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6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA  
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9 IN RE THE GENERAL  
10 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS  
11 TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE  
12 COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND  
13 SOURCE  
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**CV6417**

Case: **CV6417-33-5690**

**ORDER AMENDING COURT-  
APPROVED MAILING LIST AND  
SCHEDULING STATUS CONFERENCE**

15 CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Church of Jesus Christ - LDS*

16 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

17 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: This order amends the court-approved mailing list and  
18 schedules a status conference for **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 10:00 am.**

19 NUMBER OF PAGES: 17

20 During a December 18, 2024, status conference for this contested case, claimants  
21 interested in pursuing potential water rights were ordered to file status reports by March  
22 18, 2025. Potential claimants were further notified that Failure to respond and provide  
23 documentation as ordered would result in their dismissal from this contested case and  
24 forfeiture of any potential water rights related to this contested case. Status reports  
25 were received by counsel for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints ("LDS")  
26 and Amber Reidhead. It is unclear if the reports received from Ms Reidhead were  
27 properly filed with the Clerk of the Court, therefore they are attached as Attachment A.

28 The Court did not receive any response from the following parties:

1 Hatch Construction & Paving, Inc.,  
2 Chad M. & Ashley C. Whiting,  
3 WR & KR Living Trust

4 **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** removing the above listed property  
5 owners from the court-approved mailing list and dismissing any potential water rights  
6 they may have in this contested case for lack of interest:

7 To pursue water rights, potential claimants must **both** file a current Statement of  
8 Claimant, **and** present to the Court evidence of a legal right to the water they claimed  
9 on the Statement of Claimant. Only if proof of a legal water right exists on the  
10 property, will the Court recognize enforceable water rights in a “Final Decree.” ARS §  
11 45-257(B). This contested case includes eight (8) statements of claimant (“SOC”) filed  
12 by the LDS between 1982 and 1985, and a recent SOC filed by Amber Reidhead on  
13 February 6, 2025.

14 Claimants must also provide a “basis of right”. To begin this process, claimants  
15 must file a document with ADWR either registering a water right, applying for a permit  
16 to appropriate water, or applying for a stockpond claim of right. See Arizona Revised  
17 Statutes (“Ariz. Rev. Stat.”) §§ 45-182(A), 45-152(A), 45-273. If a claimant proves  
18 that the water right claimed was initiated prior to June 12, 1919, they do not need to file  
19 an “application for a permit to appropriate,” but must present a statement of claim  
20 registering their claimed water right. See Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 45-171, 45-182(A). ***Note***  
21 ***that a statement of claim is a different document than a statement of claimant.***

22 **IT IS ORDERED** scheduling a status conference for **Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at**  
23 **10:00 a.m.** to discuss missing or outdated information on SOC’s, what type of basis of  
24 right claimants intend to present to the Court, and how to resolve objections to the claims.

25 The conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for  
26 Court Connect are attached as Attachment B. If you receive this Order by email, click on  
27 the red box “Join Court Connect Hearing” on the attached instructions to make an  
28 appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect

1 program on the internet by typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not  
2 have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number  
3 and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.  
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7 Signed this 28th day of March 2025.  
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Sherri L. Zendri  
Special Master

16 On March 28, 2025, the original of the  
17 foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the  
18 Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and  
19 distributing a copy to all persons listed on the  
20 Court-approved mailing list for this contested  
21 case.



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# ATTACHMENT A

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Water Master of the  
Superior Court  
SHERRI ZENDRI

Special Master Sherri Zendri  
Little Colorado River General Adjudication  
Superior Court of Arizona  
201 West Jefferson Street, Courtroom 301  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Case #CV6417-33-5690 in General adjudication of All water rights to ue water in the little Colorado River System and Sources

Dear Special Master Sherri Zendri,

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I also attached a photo of our parcels which lay adjacent to The Church of Jesus Christ's parcels on the west and on the North of us. It's also showing the flow of the water that comes from the direction of Schoen dam and from the church's parcels. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at my email or at 928-240-0342.

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We apologize for missing the last conference meeting held on December 18th. However, would like to be notified of any future meetings in regard to this case.

