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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
17 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

18 DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, a nonprofit
19 conservation organization; ANIMAL
20 LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, a nonprofit
21 organization; and SIERRA CLUB, a
22 nonprofit public benefit corporation;

23 Plaintiffs,

24 v.

25 ELAINE DUKE, Acting Secretary, U.S.
26 Department of Homeland Security; and
27 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
28 SECURITY;

Defendants.

Case No.:

**Complaint for Declaratory and
Injunctive Relief**

INTRODUCTION

1. As a candidate for president, Donald Trump's standard stump speech included a refrain to build a 1900-mile border wall from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.

1 Upon taking office, President Trump issued an executive order directing the Department
2 of Homeland Security (DHS) to “take all appropriate steps to immediately plan, design,
3 and construct a physical wall along the southern border.” This case challenges the DHS’s
4 authority to expedite the construction of barriers, roads and a prototype border wall in the
5 vicinity of the United States and Mexican border near San Diego and Calexico,
6 California, and pursuant to Section 102(c)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and
7 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. No. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat.
8 3009-546 (codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103 note), as amended by the REAL ID Act of 2005,
9 Pub. L. No. 109-13, Div. B, 119 Stat. 306, by waiving the application of all federal, state,
10 or other laws, regulations and legal requirements of, deriving from, or related to the
11 subject of more than three dozen federal statutes.

12 2. On August 2, 2017, DHS Secretary John F. Kelly issued a waiver pursuant to
13 Section 102(c) of IIRIRA, allowing DHS and its components, including the U.S. Customs
14 and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Border Patrol (Border Patrol), to proceed with
15 constructing additional border infrastructure in the Border Patrol’s San Diego Sector.
16 Determination Pursuant to Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant
17 Responsibility Act of 1996, As Amended, 82 Fed. Reg. 35,984 (hereinafter “San Diego”
18 or “August 2, 2017” Waiver). This Waiver includes area in the vicinity of the U.S.-
19 Mexican border near the San Diego, California, starting at the Pacific Ocean and
20 extending approximately 15 miles eastward, by purportedly waiving “all federal, state, or
21 other laws, regulations and legal requirements of, deriving from, or related to” thirty-
22 seven validly enacted federal statutes.

23 3. On September 12, 2017, Acting DHS Secretary Elaine Duke issued a similar
24 waiver covering activities in Border Patrol’s El Centro Sector to expedite the construction
25 of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the U.S.-Mexican border near city of Calexico,
26 California, purportedly waiving “all federal, state, or other laws, regulations and legal
27 requirements of, deriving from, or related to” twenty-eight validly enacted statutes.
28 Determination Pursuant to Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant

1 Responsibility Act of 1996, as Amended, 82 Fed. Reg. 42,829, 42,830-31 (hereinafter
2 “Calexico” or “September 12, 2017” Waiver).

3 4. These waivers purportedly allow construction and related activities to transpire
4 without adhering to legal protections Congress has established for, *inter alia*, endangered
5 species, migratory birds, water pollution, historic preservation, safe drinking water, noise
6 pollution, hazardous waste disposal, coastal zones, public lands, outdoor recreation,
7 religious freedom and practice, and administrative procedures.

8 5. Plaintiffs allege that the Secretary’s Waivers are *ultra vires* agency actions, made
9 outside the scope of authority granted by Section 102(c) of IIRIRA, as amended. Neither
10 the replacement or prototype border wall projects authorized in the San Diego Waiver,
11 for example, are among the activities eligible for waivers under Section 102(c) of
12 IIRIRA. In addition, the statute does not support the continued, unlimited application of
13 Section 102(c) waivers to the construction of physical barriers and roads beyond those
14 initially specified by Congress when enacting IIRIRA in 1996. DHS has, nonetheless,
15 completed specific congressional mandates in Section 102(b), and the Secretary’s
16 authority to identify and construct other border walls and roads expired in 2008.

17 6. Plaintiffs further allege that the Secretary’s conclusions, made pursuant to Section
18 102(a) of IIRIRA, that both the San Diego and El Centro Sectors are “areas of high
19 illegal entry into the United States,” and decision to not comply with the consultation
20 requirements of Section 102(b) are arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or
21 otherwise not in accordance with law in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act
22 (APA), 5 U.S.C. § 706(2).

23 7. Plaintiffs further allege that the Secretary’s waiver, and the authority to waive all
24 laws provided by IIRIRA, as amended by the REAL ID Act, violate the principles of
25 Separation of Powers contained in Articles I, II, and III of the U.S. Constitution.
26 Specifically, the waiver violates the Presentment Clauses, Article I, Section 7, clauses 2
27 and 3, the nondelegation doctrine embodied in Article I, Section I, which directs that
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1 “[a]ll legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United
2 States,” and infringes on the Judicial Power of the federal courts, Article III, Section 1.

3 8. Plaintiffs therefore seek a declaration that the waiver and the statutory provision
4 authorizing such waivers are unconstitutional, as well as an injunction barring DHS or
5 any of its components from constructing any border infrastructure in the Border Patrol’s
6 San Diego and El Centro Sectors without full adherence to all applicable laws.

7 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

8 9. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal
9 question), § 1346(a)(2) (civil action against the United States), and 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706.

10 10. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) and (3), because
11 defendants are officers, employees, or agencies of the United States and a substantial part
12 of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, and the property that is the
13 subject of the action is situated here.

14 **PARTIES**

15 11. Plaintiff DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE (Defenders) is a nonprofit organization
16 with hundreds of thousands of members across the nation, including tens of thousands of
17 members in California. Defenders’ mission is to preserve wildlife and emphasize
18 appreciation and protection for all species in their ecological role. within the natural
19 advocacy, litigation, and other efforts, Defenders works to preserve species and the
20 habitats upon which they depend. Defenders has been closely involved in policy and
21 litigation matters associated with border wall construction along the United States-
22 Mexican border for more than a decade. Defenders maintains a Field Office with five
23 full-time employees in California.

