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December 17, 2010

#### **To:** All Interested Parties

Enclosed is a Notice Of Entry Of Order To Show Cause And Motion For Order Of Liquidation And Orders And Injunctions In Aid Of Liquidation For Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company (hereinafter, "Order to Show Cause"), filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court by Applicant Steve Poizner, Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, in his capacity as Conservator (hereinafter, "Conservator") of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company (hereinafter, "Golden State").

The Order to Show Cause requires all persons and entities interested or claiming to be interested in Golden State and/or this action to appear on January 28, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in this Court, to show cause regarding why the Court should not grant the Conservator's Motion for Order of Liquidation and Orders and Injunctions in Aid of Liquidation for Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company (hereinafter, "Liquidation Motion"). No action is required on your part if you do not oppose the Conservator's Liquidation Motion or the liquidation of Golden State.

The Conservator's Liquidation Motion is made pursuant to Insurance Code § 1010 *et seq.*, including Insurance Code §§ 1016, 1011, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025.5 and 1037, on the grounds that the orders requested in the Liquidation Motion are appropriate and required because, pursuant to Insurance Code § 1016, the Conservator has determined that it would be futile to proceed as Golden State's Conservator since Golden State's estimated liabilities of \$9,291,895 exceed its estimated remaining assets of \$5,721,154 by over \$3 million, specifically, \$3,570,741 (\$9,291,895 - \$5,721,154), and since Golden State's insurance business has been transferred to another insurer.

Copies of the Conservator's Liquidation Motion, with supporting evidence, documents and pleadings, can be reviewed and downloaded at the Insurance Commissioner's Conservation & Liquidation Office's website at <a href="www.caclo.org/GoldenStateMutual/LiquidationMotion">www.caclo.org/GoldenStateMutual/LiquidationMotion</a>. You also can call the Conservation & Liquidation Office's toll-free telephone number 1-877-595-2379 for assistance and to request that a copy of the Liquidation Motion be mailed to you.

Any response or opposition, with supporting evidence, to the Order to Show Cause and/or the Conservator's Liquidation Motion shall be filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court and a copy of such response or opposition, with supporting evidence, shall be served by mail or e-mail to Golden State's attorney Michael R. Weiss on or before <u>January 14, 2011</u>. The address for Golden State's attorney Michael R. Weiss for service of any response or opposition is:

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Email: <u>mrw@epsteinturnerweiss.com</u>

The Conservator shall file any replies, with supporting evidence, on or before <u>January</u> <u>21, 2011</u>, and a copy of such reply shall be served on the responding or objecting persons or entities and posted on the above noted website.

Your continuing patience and cooperation during the conservation of Golden State is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

David E. Wilson

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Special Deputy Insurance Commissioner

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	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE	Case No. BS123005
19	STATE OF CALIFORNIA,	Assigned to Hon. Ann I. Jones, Dept. 86
20	Applicant,	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER TO
21	v.	SHOW CAUSE AND MOTION FOR ORDER OF LIQUIDATION AND
22	GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL LIFE	ORDERS AND INJUNCTIONS IN AID OF LIQUIDATION FOR GOLDEN STATE
23	INSURANCE COMPANY, a California	MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY BY APPLICANT INSURANCE
24	corporation,	COMMISSIONER
25	Respondent.	[Filed concurrently with Memorandum, Declarations and Proposed Order]
26		Date: January 28, 2011
27		Time: 9:30 a.m. Dept: 86
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TO: (1) THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT;

- (2) GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY;
- (3) ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES KNOWN TO THE CONSERVATOR TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL UNSATISFIED CLAIM THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE REQUESTED COURT ORDERS; AND
- (4) ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 28, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties may be heard, a hearing will be held in Department 86 of the Los Angeles Superior Court for the State of California, County of Los Angeles, located at 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 ("Court"), on an Order to Show Cause why the Court should not grant the Motion for Order of Liquidation and Orders and Injunctions in Aid of Liquidation for Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company (hereinafter, "Liquidation Motion"), filed by Applicant Steve Poizner, Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, in his capacity as Conservator ("Conservator") of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company ("Golden State").

