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10	10 In the Matter of the Accusation of	NO 11 2250 FB		
11	11 [	NO. H-2259 FR		
12	ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, ) <u>STIF</u> INC., and, JOHN SCOTT ABEL, )	PULATION AND AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT		
13		AND ORDER		
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15	It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent JOHN SCOTT ABEL only			
16	(herein the "Respondent"), represented in this matter by attorney Reid Paul Schantz, and the			
17		Complainant, acting by and through Daniel E. Kehew, Counsel for the Department of Real Estat		
18	[1	(herein "the Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation		
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20	1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be			
21	presented by Complainant and Respondent at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing			
22	`11	was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA),		
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25	25 2. Respondent has received, read and und	2. Respondent has received, read and understands the Statement to Respondent,		
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3. A Notice of Defense was filed on May 29, 2008 by Respondent, pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense he will thereby waive his right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that he will waive other rights afforded to him in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

- 4. Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admits that the factual allegations pertaining to him in the Accusation filed in this proceeding are true and correct and the Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence of such allegations.
- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement as his decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA, and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger, or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.
- 7. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondent, jointly and severally, agrees to pay with co-respondent Abel Property Management, Inc., pursuant to Section 10148 of the California Business and Professions Code (herein "Code"), the cost of the audit which resulted in the determination that Respondent and his co-respondent

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committed the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I, below, of the Determination of Issues.

The amount of said costs is \$11,170.55.

8. Respondent further understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and that the Commissioner may charge Respondent and Abel Property Management, Inc., jointly and severally, for the costs of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to determine if the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I, below, of the Determination of Issues have been corrected. The maximum costs of said audit shall not exceed \$11,170.55.

### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

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The acts and omissions of Respondents ABEL and ABEL PROPERTY

MANAGEMENT, INC., as described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondents ABEL and ABEL PROPERTY

MANAGEMENT, INC., under the following provisions of the Code and/or Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations (herein "the Regulations"):

- (a) As to Paragraph X(a) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section
   2831 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;
- (b) As to Paragraph X(b) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.1 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;
- (c) As to Paragraph X(c) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.2 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;
- (d) As to Paragraphs X(d) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section
   2832 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

- 7.
- (e) As to Paragraphs X(e) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2834 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;
- (f) As to Paragraphs X(f) under Section 10176(e) of the Code; and,
- (g) As to Paragraph XI under Section 10130 of the Code in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code.

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The facts described in Paragraph I of the Determination of Issues, above, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent ABEL under Section 10177(g) and/or Section 10177(h) of the Code and Section 10159.2 of the Code in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code.

### ORDER

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent ABEL under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent ABEL pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code, if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions, and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of the Code:

- 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by

  Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or
  plea of nolo contendere to a crime that is substantially related to Respondent's

  fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.

- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the reissuance of an unrestricted real estate broker license nor the removal of any of the conditions, limitations, or restrictions attaching to the restricted salesperson license until two years have elapsed from the date of issuance of the restricted license to Respondent.
- 4. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or with the application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing broker on a form approved by the Department of Real Estate wherein the employing broker shall certify as follows:
  - a. That the employing broker has read the Accusation that is the basis for the issuance of the restricted license; and
  - b. That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the Respondent's performance relating to acts for which a license is required.
- 5. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for hearing pursuant to the APA to present such evidence.
- 6. Respondent shall, within six (6) months from the issuance of the restricted license, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department, including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If

Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until Respondent passes the examination.

- 7. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondent shall, jointly and severally, with Respondent Abel Property Management, Inc., pay the sum of \$11,170.55 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action.

  Respondent(s) shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice therefor from the Commissioner. The Commissioner may indefinitely suspend all licenses and licensing rights pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between Respondent(s) and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent(s) enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.
- 8. Respondent shall, jointly and severally, with Respondent Abel Property

  Management, Inc., pay the Commissioner's costs, not to exceed \$11,170.55, of
  any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to determine if
  Respondent(s) have corrected the violations described in Paragraph I of the
  Determination of Issues, above. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's
  reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary
  for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an
  allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent(s)
  shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice therefore from the
  Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount
  of time spent performing those activities. If Respondent(s) fail to pay such cost
  within the 60 days, the Commissioner may indefinitely suspend all licenses and
  licensing rights of Respondent(s) under the Real Estate Law until payment is