24 12. Defenders has organizational and membership-based interests in the preservation
25 and conservation of the borderlands of the Southwestern United States that will be
26 harmed by the expeditious construction of barriers and roads at issue in this case. For
27 more than two decades, Defenders has worked for the protection of borderland wildlife
28 and ecosystems. Defenders has played a leading role in efforts to educate the public and

1 advocate for better integration of environmental considerations into immigration policy
2 generally, and into border security efforts specifically.

3 13. Defenders' members live near and regularly visit the borderlands near San Diego
4 and the Imperial Valley for wildlife observation, recreation, and other uses. Defenders'
5 members also live in other areas along the California border adversely impacted by the
6 border wall projects being constructed throughout the area. These members have
7 aesthetic, educational, professional, health, and spiritual interests that will be harmed by
8 the environmental impacts that will result from the DHS Secretary's decision to waive
9 the 37 laws, and the procedural and substantive protections that would have otherwise
10 been provided, to expedite the construction of barriers and roads by waiving expedite the
11 San Diego border wall, and the unconstitutional grant of legislative powers to the DHS
12 Secretary contained in Section 102(c) of the REAL ID Act.

13 14. Plaintiff ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (ALDF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3)
14 organization with more than 200,000 members and supporters, nearly 25,000 of whom
15 reside in California and 2,000 of whom reside in San Diego County. ALDF represents its
16 members interests by working to protect the lives of animals, including wildlife, through
17 the legal system. ALDF is headquartered in Cotati, California, with regional offices in
18 Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon.

19 15. ALDF has an organizational and membership-based interest in ensuring the letter
20 and spirit of wildlife- and wildland-protection statutes are fully upheld and the
21 constitutional principles enabling these laws' implementation are respected. ALDF
22 pursues its purpose of safeguarding animal welfare in part by persistently advocating for
23 government adherence to wildlife-protection laws such as the National Environmental
24 Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the
25 Administrative Procedure Act (to name a few)—each of which has been waived by the
26 DHS Secretary in conjunction with San Diego border wall construction. ALDF has
27 expended significant organizational resources on advocacy and public education efforts
28 to improve environmental protections for wildlife living on protected lands such as the

1 borderlands at issue here, and will continue to do so if the border wall is built without
2 adherence to the laws the DHS Secretary is attempting to waive.

3 16. ALDF's members live in or regularly visit the U.S.-Mexico borderlands region in
4 San Diego County. ALDF's members regularly use the myriad federal, state, and local
5 protected lands along the U.S.-Mexico border in San Diego County—including areas
6 impacted by and/or adjacent to the location of the border wall prototype project and the
7 border wall replacement project—for hiking, camping, wildlife viewing and photography,
8 and other vocational and recreational activities. ALDF's members derive recreational,
9 educational, and aesthetic benefit from their activities in these areas. ALDF's members
10 have specific intentions to continue to use and enjoy these areas frequently and on an
11 ongoing basis in the future.

12 17. ALDF has an established track record of active participation in the oversight of
13 government activities and decision-making, particularly with regard to laws and policies
14 affecting wildlife. ALDF expends considerable organizational resources in doing so,
15 including costs associated with litigation and educating the public. ALDF regularly
16 represents its members' interests in this regard by filing lawsuits, training law students
17 and professionals, and publishing and disseminating informational materials to its
18 members.

19 18. ALDF and its members are harmed by Federal Defendants' constitutional
20 violations, in that the unconstitutional grant of legislative powers to the DHS Secretary
21 contained in Section 102(c) of the REAL ID Act, and the DHS Secretary's decision to
22 waive the procedural and substantive protections of the 37 laws in order to expedite the
23 construction of barriers and roads associated with the San Diego border wall, pose an
24 imminent impact on the local ecosystems, including wildlife populations. These impacts
25 will directly harm ALDF's members' aesthetic and recreational interests in their
26 continued enjoyment of the San Diego County borderlands, and will additionally harm
27 ALDF as an organization due to the forced diversion of ALDF resources to protect the
28 wild animals affected by the illegal border wall construction in fulfillment of its mission.

1 19. Plaintiff SIERRA CLUB is incorporated in the State of California as a nonprofit
2 public benefit corporation with headquarters in Oakland, California. The Sierra Club is a
3 national organization with 67 chapters and more than 825,000 members dedicated to
4 exploring, enjoying, and protecting the wild places of the earth; to educating and enlisting
5 humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to
6 using all lawful means to carry out these objectives. Sierra Club's San Diego chapter has
7 more than 9,700 members. Sierra Club's San Diego members' advocacy at the southern
8 border includes educating and mobilizing the public on issues of habitat destruction,
9 divided local communities, land use and myriad other human and environmental impacts
10 associated with border wall construction activities. Sierra Club has been actively involved
11 in southern border issues for many years, including work to protect the Tijuana Estuary,
12 an ecosystem rich with birds and other wildlife species.

13 20. Sierra Club brings this action on its own behalf and on behalf of its members.
14 Sierra Club members live near and frequently visit the California-Mexico border around
15 San Diego for hiking, bird watching, photography and other recreational and aesthetic
16 uses. Sierra Club and its San Diego members have been and continue to be injured by the
17 construction activities on the southern border. This is particularly true because the
18 Department of Homeland Security is proceeding with border work absent compliance
19 with decades-old environmental and public safety laws and regulations, enacted for the
20 very purpose of protecting the places and values Sierra Club members work to protect.
21 The requested relief will redress this injury.