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The Order setting the hearing on this Order to Show Cause and the Conservator's Liquidation Motion requires that any response or opposition, with supporting evidence, to the Order to Show Cause and Conservator's Liquidation Motion shall be filed with the Court and served by mail or e-mail to Golden State's attorney Michael R. Weiss on or before **January 14**, **2011**. The Conservator shall file any replies, with supporting evidence, on or before **January 21**, **2011**, and a copy of such reply shall be served on the responding or objecting persons or entities and posted on the above noted website. The address for Golden State's attorney Michael R. Weiss for service is:

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The Liquidation Motion and orders and injunctions requested therein concerning the requested liquidation of Golden State require the Court's approval. No action is required on your part if you do not oppose the Conservator's Liquidation Motion or the liquidation of Golden State.

## **Requested Orders and Injunctions**

By this Notice and the Conservator's Liquidation Motion, the Conservator will and hereby does move the Court for the following orders and injunctions:

## A. <u>Liquidation, Administration and Operation</u>

- 1. As of September 30, 2010, Golden State is insolvent and remains insolvent today, and it would be futile for the Commissioner to proceed as Conservator; and therefore, sufficient grounds exist in accordance with Insurance Code § 1016 for entry of an order of liquidation of Golden State. (Insurance Code § 1016.)
- 2. The Commissioner's status as Conservator is terminated, he is appointed Liquidator of Golden State as set forth in Insurance Code § 1016, and he is directed as Liquidator to liquidate and wind up the business of Golden State and to act in all ways and exercise all powers necessary for the purpose of carrying out this Order. (Insurance Code § 1016.)
- 3. Title to all of the assets of Golden State, wheresoever situated, shall remain vested in the Commissioner, now as Liquidator, or his successor in office, in his official capacity as such, including without limitation real and personal property, deposits, certificates of deposit, bank accounts, mutual funds, securities, contracts, rights of actions, books, records and other assets of any and every type and nature, wheresoever situated, presently in Golden State's possession and/or those which may be discovered hereafter. (Insurance Code §§ 1011, 1016 and 1037 General Powers.)

4. All funds and assets, including without limitation deposits, certificates of deposit, bank accounts, securities, and mutual fund shares of Golden State, in various financial depositary institutions, including without limitation banks, savings and loan associations, industrial loan companies, mutual funds and/or stock brokerages, wheresoever situated, are subject to withdrawal only upon direction or order by the Liquidator. (Insurance Code §§ 1011, 1016 and 1037 General Powers.)

- 5. The Liquidator is authorized to collect all moneys due to Golden State, and to do such other acts as are necessary or expedient to collect, conserve, protect and/or liquidate Golden State's assets, property and business. (Insurance Code § 1037(a).)
- 6. The Conservator is authorized to collect all debts due and claims belonging to Golden State and to have the authority to sell, compound, compromise, or assign, for the purpose of collection upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator deems best, any bad or doubtful debts. (Insurance Code § 1037(b).)
- 7. The Liquidator is authorized to compound, compromise or in any other manner negotiate settlements of claims against Golden State upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator shall deem to be most advantageous to the estate of Golden State. (Insurance Code § 1037(c).)
- 8. The Liquidator is authorized, without permission of the court and without notice, to acquire, hypothecate, encumber, lease, improve, sell, transfer, abandon, or otherwise dispose of or deal with, any real or personal property of Golden State at its reasonable market value, or, in cases other than acquisition, sale, or transfer on the basis of reasonable market value, upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidator may deem proper, provided the market value of the property involved does not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). (Insurance Code § 1037(d).)
- 9. The Liquidator is authorized to transfer to a trustee or trustees, under a voting trust agreement, the stock of Golden State heretofore or hereafter issued to the Liquidator in connection with a rehabilitation or reinsurance agreement, or any other proceeding under Insurance Code § 1010 *et seq.* (Insurance Code § 1037(e).)

