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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

In the Matter of the Accusation of)	No. H-41471 LA
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	WESTERN SANDS)	<u>ACCUSATION</u>
	MANAGEMENT, INC. and)	
	JEFF A BURGESS,)	
	individually and as designated officer of)	
	Western Sands Management, Inc.,)	
)	
	Respondents.)	
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The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against WESTERN SANDS

1.

MANAGEMENT, INC. and JEFF A BURGESS, individually and as designated officer of

Western Sands Management, Inc. ("Respondents"), is informed and alleges as follows:

The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, acting in her official capacity as a

Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, makes this Accusation against Respondents WESTERN SANDS MANAGEMENT, INC. and JEFF A BURGESS.

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All references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

LICENSE HISTORY

3.

Respondent WESTERN SANDS MANAGEMENT, INC. ("WESTERN SANDS") presently has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code as a corporate real estate broker. On August 5, 2019, WESTERN SANDS'S license expired. Pursuant to Code section 10201, WESTERN SANDS retains renewal rights for two years. The Department of Real Estate ("Department") holds jurisdiction over the lapsed license, pursuant to Code section 10103.

4.

Respondent JEFF A BURGESS ("BURGESS") presently has license rights as a real estate broker.

5.

Respondent WESTERN SANDS was licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker by and through Respondent BURGESS, as the designated officer and broker responsible, pursuant to Code section 10159.2, for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf of WESTERN SANDS, or by WESTERN SANDS'S officers, agents and employees.

BROKERAGE

WESTERN SANDS MANAGEMENT, INC.

6.

At all times mentioned, in the City of Yucca Valley, County of San Bernardino, Respondent WESTERN SANDS acted as a real estate broker, conducting licensed activities within the meaning of Code section 10131(b) (leases or rents real property for others).

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO RETAIN RECORDS

7.

Respondent WESTERN SANDS acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that a subpoena was served to WESTERN SANDS for the production of books and records related to the property management activities conducted by WESTERN SANDS. WESTERN SANDS failed to retain and make available for examination, copying, and inspection the books, accounts, and records related to WESTERN SANDS'S property management activities, in violation of Code section 10148, which constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of all the real estate licenses, license endorsements, and license rights of WESTERN SANDS pursuant to Code sections 10177(d) and 10177(g).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

SUPERVISION AND COMPLIANCE

8.

The conduct, acts, or omissions of Respondent BURGESS, as described in Paragraph 7 above, in failing to ensure compliance of the Real Estate Law by Respondent WESTERN SANDS, is in violation of Code section 10159.2 and Regulations section 2725, and subjects all the real estate licenses, license endorsements, and license rights of BURGESS to suspension or revocation pursuant to Code sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and/or 10177(h).

9.

Code Section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Department of Real Estate, 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 conducted on the 1 allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing 2 disciplinary action against all the real estate licenses, license endorsements, and license rights 3 of Respondents WESTERN SANDS MANAGEMENT, INC. and JEFF A BURGESS under the Real Estate Law, for the cost of audit, investigation, and enforcement as permitted by law, and 5 for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. 7 Dated at San Diego, California 8 day of <u>Avgust</u>, 2019 10 11 12 Supervising Special Investigator 13 WESTERN SANDS MANAGEMENT, INC. cc: 14 JEFF A BURGESS 15 Veronica Kilpatrick Sacto. 16 Audits 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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