, and then you do the math and you decide how much
- 14 chemical should go on that property.
- 15 Q. All right. That's what you were intending to do
- 16 with the Altosid on that day?
- 17 A. Sure, sure.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. So in conjunction with the Altosid -- and this
- 20 part isn't so much the discrimination, but it just adds
- 21 to how important the Altosid is. We had a chemical
- 22 that the state took away from us, and that was our
- 23 Golden Bear -- well, actually, it was the BVA because
- 24 they changed the name. Sorry.
- So we had an oil -- a second chemical that

- 1 It was something -- and usually two guys
- 2 went out and did it together. It was, you know,
- 3 something they did together. I wasn't allowed to work
- 4 with people, and I wasn't allowed to have chemical.
- 5 Q. How is it normally applied?
- 6 A. There's a truck that we can use, but you have to
- 7 have your supervisor's authorization.
- 8 Q. So this would not be your normal truck?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. You would have some different truck that would go
- 11 out there?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And there's -- is there -- what on that truck
- 14 disburses the Altosid?
- 15 A. It's like a gun kind of. It's kind of cool. It
- 16 shoots at a -- I don't know. It's like a reverse
- 17 vacuum, so it shoots it out, and it shoots it out
- 18 pretty far. It's supposed to be calibrated, and....
- 19 Q. And normally then, one would use the truck to
- 20 disburse it?
- 21 A. Yes, two would.
- 22 Q. Two people would use that truck?
- 23 A. Yes, one person would drive, and the second
- 24 person would spray the chemical.
- 25 Q. Okay. And after Ed requested that you bring the

- 1 day?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. And did he -- let's see. Did he say that you
- 4 couldn't use it in the future, or was there some
- 5 limitation placed on your use?
- 6 A. He asked me to return it twice, and by the
- 7 second -- no. The answer would be no.
- 8 Q. He asked you to return it twice on the same day
- 9 or different days?
- 10 A. No. I checked it out -- let's see here. We've
- 11 got May, and we've got June. It's not on that one. I
- 12 don't think I have a copy of the first one when he had
- 13 me return it. Okay.
- So what I have here is April's inventory
- 15 sheet. I was requested to return the 22 pounds I
- 16 checked out.
- The sheet is in the office, so I just made
- 18 my own note on the May one, so, again, in June, I tried
- 19 to check it out again, and was called on the radio and
- 20 told, "Bring it back."
- 21 Q. Okay. Was there -- is there just one container
- 22 of Altosid, or is there....
- 23 A. I'm sorry I'm laughing. No, Chris, no. I mean,
- 24 Altosid was something that -- I mean, if you look at
- 25 the past history in my zone, it was used.

- 1 that? I see the first use by you was on June 11th.
- 2 A. I don't have all the inventory sheets. We don't
- 3 have a photocopy machine, and I don't have access to --
- 4 it looks like I checked it out in June.
- 5 Oh, no, because in June, Eddie asked me to
- 6 return it again.
- 7 Q. So let's look at that one chemical sheet
- 8 information for June 11th -- June, 2011, and there is
- 9 the first date there, it says, "June 1st, 2011," and
- 10 then, "22 pounds." What does that indicate, the 22
- 11 pounds? Is that how much was used?
- 12 A. Uh-huh.
- 13 Q. Okay. And withdrawn by 365. Is that you?
- 14 A. 306? Where are you at?
- 15 Q. I'm looking at, "Withdrawn by." Here.
- 16 A. No. I'm 306. I don't know who 365 is.
- 17 Q. Okay. So then the next one down is June 15th,
- 18 '11, 22 pounds.
- 19 A. I checked it out on the 15th, 22 pounds, and
- 20 Eddie called me and told me to return it.
- 21 Q. Okay. So you returned it pretty much that same
- 22 day with the same amount? You didn't use it?
- 23 A. I wasn't allowed to use it.
- Q. Okay. All right. And then -- now, did Ed give
- 25 you any indication of why you wouldn't use it on that

- 1 Altosid use in --
- 2 A. Zone 18.
- 3 Q. -- zone 18?
- 4 A. Correct. So I have 440 pounds, so why is a grown
- 5 man who doesn't have any medical limitations allowed to
- 6 use chemical that would be helpful to prevent mosquito
- 7 breeding?
- 8 Why would he be allowed something that
- 9 somebody who has limitations, you know -- to me, that's
- 10 a perfect example of discrimination.
- 11 Q. All right. So you're -- and I have to say, and
- 12 I'm not sure exactly how one uses Altosid, but I don't
- 13 think that's impairing my understanding of this.
- What you're saying is that you were denied
- 15 the ability to use the Altosid; whereas, others in that
- 16 same zone were not; is that correct?
- 17 A. That is correct, and I can tell you how Altosid
- 18 is used. Altosid is a pre-emergent, so you lay it down
- 19 prior to an irrigation.
- In my zone, I have two irrigation
- 21 districts. I have South San Joaquin Irrigation
- 22 District, and I have Oakdale Irrigation District.
- 23 Q. Now, the reason -- now, you had the Altosid on
- 24 the truck. Do you remember looking at this -- does
- 25 this indicate -- tell you when it was that you got

- 1 was able to put 12 pounds out on a notoriously bad
- 2 pasture, and it looks like -- oh, and then --
- 3 Q. Let's see. Just so we're all on the same --
- 4 A. Okay. I'm on the last page. I didn't number
- 5 these.
- 6 Q. The last page?
- 7 A. Yeah. You have it there.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. If you look -- so this is the year -- there's a
- 10 typo there because 7-3 -- that's got to be 2011 where
- 11 the 5 is.
- 12 Q. Oh. 5-9-11?
- 13 A. 7-3-11. See 5-9-11? That should be 7-3-11. I'm
- 14 sure that's a typo.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. Anyway, no. I was able to put 22 pounds out in
- 17 that season. That's how much Altosid I was given.
- 18 Q. Okay. So this is the total amount of Altosid
- 19 that went out, and let's just take 2009, and that's
- 20 like on the third page, 4-23-09.
- 21 A. No. It's on the last page, as well.
- 22 Q. I'm just thinking if we start with the third
- 23 page, 4-23-09.
- 24 A. Sure.
- 25 Q. It follows -- this is a history of -- of the

- 1 MR. ELEY: Q. Okay. So --
- 2 A. So --
- 3 Q. -- you were explaining the purpose of the
- 4 document.
- 5 A. Okay. So the first time I checked the -- the
- 6 first time I checked out the chemical was a bit
- 7 premature, but I thought I'm going to have one on my
- 8 truck because, in my zone, the eggs are already in the
- 9 soil, and they are determined by weather, so when the
- 10 temperatures get between 90 and a hundred degrees, the
- 11 eggs are there, and within three days, the mosquitoes
- 12 hatch, and they hatch in high numbers, especially if a
- 13 zone had been not taken care of, and mine had not been
- 14 taken care of, so this is a pre-emergent, and you lay
- 15 it down prior to an irrigation, and in theory, it's
- 16 supposed to last X amount of irrigations, so I checked
- 17 out a jug of the Altosid, and Eddie Lucchesi called me
- 18 on the radio and asked me to return it, so it was a
- 19 little bit early in the season, so I thought maybe --
- 20 you know, maybe just giving him the benefit of the
- 21 doubt, maybe it's not retaliation. Maybe it's needed
- 22 for something else and I'll be able to get some later,
- 23 but I wasn't.
- I checked it out again, and I was asked to
- 25 return it again, and I finally -- I put out May 9th, I

- 1 A. Yes, that's a multi-page document.
- 2 Q. All right.
- 3 A. You will notice two things, the applicator and
- 4 the helper, and you will notice -- now, this is not --
- I mean, John probably has better records than I do.
- 6 This is, you know, handwritten things that
- 7 I can do during my break and my lunch, but it's as
- 8 accurate as I could get it.
- 9 Q. All right. So this is a document that you
- 10 created?
- 11 A. That I created.
- 12 Q. Okay. And how does this indicate some form of
- 13 discrimination?
- 14 A. If you notice that -- well, I don't even know if
- 15 John was aware of this. This may just be an Eddie
- 16 thing. I don't know, but I checked out my -- I need to
- 17 back up a little bit. I just need to breathe for a
- 18 second.
- 19 Q. While you're doing that, let me get a copy of all
- 20 this because we're going to have to do it anyway. You
- 21 can take a break, and counsel can look at it, too.
- 22 (Recess taken.)