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10. The Liquidator is authorized, for the purpose of executing and performing any of the powers and authority conferred upon the Liquidator under Insurance Code § 1010 et seq, in the name of Golden State or in the Liquidator's own name, to initiate, prosecute and/or defend any and all suits and other legal proceedings, legal or equitable, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all deeds, assignments, releases and other instruments necessary and proper to effectuate any sale of any real and personal property or other transaction in connection with the administration, liquidation or other disposition of the assets of Golden State, in this or other states as may appear to him necessary to carry out his functions as Liquidator. (Insurance Code § 1037(f) and 1037 General Powers.)

- 11. The Liquidator is authorized to divert, take possession of and secure all mail of Golden State and to effect a change in the rights to use any and all post office boxes and other mail collection facilities used by Golden State. (Insurance Code §§ 1011 and 1037 General Powers.)
- 12. The Liquidator is authorized, without permission of the court and without notice, to invest and reinvest, in such manner as the Liquidator may deem suitable for the best interests of the policyholders and/or creditors of Golden State, such portions of the funds and assets of Golden State in his possession as do not exceed the amount of the reserves required by law to be maintained by Golden State as reserves for life insurance policies, annuity contracts, supplementary agreements incidental to life business, and reserves for non-cancelable disability policies, and which funds and assets are not immediately distributable to creditors, provided the investment or reinvestment to be made does not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), except that the Liquidator, without permission of the court and without notice, may make investments or reinvestments in excess of \$100,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000 per investment or reinvestment, if such investments or reinvestments are part of Golden State's existing investments or are made pursuant to the investment guidelines of the Commissioner's Conservation & Liquidation Office including investments and reinvestments through an investment pool consisting exclusively of assets from conserved and/or liquidating estates. (Insurance Code § 1037(g) and General Powers.)

13. The Liquidator is authorized, in his discretion, without permission of the court and without notice, to pay or defer payment of some or all claims, expenses, liabilities and/or obligations of Golden State, in whole or in part, accruing prior and/or subsequent to his appointment as Liquidator. (Insurance Code §§ 1011 and 1037 General Powers.)

- 14. The Liquidator is authorized to appoint and employ under his hand and official seal, special deputy commissioners and/or legal counsel, as his agents, and to employ clerks and/or assistants, and to give to each of them those powers that the Liquidator deems necessary. (Insurance Code §§ 1035(a) and 1036.)
- 15. The Liquidator is authorized to fix the costs of employing special deputy commissioners, legal counsel, clerks, and/or assistants, and all expenses of taking possession of, conserving, conducting, liquidating, disposing of, or otherwise dealing with the business and property of Golden State, subject to the approval of the court, and to pay such costs out of the assets of Golden State to the Liquidator and others including without limitation expenses, expense allocations, administrative costs, administrative overhead, and costs incurred and/or allocated by the Conservation & Liquidation Office, and if there are insufficient funds to pay such costs, then to pay such costs out of the Insurance Fund pursuant to Insurance Code § 1035. (Insurance Code §§ 1035(a), 1036 and 1037 General Powers.)
- 16. The Liquidator is authorized to assume or reject, or to modify, any executory contract, including without limitation, any lease, rental or utilization contract or agreement (including any schedule to any such contract or agreement), and any license or other arrangement for the use of computer software of business information systems, to which Golden State is a party or as to which Golden State agrees to accept an assignment of such contract, not later than 120 days of the date of the Order Appointing Conservator, unless such date is extended by application to and further order of this Court, and if not expressly assumed by the Conservator within that time then such executory contract is deemed rejected. (Insurance Code § 1037 General Powers.)
- 17. The Liquidator is authorized to terminate compensation arrangements with employees, to enter into new compensation arrangements with employees including arrangements

containing retention incentives, and to hire employees on such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable. (Insurance Code § 1037 General Powers.)

18. The Liquidator is vested with all the powers of the directors, officers and managers of Golden State, whose authorities are suspended except as such powers may be re-delegated by the Liquidator. (Insurance Code § 1037 General Powers.)