1	made in full or until Respondent(s) enter into an agreement satisfactory to the		
2	Commissioner to provide for payment. Upon payment in full, the indefinite		
3	suspension provided in this paragraph shall be stayed.		
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5	DATED DANIEL E. KEHEW, Counsel		
6	Department of Real Estate		
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8	I have read the Stipulation and Agreement and its terms are understood by me and		
9	are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the		
10	California APA (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509, and 11513 of the		
11	Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including		
12	the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at		
13	which I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in		
14	defense and mitigation of the charges.		
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16	DATED JOHN SCOTT ABEL, Respondent		
17	APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
18	MANCH 26, 2009  DATED  REID PAUL SCHANTZ		
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- 1	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order is hereby		
22	adopted by me as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on		
<b>2</b> 3	July 27, 2009.		
24	IT IS SO ORDERED		
25	JEFF DAVI		
26	Real Estate Commissioner		
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	BY: (Barbara J. Bigby // ) U  Chief Deputy Commissioner		
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### **BEFORE THE**

# DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., a Corporation, and JOHN SCOTT ABEL,

Respondents.

NO. H-2259 FR

## ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

On May 13, 2008, an Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondents ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., a Corporation, and JOHN SCOTT ABEL.

By Declaration, signed by Robyn Kissler on February 10, 2009, Respondent ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., only, petitioned the Real Estate Commissioner to voluntarily surrender its real estate license(s) pursuant to Section 10100.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition of Respondent ABEL
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., only, for the voluntary surrender of its real estate
license(s) is accepted as of the effective date of this Order as set forth below, based upon the
understanding and agreement expressed in the Declaration signed by Robyn Kissler on behalf

of Respondent ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., only, dated February 10, 2009 ż (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on July 27 DATED: JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner . 23 

BEFORE THE

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of )

ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., )

Respondent.

DECLARATION

My name is ROBYN KISSLER and I am currently an officer of ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., which is licensed as a real estate broker and/or has license rights with respect to said license. I am authorized and empowered to sign this declaration on behalf of ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., is represented in this matter by Mary Work, Attorney at Law.

In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Government Code) ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., wishes to voluntarily surrender its



real estate license issued by the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2.

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I understand that ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., by so voluntarily surrendering its license, can only have it reinstated in accordance with the provisions of Section 11522 of the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering its license, ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. agrees to the following:

The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as its petition for voluntary surrender. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. that, it waives all rights it has to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this matter at a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Sections 11400 et seq.), and that it also waives other rights afforded to it in connection with the hearing such as the right to discovery, the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses. I further agree on behalf of ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. that upon acceptance by the Commissioner, as evidenced by an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Department in this matter prior to the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations contained in the Accusation filed in the Department Case No. H-2259 FR, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding

whether or not to grant reinstatement of ABEL PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT, INC.'s license pursuant to Government Code Section
11522.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of
the State of California that the above is true and correct and

the State of California that the above is true and correct and that I am acting freely and voluntarily on behalf of ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. to surrender its license and all license rights attached thereto.

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Date and Place

Mary E, Work, Esq.

By Robyn Kissler

EXHIBIT A

DANIEL E. KEHEW, Counsel (SBN 231550) Department of Real Estate P. O. Box 187007 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 MAY 1 3 2008 3 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 4 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE (916) 227-0425 (Direct) -or-5 7 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 In the Matter of the Accusation of 10 ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., H-2259 FR 11 a California Corporation, and, JOHN SCOTT ABEL, 12 ACCUSATION 13 Respondents. 14 The Complainant, JOHN SWEENEY, a Deputy Real Estate 15 Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation 16 against ABEL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC, a California corporation (herein "APMI") and JOHN SCOTT ABEL (herein "ABEL") is informed 17 18 and alleges as follows: 19 20 The Complainant, JOHN SWEENEY, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation 21 in his official capacity. 22 23 T24 At all times herein mentioned, Respondents APMI, from

and after July 3, 2007, and ABEL were and now are licensed and/or

have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division

4 of the Business and Professions Code) (herein "the Code").

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At all times herein mentioned from and after July 3, 2007, Respondent APMI was and now is licensed by the Department of Real Estate of the State of California (herein "the Department") as a corporate real estate broker by and through Respondent ABEL as designated officer-broker of Respondent APMI to qualify said corporation and to act for said corporation as a real estate broker. At no time mentioned herein prior to July 3, 2007, was Respondent APMI licensed by the Department in any capacity.

IV

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent ABEL was and now is licensed by the Department as an individual broker and, from and after July 3, 2007, as designated officer-broker of Respondent APMI. As said designated officer-broker, Respondent ABEL was at all such times mentioned herein responsible pursuant to Section 10159.2 of the Code for the supervision of the activities of the officers, agents, real estate licensees, and employees of Respondent APMI for which a license is required.