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24 EXHIBIT 4: Altosid Application Information

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- 1 EXHIBIT 3: April, 2001 Memorandum
- 2
- MR. ELEY: Q. So you've handed me a multi-page
- 4 document and several more. Do these all go together?
- 5 A. They do.
- 6 Q. Okay. So we've got three single sheets and a
- 7 multi-page document, and let's put the top thing on it,
- 8 would be a -- looks like a label for Altosid pellets.
- 9 Below that is a chemical sheet information
- 10 dated May, 2011 and another for June, 2011 and
- 11 something titled, Altosid Pellet Applications in Zone
- 12 18 on Pastures.
- Would you indicate how this group indicates
- 14 some discrimination towards you because of work comp?
- 15 A. Sure. Can I read to you on this Altosid pellet
- 16 mosquito growth regulator the first site that this
- 17 chemical is used for?
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Pastures. It gives a list of others, but
- 20 pastures is the very first one on its title.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. If you go through my little spreadsheet here, you
- 23 will see that I started to do an Excel spreadsheet on
- 24 use of Altosid pellets in zone 18.
- 25 Q. Is that the multi-page document?

- 1 and resolve issues has always come back where Brian is
- 2 told what I have said, and it just creates animosity,
- 3 but when did the rules change for the supervisors?
- 4 Where was the memo?
- 5 Q. My question was whether or not you thought that
- 6 Brian sat around all day at his computer not going into
- 7 the field, from your own personal knowledge?
- 8 A. From my perspective, yes, Chris. I had Brian out
- 9 in my zone that I was aware of three times in that
- 10 season, and -- and historically in that zone, a
- 11 supervisor used to be out in that region daily from
- 12 Ed Greenmeyer to Keith Neiheis (phonetic) to even Bob
- 13 Durham.
- 14 Q. Okay. Going back, though, to the issue of the
- 15 evidence of the weeds here. You said that you
- 16 didn't -- at some point, you just stopped communicating
- 17 with Brian about these kinds of things? Is that
- 18 accurate?
- 19 A. I communicated what I felt was the most
- 20 important.
- 21 Q. We're going to make copies of this.
- 22 A. You can have them.
- MR. ELEY: Well, we're going to have to put them
- on the record, too, but okay. We'll mark this as --
- 25 all as one package, and we'll mark it as next which....

- 1 supervisor?
- 2 A. The supervisor is supposed to hand out the letter
- 3 and make sure that they're enforced.
- 4 Q. And if you saw this, generally, you would report
- 5 this to the supervisor? Is that --
- 6 A. I never had a supervisor where I had to tell a
- 7 supervisor to do his job. When I worked for Dwayne
- 8 Bridgewater, he was out in the field.
- 9 He did what he was supposed to. This was
- 10 unusual, but I -- these were unusual circumstances.
- 11 Q. So you're thinking that Brian doesn't carry out
- 12 his job?
- 13 A. I think that Bob Durham set the tone for
- 14 supervisors, and supervisors don't go out in the zone
- 15 anymore.
- 16 Q. And you think that Bob Durham had some influence
- 17 then on how Brian Heine handles your zone?
- 18 A. If one supervisor doesn't leave his office and
- 19 sits at his computer all day, then why wouldn't the
- 20 next?
- 21 Q. And you're thinking, then, that Brian spends most
- of the day at his computer? Is that what you're
- 23 indicating?
- 24 A. You know, this is the part that kind of concerns
- 25 me because any communication that I've ever had to try

- 1 Q. Would ordinarily part of your responsibility be
- 2 to report back to your supervisor if there were -- if
- 3 the condition of this pond would lead to mosquito
- 4 breeding?
- 5 A. Sure, but in a -- but ordinarily, a supervisor
- 6 would be out in the field at least once a week to see
- 7 if there was anything that you would need or to see
- 8 what your environment was.
- 9 Q. Okay. And we'll put that aside for a sec. And
- 10 if you noted this problem then, would it generally
- 11 be -- first of all, looking at these photos, what do
- 12 you see that indicates a problem with regard to
- 13 mosquito breeding?
- 14 A. The weeds around the edges, yeah.
- 15 O. Okay. And would the fact that there's weeds
- 16 around the edges, that would be something that you
- 17 would report -- ordinarily would report to your
- 18 supervisor?
- 19 A. Not necessarily. More you would complain about
- 20 the access.
- 21 Q. Well, how would the -- does the existence of
- 22 those weeds create a mosquito breeding problem?
- 23 A. Oh, sure, yeah.
- 24 O. And how would that problem be dealt with? Is
- 25 that something you would deal with it or the

- 1 dairy then give indication of discrimination against
- 2 you?
- 3 A. Is that letter enforced?
- Q. Well, I don't know. If it's -- if the condition
- of this dairy or this pond prevents you from getting to
- 6 it, is that your obligation then to tell the owner that
- 7 he has a problem?
- 8 A. That's my supervisor's job. My supervisor's job,
- 9 the way I understand it, is to communicate with the
- 10 dairymen and to hand out the letter, and I'm supposed
- 11 to treat and document and report to my supervisor. I
- 12 may be incorrect, but that's the way I understood it.
- 13 Q. And did you take any steps to report the
- 14 condition of this dairy pond to your supervisor?
- 15 A. Chris, I stopped saying anything probably when I
- 16 returned from my -- not this injury but the one prior
- 17 because my supervisor told me I was a complainer, and I
- 18 just stopped.
- 19 I just stopped communicating because
- 20 anything I had to say was a complaint, so....
- 21 Q. Stopped communicating with your supervisor?
- 22 A. Yes, I shared very little information with him,
- 23 but even with the example of the rapist, child
- 24 molester, halfway house, again, I was a complainer,
- 25 so --

- 1 evidence of some discrimination towards you, though?
- 2 A. Well, back in the beginning of the season -- you
- know, we try and be preemptive, and so in the beginning
- 4 of this -- this season, my supervisor asked me to put a
- weed list letter together so that I could spray my
- 6 roadsides, and the zone next to me, that operator
- 7 sprayed all his roadsides, but I was told that it
- 8 wasn't necessary for me to spray mine, so I put this
- 9 list together, and then I'm not treated the same, I
- 10 don't get the same treatment, which means I'm going to
- 11 have a harder time controlling mosquitoes in my area.
- 12 Q. And that's because -- and when you say the
- 13 roadsides, you're referring to the roadsides around the
- 14 dairy pond; is that correct?
- 15 A. The roadsides in my whole zone. I wish I would
- 16 have brought -- that's probably the one thing I didn't
- 17 bring -- is a picture of my whole zone, but my -- a lot
- 18 of my pastures irrigate, and they drain into the
- 19 roadsides, and that's where the water, you know, if it
- 20 can make it there, will sit, and it creates a great
- 21 environment for mosquitoes to breed.
- 22 Q. Okay. But let's just focus on these photos in
- 23 front of us.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. So how does the condition of this particular

- 1 and enforce and inform. I do not believe that that was
- 2 done. Here is --
- 3 Q. Okay. Before we go to that -- so now, you're
- 4 thinking that that was not done in your district or
- 5 district-wide?
- 6 A. I don't know. I've only been in my zone. I
- 7 don't know. I've been in my zone, and I know what my
- 8 zone looked like.
- 9 Q. Well, and how would that show discrimination
- 10 towards you because of a work comp claim?
- 11 A. Well, I'll get there. I mean, the weed letters,
- 12 they're supposed to go out, and it's -- I mean, the
- 13 supervisor is supposed to ensure that we have safe
- 14 access to properties.
- A supervisor is actually supposed to go out
- 16 in the zone and, do you need anything, will you --
- 17 Q. Okay. I want to get to that. I don't want to
- 18 ignore that, but I want to get to the bottom of this
- 19 first.
- 20 A. Okay. Here's my pond. Does that look like
- 21 that's been enforced? That's where I was injured.
- 22 This is my dairy pond. I'm supposed to be able to
- 23 drive around my dairy pond. I can't drive around that.
- 24 Q. All right. And is the condition of this dairy
- 25 pond -- or how is the condition of this dairy pond some

