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United States v. California

447 U.S. 1 (1980)

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Washington, D. C. 20543

September 29, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

Subject: Original No. 5, United States v. California

The Chief Justice asked that I circulate a memo advising the Conference that a word was inadvertently omitted from the opinion in this case, announced June 9, 1980.

Consistent with the earlier opinion in United States v. California, 381 U.S. 139, 176-177 (1965), the word "lower" should be added prior to the word "low" on line 4 of page 2 in the instant opinion so that it reads as follows:

"That issue is whether the coastline follows the mean lower low water line along the natural shore, or whether it follows the seaward edge of 15 piers and the Rincon Island complex projecting into the sea from the shore."


Joe B. Caldwell

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November 20, 1980

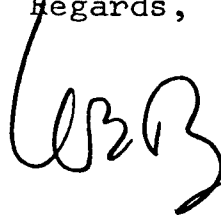
Re: 5 Original - United States v. California

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

My review of the question raised by California satisfies me that the terms "low water line" should be changed to "lower low water line." Absent dissent, I will order this change.

The second point raised by California deals with an issue it would like to have decided but which is not in the case.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials 'W.B.B.' with a stylized flourish at the end.