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Whenever reference is made in an allegation in this Accusation to an act or omission of Respondent APMI, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that the officers, directors, employees, agents, and real estate licensees employed by or associated with Respondent APMI committed such act or omission while engaged in the furtherance of the business or operations of Respondent APMI and while acting within the course and scope of their corporate authority and employment.

VI

At all times herein mentioned, Respondents APMI and ABEL (herein "Respondents") engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised, or assumed to act as real estate brokers within the State of California within the meaning of Sections 10131(b) of the Code, including the operation and conduct of a property management business with the public wherein, on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation, Respondents leased or rented and offered to lease or rent, and placed for rent, and solicited listings of places for rent, and solicited for prospective tenants of real property or improvements thereon, and collected rents from real property or improvements thereon.

VII

In so acting as real estate brokers, as described in Paragraph VI above, Respondents managed approximately 22 residential properties for approximately 30 owners, collecting rents of approximately \$315,000.00 per month from tenants, paying expenses, and screening tenants.

VIII

In so acting as real estate brokers, as described in Paragraph VI and VII above, Respondents accepted or received funds in trust (herein "trust funds") from or on behalf of owners and tenants in connection with the leasing, renting, and collection of rents on real property or improvements thereon, as alleged herein, and thereafter from time to time made disbursements of said funds.

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The aforesaid trust funds accepted or received by

Respondents were deposited or caused to be deposited by

Respondents into bank accounts (herein "trust fund accounts")

maintained by Respondent APMI for the handling of funds entrusted to Respondent APMI, including but not necessarily limited to the following accounts maintained by Respondent APMI at the Scotts

Valley, California, branch of Washington Mutual Bank:

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- (a) the "Abel Property Management, Inc. Trust Account", account number 097-170307-2 (herein "Trust #1"); and,
- (b) the "Abel Property Management Inc. Seapines" account, account number 097-170306-4 (herein "Bank Account #1").

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Between on or about March 1, 2006, and on or about December 31, 2006, in connection with the collection and disbursement of said trust funds, Respondents APMI and ABEL:

- (a) failed to keep a columnar record in chronological sequence of all trust funds received and disbursed from Trust #1 and Bank Account #1 containing all the information required by Section 2831 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations (herein "the Regulations");
- (b) failed to keep a separate beneficiary or transaction record in chronological sequence of all trust funds received and disbursed from Trust #1 containing all the information required by Section 2831.1 of the Regulations;

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(c) failed to reconcile, at least once a month, the balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records with the record of all trust funds received into and disbursed from Trust #1;

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- (d) failed to place trust funds entrusted to Respondent

  APMI into the hands of a principal on whose behalf the
  funds were received, into a neutral escrow depository,
  or into a trust fund account in the name of Respondent

  APMI as trustee at a bank or other financial
  institution, in conformance with the requirements of
  Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832(a) of the
  Regulations, in that Respondent APMI placed such funds
  in Bank Account #1, an account that was not in the name
  of Respondent APMI as trustee;
- (e) authorized Robyn Kissler, then unlicensed person without fidelity bond coverage at least equal to the maximum amount of the trust funds to which the person had access at any time, to make disbursements from Trust #1 and Bank Account #1 in violation of Section 2834 of the Regulations; and,
- (f) commingled money in the sum of \$15,571.30 entrusted to Respondent APMI to be commingled with the money or property of Respondents.

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Between on or about March 1, 2006, and on or about December 31, 2006, Respondents APMI and ABEL violated and/or willfully disregarded Section 10130 of the Code by causing,

suffering, or permitting Respondent APMI to engage in the activities requiring a real estate license described above prior 3 to licensing APMI by the Department as a corporate real estate broker. 5 XII 6 Respondent ABEL failed to exercise reasonable 7 supervision over the acts of Respondent APMI in such a manner as 8 to allow the acts and events described above to occur. XIII 10 The facts described above constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of 11 Respondents APMI and ABEL under the following provisions of the 12 13 Code and/or the Regulations: (a) As to Paragraph X(a) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; (b) As to Paragraph X(b) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.1 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; (c) As to Paragraph X(c) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.2 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; As to Paragraph X(d) under Section 10145 of (d) the Code and Section 2832 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the

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As to Paragraph X(e) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2834 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

- (f) As to Paragraph X(f) under Section 10176(e) of the Code;
- As to Paragraph XI under Section 10130 of the (g) Code in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code.

#### XIV

The facts described in Paragraph XII, above, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent ABEL under Sections 10177(g) and/or Section 10177(h) and Section 10159.2 in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

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Dated at Fresno, California this 10th day of April, 2008. JOHN SWEENEY

Deputy Real Estate Commissione