- 1 them to keep their property weed-free.
- 2 It's dairy -- dairy properties, companies
- 3 who have ponds for safety reasons and also for -- you
- 4 know, to help prevent mosquitoes from breeding, okay?
- 5 Q. Okay. I'm just wondering if counsel wants to
- 6 see -- we have a number of things here. Let's go off
- 7 record for a second.
- 8 (Off-the-record discussion.)
- 9 MR. ELEY: Q. So let's go back on, and if I
- 10 could just take a minute. I'm going to look at this
- 11 memorandum.
- 12 A. Didn't you type that?
- 13 Q. Pardon me?
- 14 A. Didn't you type that?
- 15 Q. I don't know. Okay. So we've got this document,
- 16 which is dated April, 2001. It's a memorandum from
- 17 John Stroh's manager to agricultural and industrial
- 18 waste pond owners and operators. "Subject, waste pond
- 19 vegetation management." All right.
- Now, how does this then indicate some
- 21 discrimination towards you after 2010?
- 22 A. That is a letter that's supposed to go out
- 23 annually, unless I have been informed incorrectly.
- That is a letter that my supervisor should
- 25 go out and meet with each property owner in his region

- 1 my zone, and I was informed -- even though this is your
- 2 specialty -- do we not have the right to enter
- 3 properties?
- 4 That's a rhetorical question, but we have
- 5 the right to enter properties. I was informed I was
- 6 not allowed to access Emily's property, although I had
- 7 done it prior to her employment to access sources in my
- 8 zone, so I was very aware that that was Emily's
- 9 property because I wasn't allowed on it, and I was
- 10 aware that that was her landlord. Lengthy answer to a
- 11 short question.
- 12 Q. So just the property at -- on Enterprise was
- 13 Emily's -- where she lived? Is that....
- 14 A. Uh-huh.
- 15 Q. Okay. Anything else that you think that occurred
- 16 between your return to work in August of 2010 to the
- 17 present which indicates some sort of discrimination by
- 18 the district against you for filing a work comp claim
- 19 or being a witness in a work comp claim?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What are those things?
- 22 A. Can I show them to you singly?
- 23 Q. You bet, yes.
- 24 A. Okay. We'll start here. This is a letter that
- is supposed to go out to property owners, and it asks

- 1 That had to do with me. It was pointed at
- 2 me. That was my feeling, and so I felt like I had a
- 3 right to address it.
- 4 Q. Let me make a copy of this.
- 5 A. You can have it.
- 6 Q. I think we need one for everyone, so....
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 (Off the record.)
- 9 MR. ELEY: Romina, if you would like that, and
- 10 then we will put this just as -- well, let's do this:
- 11 Let's have this whole thing marked 1.

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13 EXHIBIT 1: Various Documents

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- MR. ELEY: So we're marking the packet, which we
- 16 refer to as the application itself as 1. Now we can
- 17 mark this as 2.

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19 EXHIBIT 2: 4-30-11 Letter

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- MR. ELEY: Q. That would be the letter from
- 22 Marcella Coca. You can have that back. Counsel has
- 23 one. Just out of curiosity, how do you know that
- 24 Marcella Coca is her prior landlord?
- 25 A. Because that property happened to be a source in

- 1 know, I brought something to you guys' attention, I
- 2 asked for help -- and, actually, if we're going to be
- 3 honest, I didn't even go to the board. I called a
- 4 whistle blower hotline, and the board contacted me.
- 5 Q. And did you let Emily know that you had forwarded
- 6 this on to --
- 7 A. No, no, but I believe that somebody let Emily
- 8 know.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. And then, I mean, just --
- 11 Q. Do you think it would have been wrong for
- 12 somebody to let Emily know that you were saying that
- 13 this letter was biassed and it was mocking you?
- 14 A. What would be the intention? To create more
- 15 hostility between us?
- 16 Q. Well, to let her know what you're doing.
- 17 A. You know, Chris, my first day back to work, I go
- 18 out to a property, and the property owner wants to know
- 19 why we're there. I'm with my assistant supervisor, and
- 20 he starts to inform us that Emily has stole his pot
- 21 plants, and I just walk away because I'm like, my first
- 22 day back, I don't want to get involved with this, but,
- 23 you know, that was something that didn't involve me,
- 24 and I walked away. I didn't say anything to anybody
- 25 else because it wasn't my business.

- 1 response.
- 2 Q. And that response -- what are you referring to?
- 3 A. Mocking me, you know. Just, look at, you're
- 4 complaining because you got shocked by a hot wire
- 5 fence. You're complaining, you know, because you got
- 6 pinned in by a bull, but look at Emily, she can shimmy
- 7 through a hot wire fence. Look at her, she's super
- 8 woman. It was, you know, mocking me.
- 9 Q. Do you have any reason to think that management
- 10 had anything to do with the creation of this letter?
- 11 A. I don't -- could I prove that?
- 12 Q. Well, do you suspect that it's true?
- 13 A. I believe that management knew that was her
- 14 landlord. Why would they -- why would they -- hey, if
- 15 my mom sent me a letter and recognized me, would John
- 16 say, good job, Tiffany, and hang it up? I mean....
- 17 Q. You're right. It says at the bottom of the
- 18 letter, it says apparently in handwritten, it says,
- 19 "Emily, keep up the good work, John Stroh," and you
- think that that was somehow mocking you; is that right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And you sent that to the board president with the
- 23 intent of letting him know that you thought it was
- 24 biassed?
- 25 A. Right, and just letting the board know, hey, you

- 1 what does that refer to?
- 2 A. That is -- I don't have one to refer to, so we'll
- 3 have to share it, but you can have it because I have a
- 4 copy of it, and it was a letter written by her
- 5 landlord, and, you know, it was almost like a mockery
- of me because I had written the board a ten-page
- 7 document when I filed my whistle blower complaint, and
- 8 they refused to talk to me, and a lot of the things
- 9 that I had to say in that document were turned and
- 10 twisted around in praising Emily out in my zone, and it
- 11 looked like I was being mocked.
- 12 Q. All right. So how -- first of all, how did you
- 13 become aware of this letter from Marcella Coca?
- 14 A. It was hanging on the chalkboard.
- 15 Q. And this is -- you've stapled it to this e-mail
- 16 that you sent to Mike. Did you also attach it to the
- 17 e-mail that you sent to Mike?
- 18 A. I believe that I did. Sometimes they don't go
- 19 through. People have, on their computer, messages shut
- 20 off, so he may have not seen it, but I did send it.
- 21 Q. Okay. All right. So you sent it to him, and
- 22 then what was your intent in sending that to him?
- 23 A. Like, hey, you know, this isn't stopping. I
- 24 asked for help. I asked the board for help. I bring a
- 25 problem to the board's attention, and this is the

- 1 so, yeah, I mean, I'd be out in the field with these
- 2 three people and, you know, just be the odd man out.
- 3 It was -- yeah, Emily didn't talk to me and....
- 4 Q. So both in the field and at the district around
- 5 that district office is pretty much from the beginning;
- 6 is that correct?
- 7 A. That is correct.
- 8 Q. Take a look at the document.
- 9 A. It's e-mail correspondence between board
- 10 president, Mike Manna, and me, and it says it's sent
- 11 May 19th, 2011. "Subject, my success at integrating
- 12 back into hostile work environment."
- 13 Q. Is this --
- 14 A. Hold on. Let me get there.
- 15 Q. Sure.
- 16 A. Okay. Got it. This one?
- 17 Q. Yeah. Okay. And is that -- that's an e-mail
- 18 that you sent to Mike; is that correct?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- 20 Q. Okay. And the second paragraph reads this way:
- 21 It says, "This letter of acknowledgment recognizing
- 22 Emily is biassed because it comes from her prior
- 23 landlord of less than a month ago, while putting me
- 24 down passively."
- 25 First of all, the letter of acknowledgment,

- 1 talk to you; is that correct?
- 2 A. I believe that, yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. All right. Now I'm going to take a short
- 4 break.
- 5 (Recess taken.)
- 6 MR. ELEY: Q. Going back to the statements on
- 7 your August 31st letter with regard --
- 8 A. Is this our compass?
- 9 Q. Pardon me?
- 10 A. Is this our compass?
- 11 Q. Well, it is the complaint or the application, so
- 12 yeah.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q. And having to do with Emily, and I think you said
- 15 that she didn't speak to you with regard to at least
- 16 questions in the field.
- Am I accurate to think, though, that she
- 18 didn't want to speak with you in the locker room or
- 19 just in those kind of informal meetings that you would
- 20 have around the district office?
- 21 A. We actually were assigned, if my date is right --
- 22 when I returned to work, we were assigned to work as a
- 23 crew together. Janine, Emily, Morgan Bennett, and
- 24 myself.
- Now, Morgan, Janine already disliked me,