Warm Regards,



Trent & Amber Reidhead

Karen J. Nielsen, Deputy Counsel (Bar No. 034648)  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
Legal Division  
1110 W. Washington, Suite 310  
Phoenix, Az 85007

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Trent & Amber Reidhead

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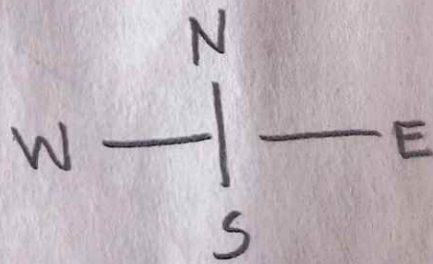
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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR APACHE COUNTY

September 18, 2024

CLERK OF THE COURT  
T. DeRaddo  
Deputy

SPECIAL WATER MASTER  
SHERRI ZENDRI

In Re: *Church of Jesus Christ - LDS*  
Contested Case No: CV6417-33-5690

In re the General Adjudication of  
All Water Rights to Use Water in the  
Little Colorado River System and Source

FILED: 09/20/2024

In re: Initial Status Conference  
HSR: Silver Creek Hydrographic Survey

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom CCB - 301

9:30 a.m. This is the time set for a virtual/telephonic Initial Status Conference regarding the initiation of this matter to determine rights to use water on land that the Navajo County Assessor has identified as owned by the LDS Church, Hatch Construction & Paving, Inc., Chad M. & Ashley C. Whiting, Silver Creek Irrigation District, Trenton C & Amber Reidhead, and WR & KR Living Trust. This conference is to determine if current landowners are interested in pursuing water rights claims.

The following attorneys appear virtually/telephonically via Court Connect/Teams.

- Riley Snow on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ - ("LDS")
- Chad M. & Ashley C. Whiting, landowners
- David Brown on behalf of Silver Creek Irrigation District and observing on behalf of the LCR Coalition
- Trenton C. and Amber Reidhead, landowners
- Katrina Wilkinson on behalf of SRP
- Maggie Woodward on behalf of the United States Department of Justice
- Brandon Delgado on behalf of The Hopi Tribe

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2 Arizona Department of Water Resources  
3 Legal Division  
4 1110 W. Washington, Suite 310  
5 Phoenix, AZ 85007  
6 Telephone: (602) 771-8472  
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13 THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND  
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16 NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL AND  
17 REQUEST TO AMEND COURT  
18 APPROVED MAILING LIST

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20 Special Master Sherri L. Zendri

21 CONTESTED CASE NAMES: *In re Little Colorado River Adjudication; In re Silver*  
22 *Creek Subwatershed; In re Fost W. Flake; In re Junior G. Williams et al.; In re Louis A*  
23 *Petersen; In re Church of Jesus Christ – LDS; In re First American Title Insurance Co. of*  
24 *Arizona; In re Jason C. and Lanna B. Carlisle; In re Elbert D. & Gertrude Solomon; In*  
25 *re W & J Hamilton et al.; In re Silver Creek Flood Control District; In re Jack G. and*  
26 *Scott Peterson; In re Vincent F. and Elaine N. Aciri; In re Jeanne J. Hatch Family Trust*  
*In re Lakeside Irrigation Company; In re Transamerica Title Insurance Co.; In re Kenne*  
*L. and Joy Abrams; In re Evans et al.; In re Reporting of Diversion Information and Oth*

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SHERRI ZENDRI

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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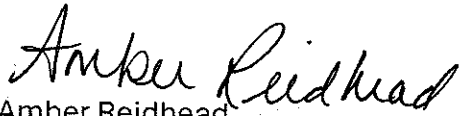
Dear Sherri Zendri,

I'm forwarding copies of the Statement of Claimant Form that was sent to the ADWR on February 6, 2025, and all documentations mailed with it. I'm in the process of completing the ADWR Surface Water Permitting Section. I was advised by a representative at the ADWR this was the correct form for our situation. Compiling all the documentation for that form will take me a bit longer.

I've tried to explain our situation as best as I could on the Statement of Claimant form on the attachments. I'm wondering if it is necessary to get a permit from the ADWR for the Surface Water we use? The water that is naturally held in the creek bottom is seasonal and allowed to freely flow when there is water available from the seasonal rains and our own "paid water rights" through the Silver Creek Irrigation District. We want to continue to use this water for our livestock when it is available to us. However, we are not creating a stock pond, nor has there ever been a man-made stock pond on the parcel.

