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A's Agree to Terms with LHP Brian Fuentes on Two-Year Contract with Club Option

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with free agent left-handed pitcher Brian Fuentes on a two-year contract through the 2012 season with a club option for 2013, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's designated infielder Steve Tolleson for assignment.

Fuentes combined for a 4-1 record, 24 saves and a 2.81 ERA in 48 relief appearances with Los Angeles (AL) and Minnesota last year. He allowed a .181 opponents batting average, which ranked fifth lowest among American League relievers. Fuentes also ranked fifth with a .122 average against first batters faced. The 35-year old left-hander spent most of the season with the Angels, compiling 23 saves and a 3.52 ERA in 39 appearances, before he was traded to the Twins Aug. 27 for a player to be named later. He did not allow a run in nine regular season outings with Minnesota and also pitched 2.2 scoreless innings in two ALDS appearances against New York.

Fuentes has 187 career saves and a 3.41 ERA in 551 appearances over 10 seasons with Seattle (2001), Colorado (2002-08), Los Angeles-AL (2009-10) and Minnesota (2010). He saved a career-high and Major League-leading 48 games with the Angeles in 2009 after setting the Rockies career saves record with 115. A four-time All-Star, Fuentes has held the opposition a .222 batting average in his career, including .209 or lower in four of the last five seasons.

Tolleson made his Major League debut with the A's in 2010, hitting .286 with a home run and four RBI in 25 games over two stints. He spent the balance of the season with Triple-A Sacramento, where he batted .332 with nine home runs and 43 RBI in 80 games.

The complete 2010 and career statistics for Fuentes follow:

FUENTES	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
LOS ANGELES (AL)	4	1	3.52	39	0	0	0	23	38.1	28	17	15	18	39
Rancho Cucamonga	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
MINNESOTA	0	0	0.00	9	0	0	0	1	9.2	3	0	0	2	8
MLB TOTALS	22	33	3.41	551	0	0	0	187	525.0	427	213	199	223	573

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