- 1 in Janine's transference of the anger and hatred toward
- 2 you?
- 3 A. They could -- management was fully aware of mine
- 4 and Janine's -- I don't know what you want to call it.
- 5 There definitely was an imbalance of power
- 6 because she was sleeping with the supervisor, so she
- 7 had influence in the workplace.
- I did not have that same influence, but the
- 9 one thing that management could have done is separated
- 10 Janine and Emily from one another, and instead, they
- 11 allowed them to work together on a regular basis, and
- 12 there is one point where an employee lost his job over
- 13 stepping up and saying something in my absence.
- 14 Q. Who was that?
- 15 A. Steve Liepelt.
- 16 Q. And he was terminated for stepping up and saying
- 17 something in your absence?
- 18 A. He retired. He believes that he was going to be
- 19 fired, and he said he was tired of the retaliation, and
- 20 he retired, but there was an incident that happened
- 21 with him and Emily involving me that proceeded the
- 22 retaliation and discrimination that he received out in
- 23 the field.
- Q. So you think Janine's influence in the workplace
- 25 helped to create this atmosphere where people wouldn't

- 1 A. So Janine's tone, Janine's hatred, the way she
- 2 felt towards me had been now put on Emily.
- 3 Emily treated me the same way Janine did,
- 4 and I, at that time, had asked John, since I was only
- 5 going to be there for 30 days and did not know what my
- 6 future was, if I could change at a different time
- 7 period than those two girls, and that was accommodated
- 8 for that 30 days.
- 9 Q. And do you have reason to think that Janine would
- 10 have, as you say, transferred her anger or hatred to
- 11 Emily?
- 12 A. Oh, yes.
- 13 Q. Do you have reason to think that she would have
- 14 transferred that to any other employees?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. What other employees do you think?
- 17 A. Anybody who would listen, anybody who can't think
- 18 for themselves. You want a list?
- 19 Q. Sure.
- 20 A. Norm Hopkins, Deanna Hopkins, Bob Durham, Morgan
- 21 Bennett, and I think those are pretty much the people
- 22 who don't really think for themselves.
- 23 Q. How about Brian?
- 24 A. I think Brian is scared out of his mind.
- 25 Q. What makes you think that management was involved

- I'm thinking about the zone, so you're
- 2 thinking that this was more expansive, don't just
- 3 discuss -- don't just not discuss issues about the
- 4 zone, but don't just talk to her generally? Is that
- 5 your understanding?
- 6 A. I definitely believed that in that scenario, she
- 7 was not to answer any field questions. Now, whether
- 8 she took this a step further on her own or not, Emily
- 9 did not talk to me in the field.
- 10 Q. Did she talk to you outside of the field in other
- 11 settings?
- 12 A. No. We would, every morning, change our uniforms
- 13 together and every afternoon change back into our
- 14 clothes, and she would not talk to me.
- 15 Q. And was this ongoing from the date you first came
- 16 back, or was this something that occurred over time?
- 17 A. The one month that I returned, Emily was newly
- 18 hired, and the history has been that the other female
- 19 in the locker room and I did not get along, and so when
- 20 I returned for that one month, the tension was there
- 21 with the new employee just like it was with the other
- 22 female that I had had --
- 23 Q. Is that Janine?
- 24 A. Janine, yes.
- 25 Q. All right.

- 1 relocated to another employee's zone, and past practice
- 2 and precedent had been to share field information, so
- 3 being that Emily had my zone prior or while I was away
- 4 from work, I had a question about a specific property,
- 5 and when I asked her the question, she put her hand up
- 6 in the air, and she said, "I don't mean any disrespect,
- 7 but I was told not to answer any questions that you
- 8 have and that you need to go to your supervisor. I am
- 9 really sorry."
- 10 What does that tell a new employee?
- 11 Q. Did you have -- did she say anything else in that
- 12 conversation on that line?
- 13 A. Not that I can remember. It was pretty hurtful.
- 14 Q. And when you -- indicating the supervisor, you're
- 15 indicating Brian Heine?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. Did she say supervisor, or did she say
- 18 Brian? Do you recall at this point?
- 19 A. I don't. It could have been just, I was told not
- 20 to talk to you.
- 21 Q. And that's slightly different.
- 22 A. I know. I understand that, but then who?
- 23 Q. No. My question is, you said not to talk to you
- 24 would be one way, and the other, not to answer any
- 25 questions.

- 1 so I think that my injuries and me not being at work
- 2 angered him very much, but you're asking for examples
- 3 of discrimination, and I have a book of them.
- 4 Q. Okay. And did you bring that book today?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. Is that what you have in your lap?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. Let's -- staying with the August 31st
- 9 letter or document, you relate to the -- this is in the
- 10 fifth paragraph down and the last sentence of that
- 11 paragraph.
- 12 It says, "Creating an atmosphere where
- 13 employees fail to communicate with me and some
- 14 downright refuse to work with me," and then you begin
- 15 the next paragraph by saying, "Such as in the case of
- 16 newly-hired Emily Diguilio-Pope, " and you state that,
- 17 "When I returned to work and tried to talk to Emily,
- 18 she informed me she was instructed by her supervisor,
- 19 Brian Heine, not to talk to me."
- Not wanting then to just put words in your
- 21 mouth, can you tell me what Emily said, if anything,
- 22 with regard to indications that Brian had instructed
- 23 her how to handle you or how to act around you?
- 24 A. I returned to work, and Emily had been given my
- 25 work truck and my zone. When I returned, Emily was

- 1 is it because Ed yells at you?
- 2 A. When somebody is ill and they don't feel well and
- 3 they're asking to go to the doctor, the last thing they
- 4 want to do is be yelled at.
- I mean, we'll just start there, but my
- 6 safety should be the district's -- one of their
- 7 concerns. It should be a concern. If I don't come
- 8 home at the end of the day, I will be a liability.
- 9 I can't bring stuff like this to my
- 10 supervisor's attention without me being a problem? To
- 11 me, that's discriminatory.
- 12 Q. And my question for you, though, is the
- 13 discrimination, then, is because Ed is getting mad at
- 14 you? Is that what you think to be the discrimination?
- 15 A. Well, yeah, I think Eddie was very angry at me or
- 16 is angry at me or....
- 17 Q. And do you think -- how do you relate that anger
- 18 specifically to any work comp-related incidents?
- 19 A. One thing, if I would have had hindsight that I
- 20 didn't understand more than anything, was how important
- 21 it is to the district, whether it's Eddie -- I've heard
- 22 it come out of Eddie's mouth, so I'll just say Eddie,
- 23 how important it is no matter what, rain or shine, for
- 24 an employee to be there at the district, whether
- 25 there's work, whether there's not, it's very important,

- 1 complaining of a supervisor initiating my first injury,
- 2 as well as at the same time being subpoenaed to testify
- 3 in another employee's hearing for his work comp case
- 4 creating a very hostile work environment.
- 5 Q. I've noted that, and we'll get back to that.
- 6 A. Sure.
- 7 Q. I want to try to focus on incidents after August
- 8 30th, 2010 because that's what you set forth here in
- 9 the application.
- 10 A. This is a document of a rapist and two child
- 11 molesters. It's a halfway house in my zone. It was
- 12 brought to my attention from a property owner not to go
- 13 onto that property, although it is a source property in
- 14 my zone, and when I brought that to the attention of my
- 15 supervisor, I guess his supervisor sent him out to get
- 16 to the bottom of it, and on the date that I asked to go
- 17 to the doctor on July 18th, 2011 when I'm asking for
- 18 medical care, Eddie Lucchesi starts yelling at me and
- 19 telling me that I am nothing but a problem and that
- 20 things like this, rapists and molesters, are not to be
- 21 worried about and I'm wasting my supervisor's time.
- That is an example of what I would think
- 23 would be discrimination or --
- Q. And so the discrimination is arising from having
- 25 to go onto a property where there's a halfway house, or