22 21. Defendant DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) is the executive
23 department responsible for, inter alia, enforcing and administering laws related to
24 immigration and securing and managing the nation's borders.

25 22. Defendant ELAINE DUKE (Secretary), Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, is
26 sued in her official capacity. Acting Secretary Duke exercised the waiver provision of
27 Section 102(c) of IIRIRA in her September 12, 2017 Determination. Acting Secretary
28 Duke is the successor to DHS Secretary John Kelly, who exercised the waiver provision

1 of Section 102(c) of IIRIRA in his August 22, 2017 Determination. Acting Secretary
2 Duke is responsible for ensuring that DHS actions comply with applicable laws.

3 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

4 **Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act**

5 23. Section 102(a) the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act
6 of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. No. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009-546 (codified at 8 U.S.C.
7 § 1103 note), as amended by the REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, Div. B, 119
8 Stat. 306, as amended by the Secure Fence Act of 2006, Pub. L. No. 109-367, § 3, 120
9 Stat. 2638, as amended by the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act,
10 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-161, Div. E, Title V, § 564(a), 121 Stat. 2090-91 (Dec. 26, 2007),
11 directs the Secretary to “take such actions as may be necessary to install additional
12 physical barriers and roads ... in the vicinity of the United States border to deter illegal
13 crossings in areas of high illegal entry into the United States.” 8 U.S.C. § 1103 note
14 (hereinafter “Section 102” or “IIRIRA § 102”).

15 24. Section 102(c), as amended by the REAL ID Act of 2005, authorizes the Secretary
16 “to waive all legal requirements such Secretary, in such Secretary’s sole discretion,
17 determines necessary to ensure expeditious construction of the barriers and roads under
18 this section.” IIRIRA § 102(c)(1).

19 25. IIRIRA, as amended, does not limit the type or number of laws that the Secretary
20 may waive under Section 102(c).

21 26. IIRIRA, as amended, does not limit the length of time that a waiver made pursuant
22 to Section 102(c) can be valid.

23 27. Section 102(c) restricts judicial review of Secretarial waiver determinations to the
24 district courts of the United States, which may only hear a “cause of action or claim ...
25 alleging a violation of the Constitution of the United States” that is filed within 60 days
26 of Secretary’s decision. IIRIRA § 102(c)(2)(A), (B).

1 28. District court decisions, moreover, are not subject to review by a court of appeals,
2 and “may be reviewed only upon petition for a writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court of
3 the United States.” IIRIRA § 102(c)(2)(C).

4 29. Congress enacted the Section 102(c) waiver authority more than twelve years ago,
5 which the Secretary has utilized six times prior to August 2, 2017.

6 30. The first Section 102(c) waiver, issued by DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff,
7 became effective on September 22, 2005, and included waiving eight laws to facilitate
8 the construction of border fences and roads starting at the Pacific Ocean and extending 14
9 miles eastward. Determination Pursuant to Section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform
10 and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 as Amended by Section 102 of the REAL ID
11 Act of 2005, 70 Fed. Reg. 55,622, 55,623 (2005).

12 31. In 1996, Congress specifically identified the 14-miles of border infrastructure
13 covered in this waiver in IIRIRA Section 102(b)(1), Pub. L. No. 104-208, Div. C, 110
14 Stat. 3009-554. In 2002, Congress expressed that completing this “14-mile border fence
15 project ... should be a priority for the Secretary.” 6 U.S.C. § 256.

16 **The San Diego Waiver**

17 32. On August 2, 2017, the Secretary utilized the waiver authority of Section 102(c) to
18 “immediately implement various border infrastructure projects... on an approximately
19 fifteen mile segment of the border within the San Diego Sector that starts at the Pacific
20 Ocean and extends eastward.” 82 Fed. Reg. 35,984.

21 33. The “Project Area” included under the San Diego Waiver extends for
22 approximately fifteen-miles and is described as the “area in the vicinity of the United
23 States border, located in the state of California within the United States Border Patrol’s
24 San Diego Sector... Starting at the Pacific Ocean and extending to approximately one
25 mile east of Border Monument 251.” *Id.* at 35,985.

26 34. The Secretary issued the San Diego Waiver to expedite “the construction of roads
27 and physical barriers (including, but not limited to, accessing the Project Area, creating
28 and using staging areas, the conduct of earthwork, excavation, fill, and site preparation,

1 and installation and upkeep of physical barriers, roads, supporting elements, drainage,
2 erosion controls, and safety features) in the Project Area.” Id.

3 35. Under color of the San Diego Waiver, “DHS will replace existing primary fencing
4 in the Project Area ... [and] also build prototype border wall in the Project Area near the
5 eastern terminus of the existing secondary barrier.” Id. at 35,984-85 (emphasis added).

6 36. In the San Diego Waiver, the Secretary purportedly waived, “in their entirety... all
7 federal, state, or other laws, regulations and legal requirements of, deriving from, or
8 related to the subject of” thirty-seven enumerated statutes:

- 9 a. National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852 (Jan. 1,
10 1970) (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.));
- 11 b. Endangered Species Act (Pub. L. 93-205, 87 Stat. 884 (Dec. 28, 1973) (16
12 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.));
- 13 c. Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly referred to as the Clean
14 Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.));
- 15 d. National Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 89-665, 80 Stat. 915 (Oct. 15,
16 1966), as amended, repealed, or replaced by Pub. L. 113-287 (Dec. 19,
17 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq., now codified at 54
18 U.S.C. § 100101 note and 54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq.));
- 19 e. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. § 703 et seq.);
- 20 f. Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 715 et seq.);
- 21 g. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.);
- 22 h. Archeological Resources Protection Act (Pub. L. 96-95 (16 U.S.C. § 470aa
23 et seq.));
- 24 i. Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470aaa et seq.);
- 25 j. the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. § 4301 et
26 seq.);
- 27 k. National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. § 1241 et seq.);
- 28 l. Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.);