## **B.** Injunctions and Other Orders

- 19. Except upon the express authorization of the Liquidator, all persons are hereby enjoined, including without limitation Golden State and its officers, directors, agents, servants, and employees, from the transaction of Golden State's business or disposition of its property including without limitation from disposing of, using, transferring, selling, assigning, canceling, alienating, hypothecating or concealing in any manner or any way, or assisting any person in any of the foregoing, of the property or assets of Golden State or property or assets in the possession of Golden State, of any nature or kind, including without limitation claims or causes of action, until further order of this Court and further, enjoining such persons from obstructing or interfering with the Liquidator's conduct of his or her duties as Liquidator. (Insurance Code §§ 1011, 1020 and 1037.)
- 20. All persons are enjoined from instituting or prosecuting or maintaining any action at law or suit in equity including without limitation actions or proceedings to compel discovery or production of documents or testimony, and matters in arbitration, and from obtaining or attempting to attain preferences, judgments, foreclosures, attachments or other liens of any kind or nature, against Golden State, its assets, or the Liquidator, and from attaching, executing upon, foreclosing upon, redeeming of, making levy upon, or taking any other legal proceedings against any of the property and/or assets of Golden State, and from doing any act interfering with the conduct of said business by the Liquidator, except after an order from this Court obtained after reasonable notice to the Liquidator. (Insurance Code §§ 1011, 1020 and 1037 General Powers.)
- 21. All persons are enjoined from the sale or deed for nonpayment of taxes or assessments levied by any taxing agency of property and/or assets of Golden State. (Insurance Code § 1020(f).)

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22. Except with leave of court issued after a hearing in which the Liquidator has received reasonable notice, all persons are enjoined from accelerating the due date of any obligation or claimed obligation, exercising any right of set-off, taking, retaining, retaking or attempting to retake possession of any real or personal property, withholding or diverting any rent or other obligation, and doing any act or other thing whatsoever to interfere with the possession of or management by the Liquidator of the property and assets, owned or controlled, by Golden State or in the possession of Golden State or in any way interfering with the Liquidator or interfering in any manner during the pendency of this proceeding with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over Golden State. (Insurance Code §§ 1020 and 1037 General Powers.)

- 23. All persons are enjoined from the waste of the assets of Golden State. (Insurance Code § 1020.)
- 24. Golden State and all officers, directors, agents and employees of Golden State are ordered to deliver to, and immediately make available to, the Liquidator all assets, books, accounts, records, information, computers, tapes, discs, writings, other recordings of information, equipment and other property of Golden State, wheresoever situated, in said person's custody or control and further, and are directed the aforesaid to disclose verbally, or in writing if requested by the Liquidator, the exact whereabouts of the foregoing items if such items are not in the possession, custody or control of said persons. (Insurance Code §§ 1011, 1016, 1020 and 1037 General Powers.)
- 25. Golden State and all officers, directors, trustees, employees or agents of Golden State, or any other person, firm, association, partnership, corporate parent, holding company, affiliate or other entity in charge of any aspect of Golden State's affairs, either in whole or in part, and including but not limited to banks, savings and loan associations, financial or lending institutions, brokers, stock or mutual associations, or any parent, holding company, subsidiary or affiliated corporation or any other representative acting in concert with Golden State, are ordered to cooperate with the Liquidator in the performance of his or her duties. (Insurance Code § 1037 General Powers.)

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A Professional Corporation 633 West Fifth Street Suite 3330 Los Angeles, CA 90071 26. All persons who maintain records for Golden State, pursuant to written contract or any other agreement, are ordered to maintain such records and to deliver to the Liquidator such records upon his request. (Insurance Code §§ 1020 and 1037 General Powers.)

