1 2 3 4 5 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA 6 7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA 8 9 IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION 10 OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN 11 THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND CONTESTED CASE NO. W1-11-3312 SOURCE 12 ORDER REGARDING De Minimis 13 **CLAIMS AND SETTING STATUS** 14 CONFERENCE 15 CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re Brighthawk LLC 16 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report 17 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Status conference set and proposed water abstracts prepared for 18 de minimis water use reported in Watershed File Reports (WFR) 115-04-009 and 115-04-ADB-19 001 issued for litigants' suggested corrections. 20 NUMBER OF PAGES: 21 21 DATE OF FILING: September 25, 2018 22 23 Background 24 In support of its claims, Brighthawk LLC filed with Arizona Department of Water 25 Resources ("ADWR"), copies of the Homestead Entry Final Proof and Final Affidavit Required 26

of Homestead Claimants submitted by Manuel Zapata dated December 14, 1911. Copies of the

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documents are attached as Appendix A. Mr. Zapata claimed a 160 acre homestead for the north half of the northeast quarter, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 34 T6S R17E. He represented that he cultivated 20 acres of the land. See Homestead Entry Final Proof, p. 2. On May 16, 1912, the United States issued a patent to Mr. Zapata for the land described in the homestead documents. A copy of the Patent filed by Brighthawk LLC with the ADWR is attached as Appendix B.

In 1991, ADWR issued its Hydrographic Survey Report for the San Pedro River Watershed (HSR) that analyzed claims made in Section 34 T6S R17E. A copy of the portion of the Comprehensive Index from the HSR complied by location of potential water rights that includes Section 34 T6S R17E is attached as Appendix C. As shown by the Comprehensive Index, ADWR prepared three watershed file reports for claims for water uses in the northeast quarter of Section 34 T6S R17E: 115-04-009, 115-04-ADB-001 and 115-04-ADB-002. A copy of the map prepared by ADWR and issued in conjunction with the HSR showing Section 34 T6S R17E is attached as Appendix D. Watershed file reports 115-04-009 and 115-04-ADB-001 are the subject of this contested case and watershed file report 115-04-ADB-002 is the subject of In re Barassi, contested case no. W1-11-3313. A copy of the map for Section 34 T6S R17E prepared by the Pinal County tax assessor is attached as Appendix E.

On September 4, 2018, Brighthawk, LLC filed a status report regarding three proposed abstracts for domestic use, stock watering and irrigation of 6.6 acres in the north half of Section 34 T6S R17E and requested an additional status conference to address the remaining objections to the claims.

#### De Minimis Claims

This case involves de minimis claims for water rights analyzed by Watershed File Report nos. 115-04-009 and 115-04-ADB-001. Proposed abstracts were prepared for two de minimis claims which ADWR subsequently reviewed and proposed corrections to the legal descriptions. See Arizona Department of Water Resources' Notice of Filing Report, dated June

8, 2018. The abstracts for domestic use and stock watering prepared consistently with ADWR's Report are attached as Appendix F.

The Memorandum Decision, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law for Group 1 Cases involving Stockwatering, Stockponds, and Domestic Uses, dated November 14, 1994, amended February 23, 1995, approved and modified September 27, 2002 ("Decision"), established the procedures for adjudicating *de minimis* water rights for claims in the San Pedro watershed. Once the proposed water right abstracts have been prepared, "the litigants will be provided an opportunity to suggest the correction of mistakes in the proposed abstracts." Decision, p. 47. This proceeding is not a forum in which to relitigate the Decision, which was the subject of years of briefing and has now been affirmed for more than 14 years. Subsequently, these abstracts will be included in a catalog of proposed water rights where they will be subject to very limited set of objections and ultimately in a final decree.

IT IS ORDERED that any suggested corrections to the proposed abstracts for 115-04-009-SW001 and 115-04-ADB-001-DM001 shall be filed on or before **November 7, 2018.** 

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting a status conference on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Superior Court of Arizona, 201 West Jefferson Street, Courtroom 301, Central Court Building, Phoenix, AZ 85003-2202.

Instructions for telephonic appearance:

Dial: 602-506-9695 (local)

1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance)

Dial Participant Pass Code 357264#

SUSAN WARD HARRIS

Special Master

On September 25, 2018, 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.

## **APPENDIX A**

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

### HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ... . No. 03686 ... FINAL PROOF. RECEIPT No. 786325

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT. QUESTION 1. What is your full name, age, and post-office address? ANSWER. We have is Manuel Zapata, the are is fifty six years and my residence is at Marmoth, Final County, Arizona, QUESTION 2. Are you a native-born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were you born? (If foreign born, see Note 1.) ANSWER. I am a Mative born citizen. I was born in the state of QUESTION 5. Are you the same person who made Homestead Entry No. Ω3686 \_\_\_, at the\_\_\_\_ Phoemix Land Office on the day of April ..., 19 07 , for the North half northeast quarter, Southwest quarter of Mortheast quarter . Southeast quarter Morenwest ., Section 34 ., Township 6 S. , Range 17 E. , S. & S. R. ANSWAR. I am the some person. QUESTION 4. (a) Are you married or single? ANSWER. 9 and Married (b) If married, of whom does your family consist? ANSWER. My family consists of my wife and three children.