- 1 m. Noise Control Act (42 U.S.C. § 4901 et seq.);
- 2 n. Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and
- 3 Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.);
- 4 o. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
- 5 (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.);
- 6 p. Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 86-523, as amended,
- 7 repealed, or replaced by Pub. L. 113-287 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly codified
- 8 at 16 U.S.C. § 469 et seq., now codified at 54 U.S.C. § 312502 et seq.));
- 9 q. Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. § 431 et seq., now codified
- 10 54 U.S.C. § 320301 et seq.);
- 11 r. Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16
- 12 U.S.C. § 461 et seq., now codified at 54 U.S.C. §§ 3201-320303 & 320101-
- 13 320106);
- 14 s. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 90-542 (16 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.));
- 15 t. Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. § 4201 et seq.);
- 16 u. Coastal Zone Management Act (Pub. L. 92-583 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.));
- 17 v. Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88-577 (16 U.S.C. § 1131 et seq.));
- 18 w. Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579 (43 U.S.C. §
- 19 1701 et seq.));
- 20 x. National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (Pub. L. 89-669 (16
- 21 U.S.C. § 668dd-668ee));
- 22 y. National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-
- 23 57);
- 24 z. National Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (Pub. L. 84-1024 (16 U.S.C. § 742a,
- 25 et seq.));
- 26 aa. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (Pub. L. 73-121 (16 U.S.C. § 661 et
- 27 seq.));
- 28 bb. Wild Horse and Burro Act (16 U.S.C. § 1331 et seq.);

- 1 cc. Act of Oct. 30, 2000, Pub. L. 106-398, 1, 114 Stat. 1654 (enacting into law §
2 2848 of Part II of Subtitle D of Title XXVIII of Division B of H.R. 5408
3 (114 Stat. 1654A-426), as introduced on Oct. 6, 2000);
4 dd. Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 551 et seq.);
5 ee. Otoy Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-145);
6 ff. sections 102(29) and 103 of Title I of the California Desert Protection Act
7 (Pub. L. 103-433);
8 gg. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403);
9 hh. Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 668 et seq.);
10 ii. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. § 3001
11 et seq.);
12 jj. American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. § 1996); and,
13 kk. Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb).

14 Id.

15 37. DHS's Border Patrol operates nine "sectors" along the Southwest Border,
16 including the San Diego Sector and El Centro Sector.

17 38. In fiscal year 1996, when IIRIRA was enacted, the Border Patrol apprehended
18 more than 1.5 million illegal aliens in its Southwest border sectors. CBP, U.S. BORDER
19 PATROL – SOUTHWEST BORDER SECTORS, TOTAL ILLEGAL ALIEN APPREHENSIONS BY
20 FISCAL YEAR, [https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2016-](https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2016-Oct/BP%20Southwest%20Border%20Sector%20Apps%20FY1960%20-%20FY2016.pdf)
21 [Oct/BP%20Southwest%20Border%20Sector%20Apps%20FY1960%20-](https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2016-Oct/BP%20Southwest%20Border%20Sector%20Apps%20FY1960%20-%20FY2016.pdf)
22 [%20FY2016.pdf](https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2016-Oct/BP%20Southwest%20Border%20Sector%20Apps%20FY1960%20-%20FY2016.pdf).

23 39. In fiscal year 2005, when the REAL ID Act was enacted, Border Patrol's
24 apprehensions totaled more than 1.1 million in its Southwest border sectors. Id.

25 40. In fiscal year 2016, Border Patrol apprehended 408,870 illegal aliens, 72.9 percent
26 fewer apprehensions than fiscal year 1996. Id.

27 41. Similarly, the San Diego Sector accounted for 483,815 illegal alien apprehensions
28 in fiscal year 1996, and 126,904 in 2005. Id.

1 42. In 1996, the San Diego Sector accounted for 29 percent of individuals apprehended
2 along the Southwestern Border. Id.

3 43. In fiscal year 2016, the San Diego Sector accounted for 31,891 illegal alien
4 apprehensions, 74.8 fewer apprehensions than in fiscal year 1996. Id.

5 44. In fiscal year 2016, the San Diego Sector accounted for approximately 7.8 percent
6 of individuals apprehended and 0.7 percent of marijuana seized along the Southwestern
7 Border. *See* CBP, U.S. BORDER PATROL SECTOR PROFILE – FISCAL YEAR 2016 (OCT. 1ST
8 THROUGH SEPT. 30TH), [https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/ documents/2017-](https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2017-Jan/USBP%20Stats%20FY2016%20sector%20profile.pdf)
9 [Jan/USBP%20Stats%20FY2016%20sector%20profile.pdf](https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2017-Jan/USBP%20Stats%20FY2016%20sector%20profile.pdf).

10 45. Similarly, in the ten months of fiscal year 2017 previous to the Secretary’s August
11 2, 2017 Waiver, the San Diego Sector accounted for 8.3 percent of Border Patrol’s
12 apprehensions along the Southwest Border. See CBP, *USBP Southwest Border*
13 *Apprehensions by Sector*, [https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/usbp-sw-border-](https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/usbp-sw-border-apprehensions)
14 [apprehensions](https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/usbp-sw-border-apprehensions) (last visited Sept. 12, 2017) (21,605 of 259,075 apprehensions).

15 46. The “Project Area” includes areas with significant environmental values and
16 irreplaceable natural resources.