- 1 What makes you think that the management
- 2 was creating an atmosphere where other employees didn't
- 3 want to talk to you or didn't want to work with you,
- 4 and you said they set the tone, and my question was,
- 5 can you explain that further?
- Now, we've talked about this. Is there
- 7 anything else that you can think of that would be
- 8 evidence of setting the tone of discrimination?
- 9 A. Sure.
- 10 Q. Okay. Can you tell me?
- 11 A. Okay. John Stroh has an open-door policy. I
- 12 took advantage of John Stroh's open-door policy and
- 13 brought to John's attention a relationship between the
- 14 supervisor and his subordinate and misconduct of a
- 15 supervisor, the same supervisor.
- 16 Q. Okay. Before we get into that, if we get into
- 17 that, let's focus on things, at least from August 30th,
- 18 2010 forward, just so we're -- well, because you filed
- 19 a claim for 132A discrimination, and this has to do
- 20 with work comp discrimination, so I'd like you to focus
- 21 on something -- on evidence that the district has
- 22 created a hostile environment towards you because of
- 23 the filing of a work comp claim.
- 24 A. Due to my open-door policy meeting with John, I
- 25 incurred an injury due to a relocation after

- 1 isn't that right?
- 2 A. Yes. Every person who's seen by -- who goes
- 3 through the work comp system is given a number and a
- 4 claim. It's not a suit. It's a claim. I did not file
- 5 a claim with the district until this 132A.
- 6 Q. And are you thinking that this listing of the
- 7 claim or the litigation would be -- is evidence of some
- 8 discrimination against you because of the filing of the
- 9 claim?
- 10 A. I'm sorry. Repeat that.
- 11 Q. All right. Do you believe that the fact that
- 12 this was listed on an agenda is evidence of some
- 13 discrimination against you by the district or by
- 14 management?
- 15 A. I believe that this was posted for employees to
- 16 believe that I had legal issues with the district.
- 17 Q. All right. And do you think that that was
- 18 inaccurate, that you had legal issues with the
- 19 district?
- 20 A. I had an injury at work. That's accurate.
- 21 Q. And isn't it accurate that agendas are routinely
- 22 posted every month at the district?
- 23 A. Sure.
- Q. Going back to my question, though, was, how did
- 25 the -- how do you -- let me rephrase that.

- 1 A. It says, "I think you should show this to the
- 2 board." I got the impression that employees saw this.
- 3 Q. And if you're showing it to the board, would it
- 4 not then be public record for everyone in the community
- 5 to see?
- 6 A. I do not believe so. The board has closed
- 7 sessions, and the board was -- the board had contacted
- 8 me.
- 9 Q. Before we get to that, are you thinking then
- 10 that -- you're referring to the closed session, this
- 11 closed session here on October 19th, which would be the
- 12 next one down?
- 13 A. I'm referring to any board meeting where they
- 14 have closed sessions.
- 15 Q. And if they have a closed session with regard to
- 16 you or any employee, do they not then have to list the
- 17 object of that closed session?
- 18 A. Was there a litigation? Was there a suit filed?
- 19 Q. I don't know, but it seems like you're --
- 20 A. I'm stating my rights were being denied.
- 21 Q. Right. And you're stating that there's a claim
- 22 opened at that time. I'm just thinking that --
- 23 A. Not my claim.
- Q. "Dr. Murata, my surgeon and physician assigned to
- 25 my work comp claim." So you had a claim at that time;

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. All right. And going up a sentence above your
- 3 name, it says, "I sent John a letter today. It might
- 4 be a good idea if you forward it to the board."
- 5 You're referring to that letter then that's
- 6 further on down dated August 13th; is that right?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And you wanted Mike Manna to forward that to the
- 9 board; is that right?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. You wanted the whole board to see it?
- 12 A. That is correct.
- 13 Q. Okay. And then -- and that would then have been
- 14 shown to them at a board meeting; is that correct?
- 15 A. I don't think it was, to be frank.
- 16 Q. If you wanted it to be shown to them, would it
- 17 not have had to be done through a formal board packet?
- 18 A. Sure.
- 19 Q. And anyone who looked at that board packet would
- 20 see that letter to John; is that right? This is public
- 21 record? Is that your understanding?
- 22 A. For the board or for you --
- 23 Q. Or --
- 24 A. -- or for John?
- 25 Q. -- for the public at large; isn't that correct?

- 1 the employees might have seen things a little
- 2 differently.
- 3 Q. I noticed looking through here an e-mail between
- 4 you and Mike Manna. Let's see that. This is -- at the
- 5 top, it says, "E-Mail correspondence between board
- 6 president, Mike Manna, and me, " and the next line is,
- 7 "How is it going?" Do you see that?
- 8 A. Yeah. Mike sent me a one sentence, "How's it
- 9 going?"
- 10 Q. Okay. And then you apparently had attached to
- 11 that a letter which you had sent to John dated August
- 12 13th. Am I reading that correctly?
- 13 A. Are we looking at the same....
- 14 Q. No, no. It's this one.
- 15 A. Got it.
- MR. ELEY: It's this one.
- MS. OTOYA: Yeah.
- 18 MR. ELEY: Q. Okay. So it's -- about halfway
- 19 down right below your name, it says, "Dear John," and
- 20 it's dated August 13th, 2010.
- Is that a letter that you prepared for John
- 22 Stroh?
- 23 A. If it says, "Dear John," then yes.
- Q. Well, take a look at it. Just from the tone of
- 25 it, it looks like....

- 1 who wouldn't want to be in trouble might not want to
- 2 rub shoulders with me or work with me because I'm a
- 3 trouble -- somebody who causes trouble.
- 4 Q. So you don't perceive this 132A application
- 5 against the district as being litigation?
- 6 A. This is, but back here on October 19th, 2010,
- 7 there was no -- I wasn't suing anybody.
- 8 Q. Was there -- I think it refers to a -- let's
- 9 see -- a claim number, and there was an existing claim
- 10 through your work comp case, the Work Compensation
- 11 Board for damages; is that correct?
- 12 A. Every employee who files a work comp claim is
- 13 assigned a work comp number.
- 14 Q. But at that point, had you brought a claim
- 15 through the board itself for damages?
- 16 A. I filed the whistle blower -- I called the
- 17 whistle --
- 18 Q. No, no, no. I'm just referring now to the
- 19 Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, whether there was
- 20 open litigation at that point.
- 21 A. I wrote a letter to the judge disputing me owing
- 22 the insurance company \$3,000. I thought that was
- 23 unfair, so it wasn't a lawsuit. It was me disputing me
- 24 owing the insurance company \$3,000.
- Now, maybe if you post that there, maybe

- 1 correct in thinking that the major thrust of your
- 2 complaint here is that there is an atmosphere where
- 3 other employees don't want to work with you?
- 4 A. I believe that management has created an
- 5 atmosphere where other employees do not want to work
- 6 with me.
- 7 Q. Okay. And what makes you think that?
- 8 A. When you go with a group -- with your crew and
- 9 nobody talks to you but they're all talking to one
- 10 another and you're excluded, when you don't receive the
- 11 information you need to do your job.
- If you give me a minute, I'll come up with
- 13 some more. Read the question again.
- 14 Q. My question had to do with what makes you think
- 15 that management had created that atmosphere?
- 16 A. They set the tone for the work environment.
- 17 Q. Can you be more descriptive?
- 18 A. Well, if -- we can refer to in this packet of
- 19 documents that you gave me that I filed, there is a
- 20 board of trustees meeting, an agenda, and a work comp
- 21 case is not somebody suing the district.
- It's just -- it's a case you get assigned a
- 23 case number. I wasn't suing anybody, but yet, it's
- 24 posted on the board for all employees to see and give
- 25 the appearance that I'm suing the district, and anybody

- 1 not a valid reason?
- 2 A. No, because I could have just as easily weighed
- 3 the fish. When you go to White Slough and you net
- 4 them, they need to be weighed, and somebody on modified
- 5 duty could definitely weigh the fish.
- 6 Q. On that day, though, you -- you did perform
- 7 service for the district; is that right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you were paid your regular salary for
- 10 that day; is that right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And you received, let's see, credit towards
- 13 longevity; is that right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So there was no financial discrimination --
- 16 A. Hardship.
- 17 Q. -- hardship to you; is that right?
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 Q. And do you know at this point whether the
- 20 coworker was complaining because someone else had to do
- 21 the work and you didn't?
- 22 A. That's what it sounded like, that that person was
- 23 removed from their job duties and had to do my job for
- 24 me, which is not good for morale.
- 25 Q. In looking at this August 31st letter, would I be