- 27. All agents of Golden State, and all brokers who have done business with Golden State, are ordered to make all remittances of all funds collected by them or in their hands directly to the Liquidator. (Insurance Code §§ 1020 and 1037 General Powers.)
- 28. All persons having possession of any lists of policyholders, escrow holders, mortgages or mortgagees of Golden State are ordered to deliver such lists to the Liquidator and all persons are enjoined from using any such lists or any information contained therein without the consent of the Liquidator. (Insurance Code §§ 1020 and 1037 General Powers.)
- 29. Golden State and its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, affiliates, and other persons or entities under their control and all persons or entities in concert or participation with Golden State, and each of them, are ordered to turn over to the Liquidator all records, documentation, charts and/or descriptive materials of all funds, assets, property (owned beneficially or otherwise), and all other assets of Golden State wherever situated, and all books and records of accounts, title documents and other documents in their possession or under their control, which relate, directly or indirectly, to assets or property owned or held by Golden State or to the business or operations of Golden State. (Insurance Code §§ 1020 and 1037 General Powers.)
- 30. Any and all provisions of any agreement entered into by and between any third party and Golden State, including by way of illustration, but not limited to, the following types of agreements (as well as any amendments, assignments, or modifications thereto), are stayed, and the assertion of any and all rights and remedies relating thereto are also stayed and barred, except as otherwise ordered by this Court, and this Court shall retain jurisdiction over any cause of action that has arisen or may otherwise arise under any such provision: financial guarantee bonds, promissory notes, loan agreements, security agreements, deeds of trust, mortgages, indemnification agreements, subrogation agreements, subordination agreements, pledge agreements, assignments of rents or other collateral, financial statements, letters of credit, leases,

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Suite 3330 os Angeles, CA 90071 insurance policies, guaranties, escrow agreements, management agreements, real estate brokerage and rental agreements, servicing agreements, attorney agreements, consulting agreements, easement agreements, license agreements, franchise agreements, or employment contracts that provide in any manner that selection, appointment or retention of a conservator, receiver or trustee by any court, or entry of any order such as hereby made, shall be deemed to be, or otherwise operate as, a breach, violation, event of default, termination, event of dissolution, event of acceleration, insolvency, bankruptcy, or liquidation. (Insurance Code §§ 1020 and 1037 General Powers).

# C. <u>Creditors and Setting of Claims Bar Date</u>

- 31. The rights and liabilities of claimants, policyholders, shareholders, members and all other persons interested in the assets of Golden State are fixed as of the date of entry of the Order. (Insurance Code § 1019.)
- 32. Any and all claims against Golden State, including without limitation those claims which in any way affect or seek to affect any of the assets of Golden State, wherever or however such assets may be owned or held, must be filed no later than December 31, 2011 (the "Claims Bar Date"), together with proper proofs thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Insurance Code § 1010 *et seq.* including without limitation Insurance Code § 1023. The proof of claim must be timely filed on the form provided by the Liquidator, together with proper proofs thereof, and must be supplemented with such further information as the Liquidator requests, in accordance with § 1023(f). Except for persons deemed to have filed claims against Golden State in accordance with the provisions of Insurance Code § 1010 *et seq.* including without limitation Insurance Code § 1024 and § 1025.5, any claims not filed by the Claims Bar Date shall be conclusively deemed forever waived. (Insurance Code § 1024.)
  - 33. For such other and further relief as may be proper or necessary.
- 34. The Liquidator is authorized to take any and all action necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order and the Orders requested herein.

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#### **Grounds for Liquidation Motion**

The Conservator's Liquidation Motion is made pursuant to Insurance Code § 1010 et seq., including without limitation, Insurance Code §§ 1016, 1011, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025.5 and 1037, on the grounds that the requested orders are appropriate and required because, pursuant to Insurance Code § 1016, the Conservator has determined that it would be futile to proceed as Conservator since Golden State's estimated liabilities of \$9,291,895 exceed its estimated remaining assets of \$5,721,154 by over \$3 million, specifically, \$3,570,741 (\$9,291,895 -\$5,721,154), and since its insurance business has been transferred to another insurer.

The Conservator's Liquidation Motion is based on this Notice, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declarations of David E. Wilson and Michael R. Weiss filed concurrently with this Notice and which can be reviewed and downloaded at the Insurance Commissioner's Conservation & Liquidation Office's website at

www.caclo.org/GoldenStateMutual/LiquidationMotion, the pleadings and papers on file in this action, all documents and other evidence submitted in this action, and on such oral and/or documentary evidence and/or arguments which may be presented at the hearing on this application.

DATE: December 16, 2010 18

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