# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. W1-11-0245

ORDER TO INITIATE CONTESTED CASE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re Town of Huachuca City

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Contested case W1-11-0245 initiated and status conference set for **July 17, 2019** at **2:15 p.m.** 

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This Order initiates a contested case to consider the claims and resolve objections to Watershed File Report 111-20-050 ("WFR") published in the Final San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (1991). The WFR lists five wells. Two wells are located in section 5 T21S R20E, two wells are located in section 31 T20S R20E, and one well is located in section 8 T21S R20E. One well located in section 31 T20S R20E referred to as "Mohave &

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Pima" is designated as an unused well. A copy of the watershed file report is attached as Attachment A.

#### Claimants & Landowners

The WFR identified two Statements of Claimant (SOC) relevant to the potential water right: 39-3128 and 39-11323. The Town of Huachuca filed both SOCs claiming water for municipal use. The two wells located in section 31 T20S R20E are within the subflow boundaries. According to Arizona Department of Water Resources, the wells are located on tax parcels 106-47-153 and 106-47-008. The Cochise County Assessor's Office identifies the current owners of those tax parcels as JRL Development LLC and Frank Cullen Brophy et ux and Babacomari Ranch Co. LLLP.

#### IT IS ORDERED:

- Contested Case. This contested case shall be known as In re Town of Huachuca City and it will adjudicate claims for water made in the Statements of Claimant and objections that were filed to watershed file report 111-20-050 published in the Final San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (1991). Copies of objections can be found under the case number name and the on following website: http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew. asp
- 2. Litigants. The litigants in this contested case are the Claimant, the current landowners, all persons who filed objections to the listed watershed file reports who are listed on Attachment B, and claimants who are allowed to intervene by order.
  - 3. Court-Approved Mailing List.
    - A. The initial Court-approved mailing list for this case shall include all persons listed on Attachment B to this order. The list may be modified only by

filing a motion with the Special Master to amend the Court-approved mailing list. Litigants are responsible for using the current Court-approved mailing list.

- B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the Courtapproved mailing list.
- C. Claimants wishing to be added or removed from the mailing list shall file a motion with the Special Master. Parties allowed to intervene will be automatically added to the mailing list.

#### 4. <u>Courtesy Email List.</u>

The Special Master's office will email courtesy copies of orders and minute entries entered in this case to persons listed on Attachment B. Requests for inclusions on the email list should be sent to Barbara Brown at <a href="mailto:brownb09@superiorcourt.maricopa.gov">brownb09@superiorcourt.maricopa.gov</a>.

5. <u>Status Conference.</u> An initial status conference shall be held to address the adjudication of this case, determine the status of the wells used by Town of Huachuca for municipal use, and determine whether the objections to the potential water rights can be settled. If the objections cannot be settled, then a subsequent date will be set for a scheduling conference to identify issues, file disclosure statements, conduct discovery, submit prehearing motions, and hold a trial. No party shall conduct any discovery or file any motions prior to the Status Conference. The Status Conference shall be held on **July 17, 2019**, at 2:15 p.m. before:

Special Master Susan Ward Harris Superior Court of Arizona 201 West Jefferson Street Courtroom 301 Phoenix, AZ 85003-2202

Instructions for telephonic appearance: 1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance) Dial Participant Pass Code 357264#

> Susan Ward Harris Special Master

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On June 12, 2019, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested case, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B, and to all persons listed on the Courtapproved mailing list for W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4

## **ATTACHMENT A**

LAND OWNER

ZONE 2 WELL REPORT NUMBER

HUACHUCA CITY MUNI. WATER SUPPLY

111-20-050

TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

WELLS	WELL NAMES	WELL LOCATION SECTION TWNP RNGE	WATER USES SERVED	REMARKS W1-11-245
WO1 WO2 WO3 WO4 WO5	LA SOMBRA MOHAVE & PIMA COCHISE & PIMA SKYLINE NORTHGATE	SWSESW05 210S 200E SWSWSE31 200S 200E NESESE31 200S 200E SENWNE05 210S 200E SWSWNE08 210S 200E	MU001 MU001 MU001 MU001	UNUSED

WATER USE NUMBERS		ON *** APPARENT FIRST USE *** GE DATE BASIS FOR DATE	APPAR. ANNUAL ACRES VOLUME USED IRRIGATED
MUOO4	05 0406 00	05 4057 00 44000 0 00 0400	074 4 454
MU001		OE 1957 39-11323 & 39-3128	274.4 AFA
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	07 2105 20	OE	
	08 2105 20	OE	
	31 2005 20	OE	
	32 200S 20	OE	
	33 2005 20	OE	

APPLICABLE STATEMENTS OF CLAIMANT	APPLIES TO: WELLS	APPLIES TO: WATER USES
39-0003128	WO1,WO3,WO4	MU001
39-0011323	W01, W03, W04	MU001

#### EXPLANATION

W1 & W3-W5 - WELLS PROVIDE WATER FOR MUNICIPAL USES.

W2 - UNUSED WELL.

MU1 - MUNICIPAL WATER USE: HUACHUCA CITY MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE HUACHUCA CITY MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY, SEE THE MAJOR USERS REPORTS IN VOLUME 1.

### **ATTACHMENT B**

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