17 47. Within approximately 150-feet of the U.S.-Mexican border in the approximately
18 fifteen-mile long “Project Area,” the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (FWS) Information
19 for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) project planning tool identifies twenty-seven
20 species listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act and designated Critical Habitat for
21 five of these listed species. *See* FWS, *IPaC Information for Planning and Consultation*,
22 [https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/location/MSW23ZPZDFD4ZGJFQ PA3PIXPLM/resources](https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/location/MSW23ZPZDFD4ZGJFQ_PA3PIXPLM/resources)
23 (last visited Sept. 12, 2017).

24 48. Sixteen of the species potentially found in the Project Area are that are listed as
25 endangered.

26 49. Seventeen of the listed species potentially found in the Project Area are restricted
27 to southern California and found nowhere else, including Coastal California gnatcatcher
28 (*Polioptila californica californica*), Least Bell’s vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), Light-

1 Footed Clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris levipes*), Pacific Pocket mouse (*Perognathus*
2 *longimembris pacificus*), Arroyo (=arroyo Southwestern) Toad (*Anaxyrus californicus*),
3 Quino Checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino* (= *e. e. wrighti*)), Riverside fairy
4 shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*),
5 California Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia californica*), Encinitas baccharis (*Baccharis vanessae*),
6 Mexican flannelbush (*Fremontodendron mexicanum*), Otay mesa-mint (*Pogogyne*
7 *nudiuscula*), Otay tarplant (*Deinandra* (= *hemizonia*) *conjugens*), Salt Marsh bird's-beak
8 (*Cordylanthus maritimus ssp. maritimus*), San Diego ambrosia (*Ambrosia pumila*), San
9 Diego button-celery (*Eryngium aristulatum var. parishii*), San Diego thornmint
10 (*Acanthomintha ilicifolia*), and Spreading navarretia (*Navarretia fossalis*).

11 50. The FWS has designated Critical Habitat for five species in the Project Area,
12 including the Coastal California Gnatcatcher, 72 Fed. Reg. 72,010, 72,086 (2007); Quino
13 Checkerspot Butterfly, 74 Fed. Reg. 28,776, 28,859 (2009); Riverside Fairy Shrimp, 77
14 Fed. Reg. 72,069, 72,138 (2012); San Diego Fairy Shrimp, 72 Fed. Reg. 70,648, 70,712-
15 14 (2007); and Western Snowy Plover, 77 Fed. Reg. 36,727, 36,869 (2012).

16 51. In addition to the federally-listed species, thirty FWS Birds of Conservation
17 Concern might be affected by construction activities in the Project Area, including certain
18 birds normally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as well as other non-listed
19 sensitive and rare species, such as the burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*).

20 52. The Project Area intersects Otay Mountain Wilderness, a congressionally
21 designated component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, which "one of
22 the last remaining pristine locations in western San Diego County ... internationally
23 known for its diversity of unique and sensitive plants." Pub. L. No. 106-145 § 2, 113 Stat
24 1711 (1999).

25 53. The Project Area includes the Tijuana River Slough National Wildlife Refuge,
26 Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve and Border Field State Park, all of
27 which protect sand dunes and beaches, vernal pools, tidal channels, mudflats and coastal
28 sage habitat. The Tijuana Estuary is particularly important as essential feeding, breeding

1 and nesting habitat for wildlife, and is a key stopover point on the Pacific Flyway for
2 over 370 species of migratory and native birds, including six endangered species.

3 **The Calexico Waiver**

4 54. On September 12, 2017, the Secretary utilized the waiver authority of Section
5 102(c) to “take immediate action to replace existing primary fencing.” in Border Patrol’s
6 El Centro Sector. 82 Fed. Reg. at 42,830.

7 55. The Calexico “Project Area” is described as the “area in the vicinity of the United
8 States border, located in the State of California ... [s]tarting at the Calexico West Land
9 Port of Entry and extending approximately three miles westward.” *Id.*

10 56. In the September 12, 2015 Waiver, the Secretary purportedly waived, “in their
11 entirety... all federal, state, or other laws, regulations and legal requirements of, deriving
12 from, or related to the subject of” twenty-eight enumerated statutes:

- 13 a. National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852 (Jan. 1,
14 1970) (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.));
- 15 b. Endangered Species Act (Pub. L. 93-205, 87 Stat. 884 (Dec. 28, 1973) (16
16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.));
- 17 c. Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly referred to as the Clean
18 Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.));
- 19 d. National Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 89-665, 80 Stat. 915 (Oct. 15,
20 1966), as amended, repealed, or replaced by Pub. L. 113-287 (Dec. 19,
21 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq., now codified at 54
22 U.S.C. § 100101 note and 54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.));
- 23 e. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. § 703 et seq.);
- 24 f. Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 715 et seq.);
- 25 g. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.);
- 26 h. Archeological Resources Protection Act (Pub. L. 96-95 (16 U.S.C. § 470aa
27 et seq.));
- 28 i. Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470aaa et seq.);

- 1 j. Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.);
- 2 k. Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.);
- 3 l. Noise Control Act (42 U.S.C. § 4901 et seq.);
- 4 m. Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and
- 5 Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.);
- 6 n. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
- 7 (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.);
- 8 o. Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 86-523, as amended,
- 9 repealed, or replaced by Public Law 113-287 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly
- 10 codified at 16 U.S.C. § 469 et seq., now codified at 54 U.S.C. § 312502 et
- 11 seq.));
- 12 p. Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 431 et seq., now codified 54
- 13 U.S.C. § 320301 et seq.);
- 14 q. Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16
- 15 U.S.C. § 461 et seq., now codified at 54 U.S.C. §§ 3201-320303 & 320101-
- 16 320106);
- 17 r. Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. § 4201 et seq.);
- 18 s. Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579 (43 U.S.C. §
- 19 1701 et seq.));
- 20 t. section 10 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1196, as
- 21 amended by 64 Stat. 463 (43 U.S.C. § 387));
- 22 u. National Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (Pub. L. 84-1024 (16 U.S.C. § 742a,
- 23 et seq.));
- 24 v. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (Pub. L. 73-121 (16 U.S.C. § 661 et
- 25 seq.));
- 26 w. Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. § 551 et seq.);
- 27 x. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403);
- 28 y. Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. § 668 et seq.);

- 1 z. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. § 3001
2 et seq.);
- 3 aa. American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. § 1996); and (28) the
4 Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb).