- 1 A. Well, for one, for an employee -- another
- 2 employee who I had no contact with to take note and
- 3 make it a point to call our union rep, to me just says
- 4 volumes.
- I didn't say anything to anybody. I had
- 6 been used to the treatment that I was receiving, and I
- 7 just was documenting it, but somebody took it on their
- 8 own because they noticed how abnormal it was.
- 9 Q. And did you take that to mean that this was
- 10 prejudicial to you, or was this a preference to you
- 11 that you didn't have to do fishing duties?
- 12 A. Prejudice.
- 13 Q. Okay. Is there some advantage to doing fishing
- 14 duties? I'm just wondering how this works.
- 15 A. There's an advantage to knowing that when you're
- 16 working out in the field, that somebody has your back.
- 17 There's an advantage to knowing that you're not alone
- 18 and that there's somebody around in case you get hurt.
- 19 Q. Was there -- were you under some sort of work
- 20 restrictions at that time with regard to your knee?
- 21 A. Yes, yes.
- 22 Q. Do you have any idea whether that affected the
- 23 decision to have you work on fishing duties or not?
- 24 A. I'm sure that that will be the reason given.
- 25 Q. And do you have a reason to believe that that's

- 1 July 29th, 2011 having to do with a complaint from a
- 2 fellow coworker noticing that you were excluded from
- 3 fishing duties. Do you recall that incident?
- 4 A. I do.
- 5 Q. Okay. What, in your mind, indicates some sort of
- 6 discrimination against you in that incident?
- 7 A. Employees -- it's common for employees to work in
- 8 pairs, and I'm excluded from that. I work solely
- 9 alone. It's very uncommon that I would be scheduled to
- 10 work with another employee.
- 11 Q. Well, don't employees have zones?
- 12 A. Of course they do.
- 13 Q. Okay. And don't they work in their zone alone
- 14 generally?
- 15 A. No, Chris.
- 16 Q. You mean it's common for people to work out of
- 17 their zone in someone else's zone on a regular basis?
- 18 A. Can I give you an example?
- 19 Q. No. Just that one question. I mean, does that
- 20 regularly occur that people will work out of their zone
- 21 in someone else's zone in pairs?
- 22 A. Yes, yes.
- 23 Q. All right. And how does that, though -- how does
- 24 this particular incident in which you're not doing
- 25 fishing duties, how does that show discrimination?

- 1 leave that you were taking in 2005 when you got dinged
- 2 for the time off?
- 3 A. Some of it was. Some -- some of it, Chris, was
- 4 repercussions from my exposures where I was still sick,
- 5 but the doctor could not find any physical symptoms and
- 6 released me, and some of it had to do with having
- 7 children at home and being a single parent. Some of
- 8 it, yes.
- 9 Q. This current application seems to begin from your
- 10 last return to work, which I think was -- you had it in
- 11 here as August of --
- 12 A. What document are you looking at?
- 13 Q. We're looking at, again, that first claim, that
- 14 first document that you prepared dated August 31st. My
- 15 notes show a return to work of August 30th, 2010, and
- 16 this seems to be listing sort of discrimination from
- 17 that day.
- In fact, if you look at the second
- 19 paragraph on that document dated August 31st, the third
- 20 line down, it says -- you say, "Since my return to work
- 21 on Monday, August 30th, 2010 for my last work comp
- 22 claim, I have encountered nothing but discrimination
- 23 from my employer," so let's focus on that time period
- 24 beginning August 31st going forward, and the first part
- of that paragraph relates to something that occurred

- 1 Q. And that supervisor was -- is that Dwayne
- 2 Bridgewater?
- 3 A. Dwayne Bridgewater.
- 4 Q. How was your evaluation, other than the mention
- 5 of time off?
- 6 A. Good.
- 7 Q. Was there -- was it factually accurate that you
- 8 had taken time off?
- 9 A. Oh, yeah.
- 10 Q. And how did the -- being dinged for time off, in
- 11 your mind, show some sort of discrimination?
- 12 A. Is that not our time to take?
- 13 Q. Well, I don't know. I'm just asking you how do
- 14 you equate the one to the other.
- 15 A. Well, if you're not exceeding what you're
- 16 accruing, why should you be reprimanded or....
- 17 Q. Well, is this vacation time, or is this sick
- 18 time? Is this family time?
- 19 A. Both, both.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. I probably was an anomaly where I was the only
- 22 single parent working there. Not that that's an
- 23 excuse, but definitely family sick leave is something
- 24 that you're allowed.
- 25 Q. And are you asserting then it was family sick

- 1 A. That 30-day period, the permanent -- my
- 2 settlement.
- 3 Q. You got your settlement?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. But I'm just thinking about -- you know,
- 6 there are other disability payments provided through
- 7 the district. As far as you know, there were none?
- 8 A. I may have received UNUM, U-N-U-M, which is \$26
- 9 every two weeks.
- 10 Q. But nothing other than that UNUM money or the
- 11 settlement from Aimes?
- 12 A. Right. I cashed in my retirement, yeah.
- 13 Q. Now, the work comp injury -- or the work comp
- 14 application that you filed which you indicate shows --
- 15 which you allege that there's some discrimination based
- on some of your work comp injuries, is there one
- 17 specific injury that you feel has caused that
- 18 discrimination?
- 19 A. I think there was a feeling that started to
- 20 happen when I fell in the spud ditch on the islands.
- 21 Q. And what makes you think that?
- 22 A. In my evaluation, I was getting dinged on taking
- 23 time off. My supervisor informed me he did not want to
- 24 put that on my evaluation but was told by his superior
- 25 that he had to put it in there.

- 1 then, for reference.
- Q. Okay. You said that there was a time there when
- 3 you were able to return to work, but during which time,
- 4 John didn't let you return to work for about 30 days?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And is it accurate -- and I think you said
- 7 that you were without pay at that point?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Were you without other compensation
- 10 provided by the district?
- 11 A. I did receive my medical benefits. I did not
- 12 receive my retirement. My longevity stopped. My
- 13 accrual of vacation and sick leave, all those things
- 14 stopped.
- 15 Q. Other income did you receive during that time
- 16 period?
- 17 A. That 30-day period, no -- yes and no. Aimes
- 18 (phonetic), the insurance carrier, termed that period
- 19 my settlement, and so they distributed the money to me
- 20 as my settlement.
- It was supposed to be a settlement. It
- 22 wasn't supposed to be living wages. It wasn't supposed
- 23 to be your income.
- Q. Did you receive any disability, though, during
- 25 that time period, disability income?

- 1 is that right?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And how long were you off work then?
- 4 A. I believe I returned in May.
- 5 Q. May. Okay. And then how long were you able to
- 6 stay at work at that point after May when you returned
- 7 to work?
- 8 A. I'm believing it's June. Something doesn't sit
- 9 right with me. I don't think I have the dates right.
- 10 Q. Okay. All right. Okay. Yeah. If you have to
- 11 look at -- if there's something that will refresh your
- 12 recollection, that's fine.
- 13 A. I'm wondering -- I'm just wondering if....
- 14 Q. Oh, yeah.
- 15 A. Chris, here is this document that you referred
- 16 to. You have it right there in front of you.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. I have my first work comp exposure.
- 19 Q. This goes through -- we're looking at this
- 20 document that starts out with the name of Tiffany
- 21 Anderson at the top dated August 31st, 2011, and on the
- 22 second and third pages, it has a history. I think the
- 23 one that I have, the history stops in 2006, and we had
- 24 worked past that to about 2009.
- 25 A. Uh-huh. It does have my work comp exposures

- 1 A. March -- I can't remember if I returned back in
- 2 March or if I actually was out for a month or two in
- 3 March. I returned to work for a very short time.
- 4 Q. Okay. And when you returned to work, this is
- 5 when you had those restrictions and accommodations; is
- 6 that correct, that we discussed before? Well -- is
- 7 that accurate?
- 8 A. I don't understand.
- 9 Q. Well, earlier you said that you had some
- 10 restrictions and there were some accommodations made,
- 11 at least on paper; is that right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. All right. So then you returned to work, and
- 14 those accommodations were in place, at least on paper,
- 15 as far as you're concerned; is that right?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And then you lost additional time or you were off
- 18 work after that and I'm wondering when that was that
- 19 you returned -- when you were back off of work.
- 20 A. I can give you an estimate.
- 21 Q. Okay. That's fine.
- 22 A. It's going to be a guess.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. It was somewhere between February and March.
- Q. And this is the time that you go back off work;

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- 2 MR. ELEY
- 3 remember what
- 4 Thes
- 5 at some point eit
- 6 did you indicate
- 7 been removed? Is
- 8 A. From the QME?
- 9 Q. Yeah.
- 10 A. They've never been removed from the QME.
- 11 Q. Do you have an understanding that those
- 12 restrictions then are still in force?
- 13 A. By who?
- 14 Q. Or still -- let me just say valid.
- 15 A. Now.
- 16 Q. All right. You returned in January or February
- 17 of 2009?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you had a later injury -- let me
- 20 rephrase that.
- You returned to work with those
- 22 restrictions from the QME; is that correct?
- 23 A. (Witness nodded head.)
- Q. And then did you have a subsequent time that you
- 25 were off work?

