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TO:

DIRKS, VAN ESSEN & MURRAY, VICTORIA L. EDWARDS,

OWEN VAN ESSEN, and PHILIP W. MURRAY,

No. H-1740 FRESNO

ORDER TO DESIST AND REFRAIN
(B&P Code Section 10086)

Upon the facts stated below, the Real Estate

Commissioner of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as the Commissioner) is of the opinion that you, and each of you, have engaged in the business, acted in the capacity of, advertised and assumed to act as a real estate broker within the State of California, without first obtaining a real estate license from the Department of Real Estate, State of California (hereinafter referred to as the Department) in violation of Section 10130 in conjunction with Section 10131 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as the Code).

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All further references herein to "you" include the parties identified above, and also include the officers, directors, employees and agents employed by or associated with said parties and who at all times herein mentioned were engaged in the furtherance of the business or operations of said parties and were acting within the course and scope of their authority and employment.

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At no time herein mentioned have any of you been licensed by the Department of Real Estate of the State of California (hereinafter "Department") either as a real estate broker or a real estate salesperson.

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During a period of time from on or about May 9, 2003, and continuing thereafter, you, for or in expectation of a compensation, solicited listings for or offered to sell or buy or offered to negotiate the sale of business opportunities, including, but not limited to, the following:

PROSPECTIVE SELLER	DATE
Omaha World-Herald Company For The Stockton Record	2003
Rowland Rebele For the Paradise Post	2002-2003
Trust Company of the West For the Merced Sun Star	2003-2004
Pacific Sierra Publishing Holdings, Inc.	2003-2004
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You have conducted such activities through the regular 2 mail, email, telephone and in person. 3 IV 4 The acts described in Paragraph III, above, are acts requiring a real estate broker license under the provisions of 5 6 Section 10131(a) of the Code. 7 8 You violated Section 10130 of the Code by engaging in 9 the activities described above, in Paragraph III, without first 10 obtaining a real estate broker license from the Department. 11 NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE ORDERED TO DESIST AND REFRAIN from performing any of the acts alleged herein, or any 12 13 other acts for which a real estate license is required, until 14 you have obtained a real estate broker license from the 15 Department. DATED: /2-/4-04 JEFF DAVI 16 Real Estate Commissioner 17 18 19 DIRKS, VAN ESSEN & MURRAY, CC: 20 VICTORIA L. EDWARDS OWEN VAN ESSEN 21 PHILIP W. MURRAY 119 EAST MARCY STREET, SUITE 100 22 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501 23 24 25

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