5 Id.

6 57. In the September 12, 2017 Waiver, the Secretary declared that the
7 El Centro Sector is an area of high illegal entry. ... [T]hrough the
8 construction of border infrastructure and other operational improvements,
9 the Border Patrol has been able to make significant gains in border security
10 within the El Centro Sector; however, more work needs to be done. The El
11 Centro Sector remains an area of high illegal entry for which there is an
12 immediate need to construct border barriers and roads.

13 82 Fed. Reg. at 42,830.

14 58. Border Patrol apprehended 66,873 illegal aliens in its El Centro Sector in fiscal
15 year 1996 and 55,722 in fiscal year 2005. CBP, U.S. BORDER PATROL – SOUTHWEST
16 BORDER SECTORS, TOTAL ILLEGAL ALIEN APPREHENSIONS BY FISCAL YEAR.

17 59. In fiscal year 2016, Border Patrol apprehended 19,448 illegal aliens in its El Centro
18 Sector, 71 percent fewer apprehensions than 1996.

19 60. In fiscal year 2016, the El Centro Sector accounted for less than 4.8 percent of
20 individuals apprehended and 0.2 percent of marijuana and 3 percent of cocaine seized
21 along the Southwestern Border. *See* CBP, USBP SECTOR PROFILE – FISCAL YEAR 2016
(OCT. 1ST THROUGH SEPT. 30TH).

22 61. Similarly, in the eleven months of fiscal year 2017 previous to the Secretary's
23 September 12, 2017, the El Centro Sector accounted for less than 5.3 percent of Border
24 Patrol's apprehensions along the Southwest Border. CBP, *U.S. Border Patrol Southwest*
25 *Border Apprehensions by Sector*, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/usbp-sw-border-apprehensions> (last visited Sept. 12, 2017) (14,765 of 259,075 total apprehensions).

26 62. The Yuma Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), listed as an endangered
27 species under the Endangered Species Act, may be found in the Project Area. *See* FWS,
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1 *IPaC Information for Planning and Consultation*, <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/location/VFJ3PFEUNZACHNZI5R2HMBSQC4/resources> (last visited September 12, 2017).

3 63. In addition, eighteen FWS Birds of Conservation Concern might be affected by
4 construction activities in the Project Area, including certain birds normally protected
5 under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Eagle Protection Act. *Id.*

6 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

7 ***(Ultra Vires Agency Action under Section 102(c) of IIRIRA)***

8 64. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all the foregoing paragraphs as
9 though fully set forth herein.

10 65. Section 102(a) of IIRIRA, as amended, authorizes the Secretary to “take such
11 actions as may be necessary to install additional physical barriers and roads ... in the
12 vicinity of the United States border to deter illegal crossings in areas of high illegal entry
13 into the United States.” (Emphasis added).

14 66. Section 102(b) of IIRIRA directs the Secretary to “construct reinforced fencing ...
15 where fencing would be most practical and effective and provide for the installation of
16 additional physical barriers, roads, lighting, cameras, and sensors to gain operational
17 control of the southwest border” to the extent necessary “in carrying out subsection (a).”

18 67. Section 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA authorizes the Secretary to “waive all legal
19 requirements such Secretary ... determines necessary to ensure expeditious construction
20 of the barriers and roads under this section.” (Emphasis added.)

21 68. The Section 102(c) of IIRIRA waiver authority applies only to the installation of
22 new, “additional physical barriers and road,” IIRIRA § 102(a) (emphasis added), and
23 cannot be used for the border wall replacement or the prototype border wall project
24 included in the San Diego and Calexico Waivers.

25 69. As enacted in 1996, Section 102(b) of IIRIRA applied only to the border area
26 “[n]ear San Diego, California,” being limited to “construction along the 14 miles of the
27 international land border of the United States, starting at the Pacific Ocean and extending
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1 eastward, of second and third fences, in addition to the existing reinforced fence, and for
2 roads between the fences.” Pub. L. No. 104-208, Div. C, § 102(b) 110 Stat. 3554.

3 70. Seventeen months after adding the waiver provision to Section 102(c) of IIRIRA in
4 the REAL ID Act of 2005, the Secure Fence of 2006 amended Section 102(b) of IIRIRA
5 by striking “Near San Diego, California,” and directing the Secretary to construct at
6 “least 2 layers of reinforced fencing, the installation of additional physical barriers, roads,
7 lighting, cameras, and sensors” in five specific areas totaling approximately 850 miles.
8 Pub. L. No. 109-367 § 3, 120 Stat 2639.

9 71. Fourteen months after passing the Secure Fence Act of 2006, Section 102(b) of
10 IIRIRA was again amended in the DHS Appropriations Act, 2008, by removing previous
11 specified areas and requiring the Secretary to “construct reinforced fencing along not less
12 than 700 miles of the southwest border where fencing would be most practical and
13 effective.” Pub. L. No. 110-161, Div. E, Title V, § 564(a), 121 Stat. 2090 (2007).

14 72. In addition, the 2008 Appropriations Act required the Secretary to “identify” and
15 “construct” “370 miles, or other mileage determined by the Secretary, whose authority to
16 determine other mileage shall expire on December 31, 2008, along the southwest border
17 where fencing would be most practical and effective.” Id.