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- 1 time?
- 2 A. There really was none. I mean, in words, there
- 3 were accommodations. John said, "I will accommodate
- 4 what is written here, " but nothing changed. My work
- 5 requirements were the same.
- 6 Q. And do you recall -- was there a time then when
- 7 those restrictions were lifted?
- 8 A. Never.
- 9 Q. So those restrictions which were placed by the --
- 10 A. The QME.
- 11 Q. -- the QME back in January --
- 12 A. No. The QME saw me prior to January. I am
- 13 learning about the work comp protocol, but it doesn't
- 14 seem -- it doesn't seem right, but the QME sees you
- 15 before you're even healed, and he makes a determination
- 16 off of a one-time visit and going through your medical
- 17 records, so the QME decided what these limitations or
- 18 restrictions were three or four months before the
- 19 surgeon, who I had been seeing for the duration of my
- 20 injury, released me. When my surgeon released me, he
- 21 released me without any limitations.
- MS. OTOYA: Counsel, do you mind if we take a
- 23 break?
- MR. ELEY: Go ahead. Let's take a break.
- 25 (Recess taken.)

- 1 either standing or carrying loads?
- 2 A. I couldn't tell you, to be frank. Yes, it had
- 3 something to do with bending or squatting or walking
- 4 too much.
- 5 Q. And you said that there was some accommodation
- 6 made for that, correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What accommodation was made?
- 9 A. It was -- I had the same job duties that I had
- 10 prior to when I left.
- 11 Q. But you were able -- you were able to perform
- 12 those job duties within that accommodation?
- 13 A. I hope so.
- 14 Q. Do you recall any restrictions or do you recall
- 15 what accommodations were made so that you could do your
- 16 work and still work within the restrictions?
- 17 A. I do not know the legal wording. I -- the QME
- 18 was performed -- was performed three, four months prior
- 19 to when the surgeon released me, and by the time when
- 20 the surgeon released me, I was -- I felt full capacity.
- 21 The only thing that I couldn't do prior to my surgery
- 22 or injury was run, and I don't run at work, so....
- 23 Q. Okay. But I guess what I'm just trying to focus
- on now, not so much what the surgeon said, but what
- 25 changes or accommodations were made at work during that

- 1 gave me one month of work while you investigated my
- 2 whistle blower complaint. That was during that period,
- 3 and once that investigation was done, I returned back
- 4 home and did not return until I recovered from my
- 5 surgery.
- 6 Q. Okay. For that -- during that time -- and there
- 7 was some limitation placed upon you by the physician?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. When those limitations were removed, did you
- 10 return to work?
- 11 A. Not immediately. John had a discrepancy with the
- 12 doctor's wording, and for 30 days, I was without work
- 13 and without pay.
- 14 Q. This would have been approximately when?
- 15 A. When I was released?
- 16 Q. Yes, uh-huh.
- 17 A. 2009. It was January of 2009.
- 18 Q. At some point, did you return to work full time?
- 19 A. I did.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. At that point when I did return to work, John
- 22 agreed to accommodate -- I had some kind of
- 23 restriction -- limited restriction due to the injury --
- 24 due to the QME evaluation.
- 25 Q. And was that restriction having to do with like

- 1 Q. And were you off work as a result of that?
- 2 A. I think a couple of days. It wasn't to the
- 3 extent -- it wasn't as severe as the January exposure.
- 4 Q. And did you go to a physician provided by the
- 5 district, or was it your own physician?
- 6 A. Dameron Occupational Health. I felt they were a
- 7 very even medical provider, they were fair.
- 8 Q. And after the couple of days off, you returned to
- 9 your regular assignment?
- 10 A. I did.
- 11 Q. Was there any other incident in 2005 that was a
- 12 work comp-related incident?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. What about 2006?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. When was the next one?
- 17 A. I believe it's June 28th of 2008. You can't
- 18 quote me on it because I don't -- somewhere -- June of
- 19 2008. That's my memory.
- 20 Q. No. That's fine. That's -- okay. And you were
- 21 off for several months at that point?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. All right. When you -- you returned to work at
- 24 some point; is that correct?
- 25 A. Let me think. I returned for one month. John

- 1 Q. Want to tell me about that?
- 2 A. Yes. I was on Roberts Island. I was standing
- 3 next to a spud ditch.
- 4 Q. I'm sorry. Next to a what?
- 5 A. A spud ditch, and what happens is after a crop
- 6 has been harvested, that area will be flooded to bring
- 7 the nutrients up to the surface, and I was dipping the
- 8 edge of the ditch, and out on Roberts Island, the dirt
- 9 is like powered sugar, and the dirt just caved out from
- 10 under my feet, and next thing you know, I am shoulder
- 11 deep in water, and I just got out as quickly as I
- 12 could, and I drove straight to the yard with my wet
- 13 clothes. It was about a 25-minute drive, and, again,
- 14 my supervisor mandated me to file a work comp.
- 15 Q. Well, did you -- and did you suffer injuries
- 16 immediately upon that fall?
- 17 A. Immediately, no, no.
- 18 Q. Okay. All right.
- 19 A. Not that I could remember today.
- 20 Q. All right. Did you receive any medical treatment
- 21 as a result of that fall?
- 22 A. I did. I incurred another rash.
- 23 Q. Okay. And did that seem to be the same kind of
- 24 rash?
- 25 A. Yeah. Not as bad.

- 1 having physical symptoms, but the doctor could not --
- 2 we did not know what I was exposed to, so the doctor
- 3 released me, and I had to use my own sick leave.
- 4 Q. Okay. Now, did you miss -- did you have time off
- 5 for this -- days off as a result of this?
- 6 A. I think like four, five. When the rash was gone,
- 7 I was returned to work.
- 8 Q. And you returned to your regular job or your
- 9 regular assignment after that?
- 10 A. I'm sorry for the nod. Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, we're thinking -- let's see. This is in
- 12 2005?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. All right. And is there a way that we could just
- 15 estimate when that was in 2005?
- 16 A. I'm pretty sure it was January of 2005. I mean,
- 17 if the district still has our time sheets, they're on
- 18 our time sheets.
- 19 I can tell you who I was working with. An
- 20 incident transpired on that day that was very pivotal
- 21 for me, so I remember it pretty well.
- 22 Q. And, you know, that's probably close enough, just
- 23 January, 2005. Just trying to get an estimate here.
- 24 Was there another incident in 2005?
- 25 A. There was.

