

1 the settlement of reserved water right claims filed by the United States for Zion
2 National Park (or Park).

3 D. These negotiations have resulted in the recognition of the reserved water
4 rights of the United States for Zion National Park and also the agreement of the
5 United States to subordinate its reserved water rights to existing State water
6 rights, and to allow for some potential future development of water above Zion
7 National Park, as set forth herein.

8 E. Pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the Washington District has agreed
9 to abandon two major reservoir sites above Zion National Park, the Bullock site on
10 the Upper North Fork Virgin River and a site in the Barracks area of Parunuweap
11 Canyon on the East Fork Virgin River (East Fork). Steps have also been taken
12 which have resulted in the elimination of a proposal to divert water out of the Virgin
13 River Basin from points above the Park. The Washington District has identified
14 potential projects below the Park, which include: (1) the Sand Hollow Reservoir
15 Project; (2) a collection system and pipeline to divert the flows of Pah Tempe (La
16 Verkin) Springs; (3) securing a reduction in the minimum flows required in the
17 Virgin River from 86 to 50 cubic feet per second (cfs) during the period of
18 November 1 to March 31; and (4) the Ash Creek Project. A more detailed
19 description of each of these four projects is set forth in the draft Virgin River
20 Management Plan dated May 2, 1996.

21 F. The terms and provisions of the Zion National Park Settlement Agreement are
22 set forth below.