18 73. Section 102(c) of IIRIRA’s waiver provision has remained unchanged by Congress
19 since the amended by the REAL ID Act of 2005.

20 74. There is no indication that Section 102(c) of IIRIRA applies to the 2006 and 2008
21 amendments to Section 102(b).

22 75. Assuming, *arguendo*, the enlarged barrier border authorization in the 2008 IIRIRA
23 amendments were eligible for waivers under Section 102(c), DHS has completed those
24 specified mandates and the Secretary’s authority to identify and construct other mileage
25 expired on December 31, 2008.

26 76. Further, the purported Waivers are not necessary to ensure the “expeditious”
27 construction of the border wall prototype project and border walls envisioned twelve
28 years ago in the 2005 REAL ID Act amendment. The Section 102(c) waiver authority has

1 not been further amended by Congress in the 12 years since its 2005 consideration and
2 enactment, despite the extensive amendments to IIRIRA section 102(b) by the 2006
3 Secure Fence Act and 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The plain meaning of
4 broadly allowing the waiver of any laws determined by the DHS Secretary as necessary
5 to ensure the “expeditious construction” under Section 102(c) of IIRIRA was to provide
6 the DHS Secretary with the authority to waive laws in order to build border barriers as
7 soon as possible after the law’s enactment (*i.e.*, the REAL ID Act of 2005 12 years ago).

8 77. This interpretation is further supported by Congress’s subsequent establishment of
9 specific deadlines in its amendments to IIRIRA section 102(b) under the 2006 Secure
10 Fence Act and 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act; most notably, its direction that at
11 least 370 miles of border barriers be constructed by December 31, 2008, and its explicit
12 termination of the Secretary’s authority to designate “priority areas” for such construction
13 by that same date. IIRIRA § 102(b)(2)(A)-(B).

14 78. As such, the wall prototype project and border wall replacement project are not
15 subject to the scope of the IIRIRA section 102(c) waiver authority, and the San Diego
16 and Calexico Waivers are unlawful *ultra vires* acts subject to review by this Court, and
17 the restrictions on judicial review and appellate review under that subsection are
18 inapplicable to that determination.

19 79. Since the San Diego and Calexico Waivers authorize activities that are beyond the
20 scope of Section 102(c) of IIRIRA’s waiver provision, the Waivers are an unlawful *ultra*
21 *vires* acts subject to review by this Court, and, moreover, Section 102(c)(2)’s restriction
22 on judicial review are inapplicable to the San Diego and Calexico Waivers.

23 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

24 **(Violation of Section 102(a) and 102(b)(1)(C))**

25 80. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all the foregoing paragraphs as
26 though fully set forth herein.

27 81. Section 102(a) of IIRIRA requires the Secretary, prior to taking actions “to install
28 additional physical barriers and roads,” under the authority of IIRIRA, to determine that

1 locations where such installations are to take place are “areas of high illegal entry into the
2 United States.”

3 82. Section 102(b)(1)(C) of IRRIRA requires the Secretary, prior to taking actions to
4 carry out IIRIRA, to

5 consult with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture,
6 States, local governments, Indian tribes, and property owners in the United
7 States to minimize the impact on the environment, culture, commerce, and
8 quality of life for the communities and residents located near the sites at
9 which such fencing is to be constructed.

10 83. Neither the San Diego nor the Calexico Waiver included Section 102 of IIRIRA
11 among the combined thirty-eight federal statutes waived by the Secretary.

12 84. Section 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA authorizes the Secretary to waive all legal
13 requirements “[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law.”

14 85. Section 102 subparagraphs (a) and (b) are not “other provision[s] of law,” but are
15 part of the same section of law granting the waiver authority.

16 86. Furthermore, the restriction on judicial review in Section 102(c)(2)(A) of IIRIRA
17 applies only to “any action undertaken, or any decision made, by the Secretary of
18 Homeland Security pursuant to paragraph [102(c)](1)... The court shall not have
19 jurisdiction to hear any claim not specified in this subparagraph.” (Emphasis added.)

20 87. The requirements of Section 102 subparagraphs (a) and (b), in fact, are
21 prerequisites to the Secretary using the waiver authority of Section 102(c).

22 88. The Secretary has failed to provide an explanation or reasoning for the August 2,
23 2017 Waiver’s conclusion that “[t]he San Diego Sector remains an area of high illegal
24 entry.”

25 89. The Secretary has failed to provide an explanation or reasoning for the September
26 12, 2017 Waiver’s conclusion that the “El Centro Sector is an area of high illegal entry.”

27 90. It is the Plaintiffs’ understanding and belief that the Secretary has not consulted
28 with any or all of the entities required by Section 102(b)(1)(C) prior to either the San
Diego or Calexico Waivers.

1 91. The Secretary’s decisions the San Diego and El Centro Sectors are therefore
2 arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law, and
3 without observance of procedure required by law. 5 U.S.C. § 706(2).

4 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

5 **(Violation of the U.S. Constitution, Art. I, § 7, Cls. 2 and 3)**

6 **(The Presentment Clauses)**

7 92. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all the foregoing paragraphs as
8 though fully set forth herein.

9 93. Section 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA, as amended, provides the Secretary “authority to
10 waive all legal requirements such Secretary, in such Secretary’s sole discretion,
11 determines necessary to ensure expeditious construction of the barriers and roads” in the
12 vicinity of the United States border.

13 94. The Secretary’s Calexico Waiver, issued pursuant to Section 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA,
14 as amended, abrogates 28 enacted federal statutes and an undetermined number of
15 “federal, state, or other laws, regulations and legal requirements of, deriving from, or
16 related to the subject of” those statutes.

