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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.; and MICHAEL E. WINTER individually and as designated officer of Palomar Property Management, Inc., Respondents,

In the Matter of the Accusation of)

No. H-04854 SD

ACCUSATION

The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, for cause of accusation against PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., and MICHAEL E. WINTER individually and as designated officer of Palomar Property Management, Inc., alleges as follows:

1. The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, acting in her official capacity as a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, makes this Accusation against PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., and MICHAEL E. WINTER.

- 2. PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., and MICHAEL E. WINTER individually and as designated officer of Palomar Property Management, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Respondents") are presently licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, hereinafter Code).
- 3. At all times herein mentioned, Respondents PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., and MICHAEL E. WINTER were licensed as real estate brokers. Respondent WINTER was the designated officer and pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 was responsible for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of the corporation by its officers and employees as necessary to secure full compliance with the provisions of the real estate law including supervision of salespersons licensed to the corporation in the performance of acts for which a real estate license is required.

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- 4. At all times material herein, Respondents engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate brokers in the State of California within the meaning of Section 10131(b) of the Code including soliciting owners and renters, negotiating the rental of real property, and collecting rents from real property.
- 5. On or about August 5, 2016, the Bureau completed an examination of Respondent PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.'s books and records, pertaining to the activities described in Paragraph 4 above, covering a period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, which examination revealed violations of the Code and of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter Regulations) as set forth below.
- 6. The examination described in Paragraph 5, above, determined that, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 4 above, Respondents accepted or received funds, including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on behalf of principals, and thereafter made deposit or disbursement of such funds.
- 7. In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 through 6 and during the examination period described in Paragraph 5, Respondents PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., and MICHAEL E. WINTER acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations as follows, and as more specifically set forth in Audit Report No. SD 150050 and related exhibits.

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- 1) Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1 by maintaining as of June 30, 2016 a trust account shortage of \$12,638.98.
- 2) Violated Code Section 2831 by failing to maintain an accurate control record.
- 3) Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1 by failing to maintain accurate and complete separate records for each beneficiary or property.
- 4) Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.2 by not maintaining complete and accurate monthly reconciliations of all the separate records to the control record.
- 5) Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832 by not designating the bank trust account as a trust account.
- 6) Violated Regulation 2834 by allowing unlicensed and unbonded trust account signatories.
- 7) Violated Code Section 10176(g) by maintaining an earnings credit relationship with the bank which was not disclosed to the owners of the trust funds.
- 8) Violated Regulation 2731 by conducting real estate activities using unlicensed fictitious names Palomar Property Management & Realty.
- 8. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., and MICHAEL E. WINTER subject their license rights to suspension or revocation pursuant to Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g) of the Code.

FAILURE TO SUPERVISE

9. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent WINTER, in failing to ensure full compliance with the Real Estate Law is in violation of Code Section 10159.2 and subjects his real estate licenses and license rights to suspension or revocation pursuant to Sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and 10177(h) of the Code.

COST RECOVERY

Code Section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the bureau, the commissioner may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be 1 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 PALOMAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC., and MICHAEL E. WINTER individually and as designated officer of Palomar Property Management, Inc. under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), for the cost of investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable 10 provisions of law. 11 Dated at San Diego, California this O day of November, 2016. 13 14

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Supervising Special Investigator

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