- 1 was -- it was my own sick leave that I took. I did
- 2 not -- no. Let me retrace this.
- 3 Q. All right.
- 4 A. Okay. I've had two in 2005, one in the
- 5 beginning, and that one transpired at White Slough. I
- 6 was off. I was affected for about 30 days physically.
- 7 My body broke out in a rash.
- 8 Q. All right. Was there an incident related to
- 9 this, a specific event?
- 10 A. There was, but we were pruning roses at the White
- 11 Slough facility. We loaded the brush truck up. We
- 12 brought the brush back to the Stockton yard and
- 13 unloaded it into the garbage can at the Stockton yard,
- 14 and by the 24-hour period, I had broke out in a severe
- 15 rash that was as red -- just a bright red.
- 16 Q. Okay. And you got medical treatment for that?
- 17 A. I did.
- 18 Q. Did you report this as a work comp injury?
- 19 A. Again, my supervisor mandated that I do that.
- 20 Q. You got medical treatment; is that correct?
- 21 A. I did.
- 22 Q. Was that through your own physician or through
- 23 a -- district-provided?
- 24 A. It was through the district, but at some point
- 25 when the physical symptoms diminished, I was still

- 1 A. I wasn't.
- 2 Q. Did you file a claim?
- 3 A. I did.
- 4 Q. Okay. How far did that claim go?
- 5 A. Just for doctor visits. My supervisor initiated
- 6 it and made me file the form.
- 7 Q. All right. Did you receive any monetary
- 8 reward -- not reward but compensation for that?
- 9 A. I did not.
- 10 Q. And then after that claim, you continued on to be
- 11 employed with the district; is that correct?
- 12 A. That is correct.
- 13 Q. What would be the next claim then that you're
- 14 aware of?
- 15 A. I believe it's January of 2005 -- I'm guessing,
- 16 Chris. I have -- I have the documents. I did not even
- 17 think to bring them because I didn't know this would be
- 18 a line of questioning.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well -- and I don't want you to guess, but
- 20 if we can estimate, that would be helpful, so let's try
- 21 to do that.
- 22 A. Okay.
- 23 Q. Were you off work at that time, as well? Did you
- 24 miss time off?
- 25 A. That one -- that one, yes. That one, but I

- 1 And -- all right. You want me to -- let me rephrase
- 2 that question. In --
- 3 A. I have an answer.
- 4 Q. Oh, go ahead. Okay.
- 5 A. Just being treated differently.
- 6 Q. And do you think that different -- and what do
- 7 you think is the reason for that different treatment?
- 8 A. I feel that there are many reasons.
- 9 Q. Okay. And do you think that any of those reasons
- 10 have to do with your filing or your participation in
- 11 any work comp claim?
- 12 A. Yes, I do.
- 13 Q. Okay. And before we get into the letter -- the
- 14 petition itself, let me just ask you, you're currently
- 15 employed by the district; is that correct?
- 16 THE WITNESS: John, am I currently employed by
- 17 the district? Yes.
- MR. ELEY: Q. Yes. Okay. And when was your
- 19 first work comp injury that you remember?
- 20 A. My first work comp injury -- and I didn't even
- 21 remember it. I actually called workers' comp and asked
- 22 for my file. It happened to be within the first month
- 23 of my employment with the district.
- 24 Q. Oh. Okay. Were you off work as a result of
- 25 that?

- underscored your claim?
- 2 A. Not understanding.
- 3 Q. Okay. Well, some of these things appear to have
- 4 been created before the application itself.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. Okay. I mean, there are -- some of this is
- 7 correspondence between you and other -- and other
- 8 people.
- 9 There's apparently a letter from myself in
- 10 here, and then there is a -- I think it's a four-page
- 11 document dated August 31st, 2011. Can you -- let me
- 12 show you this.
- 13 A. I have it right in my hand.
- 14 Q. Okay. All right. Now, you created this
- 15 document; is that right?
- 16 A. I did.
- 17 Q. Okay. What was the purpose of creating the
- 18 document?
- 19 A. I believe it was to give a background to the
- 20 judge or to the courts.
- 21 Q. And did you create this then specifically for the
- 22 132A application?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Now -- and then did you -- well, what
- 25 do you consider to be the factual basis of your 132A?

- 1 MR. ELEY: Q. Well, take your time.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. Now --
- 4 A. I skimmed this. I did not read it in its
- 5 entirety.
- 6 Q. My questions at this point have to do with the
- 7 papers themselves, not the contents so much. Was there
- 8 part of that -- first of all, does this represent what
- 9 you filed with the Workman Compensation Appeals Board?
- 10 A. Everything that you have is what I filed with the
- 11 board.
- 12 Q. Okay. Was there anything additional that you
- 13 filed with the board that's not there that was part of
- 14 the initial application?
- 15 A. I sent the judge a letter, and either it
- 16 pertained -- now, I sent the judge a letter --
- 17 Q. And at this point, I'm just thinking what you
- 18 filed initially when this was done on 8-31-2011.
- 19 A. Right, right.
- 20 Q. Does this appear to be what was initially filed?
- 21 A. This is what was initially filed, correct.
- 22 Q. It appears to also have some of the things that
- 23 were created -- well, previous to that, was there
- 24 something which you created which you felt to be the
- 25 application itself or the document itself that

- 1 and then you later look at that and change that answer
- 2 substantially and materially --
- 3 A. Oh, okay.
- 4 Q. -- then I would be able to comment on that and
- 5 say that you changed that later.
- 6 Do you understand that?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. So I think that's why it's best that you give us
- 9 your full answers to the extent you can today.
- Now, this is regarding a 132A action that
- 11 you have brought, and 132A -- you filed it, and you
- 12 filed it without representation at that time; is that
- 13 right?
- 14 A. That is correct.
- 15 Q. And I'm going to just hand you what I received --
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. -- as the 132A, and tell me if this is -- which
- 18 documents in here or perhaps of all of them, represent
- 19 what you thought to be your application, so let me hand
- 20 you that, and then we'll get that to the -- have you
- 21 seen this at all?
- MS. OTOYA: I have not seen that, no.
- MR. ELEY: Take a look at that.
- MS. OTOYA: Thank you.
- 25 THE WITNESS: It's a lot to....

- 1 Q. But I don't want you to guess, and if you don't
- 2 know, just say you don't know.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Is there any reason that you couldn't give me
- 5 your full answers today, your full, best answers today?
- 6 Physically, is there any reason that you couldn't give
- 7 me good responses today?
- 8 A. Unless I can't think of them. You know,
- 9 sometimes you rethink things and replay things in your
- 10 mind, and something will come up, and you'll go, oh, I
- 11 wish I could have or I wish I said. That would be the
- 12 only instance.
- 13 Q. Okay. All right. When this is finished, this
- 14 will be put into a booklet form, and you'll have a
- 15 chance to look at that and make comments or corrections
- 16 with regard to that.
- 17 Those comments and corrections, if they go
- 18 to things like the spelling of a name or one particular
- 19 word, it's probably helpful.
- However, if, after looking at those
- 21 answers, you try to add additional information, that
- 22 would go to perhaps your credibility if this ever goes
- 23 to trial. Do you understand that?
- 24 A. No, I did not understand what you just told me.
- 25 Q. Okay. Well, let's say that you gave an answer,

- 1 A. A little bit, a little bit. This is all new,
- 2 but....
- 3 Q. Okay. Well, I'm going to be asking you a series
- 4 of questions, as you know, and let me advise you that,
- of course, the court reporter is taking this all down,
- 6 so it's important that we get a clear record, so I'm
- 7 going to ask you to wait until I finish my question
- 8 before you begin to answer, and I will try to wait
- 9 until you finish your answer before I ask the next
- 10 question. Is that fair?
- 11 A. Yes. Can you hear my tone?
- 12 THE REPORTER: Yes. If I can't hear you, I'll
- 13 ask what you said.
- MR. ELEY: Q. And it's important that you answer
- 15 audibly on the record. Just nodding your head is not
- 16 sufficient.
- 17 If I ask a question and you don't
- 18 understand it, I'll repeat it. I'm not trying to
- 19 confuse you in that regard. Is that okay?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I'm going to ask you some things. If I ask you
- 22 and you don't know the answer, say that. If you have a
- 23 way of estimating an answer, then I would ask that you
- 24 give me an estimate, okay?
- 25 A. Okay.

1 TIFFANY ANDERSON

- 2 the witness herein, having been duly and regularly
- 3 sworn by the Certified Shorthand Reporter to tell the
- 4 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth,
- 5 deposed and testified as follows:

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- 7 EXAMINATION BY MR. ELEY
- 8 MR. ELEY: Q. All right. So would you state
- 9 your name just so we can get that started.
- 10 A. Tiffany Kay Anderson.
- 11 Q. And, Tiffany, you know me. I'm Chris Eley, and I
- 12 represent the district.
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And we're going to have a deposition here today.
- 15 Have you had a deposition before?
- 16 A. I have.
- 17 Q. Okay. So you know -- you're familiar with how it
- 18 works generally, and you're represented, at least for
- 19 this deposition, by Romina Otoya?
- 20 MS. OTOYA: Yes.
- MR. ELEY: Is that correct?
- MS. OTOYA: Uh-huh.
- MR. ELEY: Q. All right. And have you had a
- 24 chance to discuss with Miss Otoya or some other counsel
- 25 your presence here today and how this will work?

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