17 95. Under Article I, Section 7, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution, “Every Bill which
18 shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a
19 Law, be presented to the President of the United States.”

20 96. Under Article I, Section 7, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution, “Every Order,
21 Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of
22 Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be
23 presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect,
24 shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of
25 the Senate and House of Representatives.”

26 97. Section 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA provides the Secretary *de facto* repeal authority,
27 allowing him to nullify validly enacted statutes without passing both the Senate and
28 House of Representatives and without being presented to the President.

1 98. Section 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA is unconstitutional as it violates the lawmaking
2 procedures set forth in the Presentment Clauses expressed in Article I, Section 7, Clauses
3 2 and 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

4 99. The Secretary's San Diego and Calexico Waivers made pursuant to Section
5 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA violates the lawmaking procedures set forth in the Presentment
6 Clauses expressed in Article I, Section 7, Clauses 2 and 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

7 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

8 **(Violation of the U.S. Constitution, Art. I, § 1 and Art. II § 1)**

9 **(Nondelegation Doctrine)**

10 100. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all the foregoing paragraphs as
11 though fully set forth herein.

12 101. Article I, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution vests "[a]ll legislative Powers herein
13 granted ... in a Congress of the United States."

14 102. "This text permits no delegation of those powers." Whitman v. Am. Trucking
15 Ass'ns, 531 U.S. 457, 472 (U.S. 2001).

16 103. Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution provides: "The executive Power shall be
17 vested in a President of the United States of America."

18 104. Section 102(c) of IIRIRA is an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power to
19 an officer of the executive branch, in violation of Article I, Section 1 of the U.S.
20 Constitution and the doctrine of Separation of Powers fundamental to our constitutional
21 system.

22 105. The Secretary's San Diego and Calexico Waivers made pursuant to Section
23 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA is an unconstitutional exercise of legislative authority by an officer
24 of the executive branch, violates the lawmaking procedures set forth in the Presentment
25 Clauses expressed in Article I, Section 7, Clauses 2 and 3 of the U.S. Constitution in
26 violation of Article I, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution and the doctrine of Separation of
27 Powers fundamental to our constitutional system.

1 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

2 **(Violation of the U.S. Constitution, Art. III, § 1)**

3 **(Judicial Power)**

4 106. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference all the foregoing paragraphs as
5 though fully set forth herein.

6 107. Section 102(c)(2)(A) of IIRIRA, as amended, restricts judicial review by limiting
7 “[a] cause of action or claim” arising from a waiver made pursuant to Section 102(c)(1)
8 to “alleging a violation of the Constitution of the United States.”

9 108. Section 102(c)(2)(A), further provides that “[t]he court shall not have jurisdiction
10 to hear any claim not specified in this subparagraph.”

11 109. Article III, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution vests “[t]he judicial Power of the
12 United States ... in one supreme court.”

13 110. Article III, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution provides: “The judicial Power shall
14 extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the
15 United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority.”

16 111. Section 102(c)(2)(A) of IIRIRA, as amended, is an unconstitutional, *ultra vires*
17 legislative infringement of the judicial Power expressed in Article III, Sections 1 and 2 of
18 the U.S. Constitution and the doctrine of Separation of Powers fundamental to our
19 constitutional system.

20 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

21 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court:

- 22 a. Declare that the border wall replacement and prototype activities purportedly
23 authorized by the San Diego and Calexico Waivers are unlawful *ultra vires*
24 acts;
- 25 b. Declare that Secretary’s conclusions that the San Diego and El Centro
26 Sectors are areas of high illegal entry are arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of
27 discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law;
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- 1 c. Declare that the waiver authority delegated to the Secretary by Section 102
2 of Section 102(c)(1) of IIRIRA, Pub. L. No. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat.
3 3009-546 (1996) (codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103 note), as amended by the
4 REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, Div. B, 119 Stat. 306, is
5 unconstitutional;
- 6 d. Declare that the San Diego Waiver of thirty federal statutes and associated
7 laws to expedite the construction of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the
8 United States and Mexican border near San Diego, California, is
9 unconstitutional;
- 10 e. Declare that the Calexico Waiver of twenty-eight statutes and associated
11 laws to expedite the construction of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the
12 United States and Mexican border near Calexico, California, is
13 unconstitutional;
- 14 f. Set aside the waiver authority contained in Section 102 of IIRIRA Act, and
15 the Secretary's exercise of that authority in the San Diego and Calexico
16 Waivers;
- 17 g. Enjoin Defendants from constructing any border wall, fence, or other barrier,
18 and any related road or infrastructure, in the vicinity of the United States and
19 Mexican border near San Diego, California, unless and until Defendants
20 come into compliance with all applicable laws;
- 21 h. Enjoin Defendants from constructing any border wall, fence, or other barrier,
22 and any related road or infrastructure, in the vicinity of the United States and
23 Mexican border near Calexico, California, unless and until Defendants come
24 into compliance with all applicable laws;
- 25 i. Award Plaintiffs their costs and reasonable attorney fees in this action; and,
26 j. Grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE, a nonprofit conservation organization;
ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, a nonprofit organization; and
SIERRA CLUB, a nonprofit public benefit corporation;

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____

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DEFENDANTS

ELAINE DUKE, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding
- 2 Removed from State Court
- 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
United States Constitution; REAL ID Act of 2005 et seq; Administrative Procedures Act

Brief description of cause:

U.S. DHS issued unlawful waivers of federal law in order to construct border walls in southern California.

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE Gonzalo P. Curiel

DOCKET NUMBER 17-cv-01215-GPC-WVG

DATE

09/14/2017

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/Gloria D. Smith

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RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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