(c) If a married woman, state whether your husband now has an unperfected homestead entry, and during what time he has resided on this land with you. this land? ANSWER. In the month of recently 1905

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## **APPENDIX B**

### PHOENIX 03686. BRIGHTHAWK LLC EXHIBIT 1 The United States of America,

Ta all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at PHOENIX, ARIZONA,

has been deposited in the General Land Office, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress of May 20, 1862. "To Secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of MANUEL ZAPATA

has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUAR-TER, THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE MORTHEAST QUARTER, AND THE SOUTHEAST QUAR-TER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-FOUR IN TOWNSHIP SIX SOUTH OF RANGE SEVENTEEN EAST OF THE GILA AND SALT FIVER MERIDIAN, ARIZONA, CONTAIN-ING ONE HUNDRED SIXTY ACRES,

secording to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, ceturned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor-General:

NOW KNOW YE. That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said claimant the tract of Land above described; the said claimant forever, subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and tracerolis used in agencies used in agencies used in separation with such unto state to such a service and control of the said claimant. for said comment forevers subject to any vested and account water rights for distinct any exercitives, information, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws. and decisions of courts; and there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF. I.

WILLIAM H. TAFT

President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made

Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be herzunto affixed.

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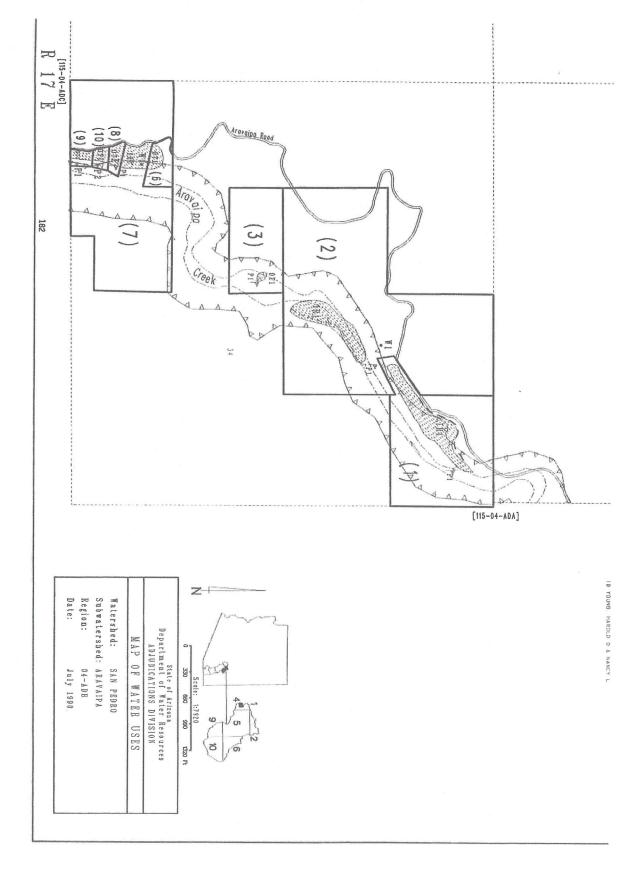
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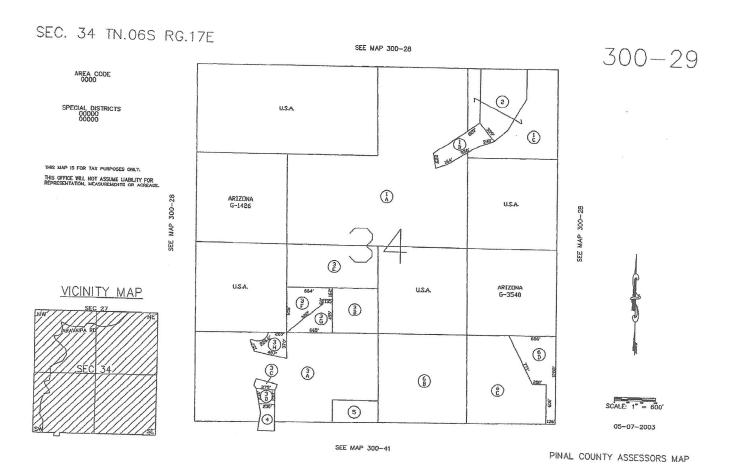
## APPENDIX C

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## APPENDIX D



## APPENDIX E



# **APPENDIX F**

# Abstract of Water Right San Pedro Watershed

1. Proposed Water Right No.:	115-04-009-SW001
2. Owner of Water Right:	Brighthawk, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company
3. Landowner:	Brighthawk, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company
4. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-17904
5. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	Brighthawk, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company
6. Lessee or Permitee:	None
7. Basis of Right:	36-59854
8. Beneficial Use:	Stock watering
9. Priority Date:	12/31/1905
10.Quantity:	Reasonable Use
11.Place of Use:	NE NE 34 T6S R17E
12.Point of Diversion:	NE NE NE 34 T6S R17E NW NE NE 34 T6S R17E
13. Source of Water:	Aravaipa Creek
14.Name of Facility:	None

# Abstract of Water Right San Pedro Watershed

1. Proposed Water Right No.:	115-04-ADB-001-DM001
2. Owner of Water Right:	Brighthawk, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company
3. Landowner:	Brighthawk, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company
4. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-14112
5. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	Brighthawk, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company Tom Wagner Betty Wagner
6. Lessee or Permitee:	None
7. Basis of Right:	36-59854
8. Beneficial Use:	Domestic Use
9. Priority Date:	12/31/1905
10.Quantity:	One (1) acre foot annually
11.Place of Use:	NE NE 34 T6S R17E
12.Point of Diversion:	NE NE NE 34 T6S R17E NW NE NE 34 T6S R17E
13. Source of Water:	Aravaipa Creek
14.Coordinates for Wells:	55-224407: N 32° 52' 415" W 110° 35' 424" 55-908389: N 32° 52' 446" W 110° 35' 367"

See attached maps.