I will continue to move forward with the completion of the application for the Surface water Permitting, however would like to be advised eventually if this is a necessary step for us. I plan to get it submitted by the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting. My Husband and I would like to be involved in that conference meeting, so we know how to proceed further.

Warm Regards,

  
Amber Reidhead

PO Box 69

Taylor, AZ 85939

January 30<sup>th</sup>

Arizona Department of Water Resources

Adjudications

1802 W. Jackson St. Box #79

Phoenix, AZ 85007

To Whom it may concern,

I'm sending this Statement of Claimant form in as requested by the Special Water Master, Sherri Zendri. This would be in regards to the Water Adjudication case #CV6417-33-5690.

As property owners we didn't realize we needed to file a Statement of Claimant form when obtaining the property in 2007.

Your help in obtaining a Statement of Claimant would greatly be appreciated. Should you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at #928-240-0342.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber Reidhead". The script is cursive and fluid.

Amber Reidhead

PO Box 69

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**STATEMENT OF CLAIMANT FORM**  
**FOR**  
**STOCKPOND USE**

**LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATERSHED ADJUDICATION**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF APACHE COUNTY**

For Departmental Use Only

File No. 39- 180379

Date Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

WFN: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Claimant Name: Trent & Amber Reidhead  
Claimant Address: PO Box 69 City Taylor  
State AZ Zip Code 85939 Telephone 928-240-0342

2. Basis of Claim:

- A. ☐ Appropriation Right acquired prior to June 12, 1919. 1974 Water Rights Registration Act Registry No. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. ☐ Appropriation right acquired after June 12, 1919. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_, or Certificate of Water Right No. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. ☐ Decreed water right. Principal litigants, court, date and Case No. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. ☐ Right to withdraw groundwater. Grandfathered Right No. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. ☒ Other, describe: Natural Creekbed will pool up when water flow is Low

3. Claimed Priority Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)

4. Source of Water:

- A. Stream, wash or arroyo: Name Showlow Creek, tributary to Silver Creek
- B. Is water supplied from a source other than natural channel flow into the stockpond?  
☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Legal description of the location of the stockpond (attach additional sheet if required): ATTACHMENT #1  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Section 13, Township 12 N / S, Range 21 E / W

6. If there are other uses supplied by the <sup>creekbed</sup> stockpond or its water source, describe: The only use of the water in the creekbed is to water livestock.

7. Description of the Stockpond:

- A. Name or other designation: There is no stock pond. A creek bed is on the property.
- B. Dam specifications: when there is no water flowing in the creek - there will be water pooled up - naturally!
1. Date construction began: \_\_\_\_\_ and ended \_\_\_\_\_
2. Height: NONE ft
3. Does dam have an outlet structure other than spillway? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Reservoir behind dam:
1. Date water first stored: \_\_\_\_\_ (month/day/year)
2. Maximum length: NONE ft
3. Maximum width: \_\_\_\_\_ ft
4. Maximum depth of water at spillway crest: \_\_\_\_\_ ft
5. Maximum storage volume at spillway crest: \_\_\_\_\_ Acre-Feet

8. Number and kind of livestock or wildlife watered by this Creek bed stockpond: 4 cows +/- 2 Horses, for 12 months per year.
9. Attach photographs, maps or sketches necessary to show the location of the Creek bed stockpond(s) and any conveyance system and other point(s) of diversion.

10. It may be necessary for a representative from the Department of Water Resources to inspect the stockpond and diversion. Your signature following will grant permission to enter your property for the purpose of inspection:  
Signature of Claimant Amber Reidhead

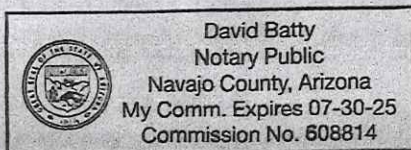
11. Should it be necessary for a representative of the Department to contact you as the claimant or your representative, are there any special instructions regarding time of day or address to aid in locating the specified person? at home most week days. Contact me at 928-240-0342, leave a message 2870 Reidhead Ranch Rd. Taylor, AZ 85939
12. Additional comments: See Attachment # 2 & #3

(attach additional sheet if required)

13. Attach filing fee to form. Mail form(s) and fee(s) to: Department of Water Resources, Adjudications Division, 1802 W. Jackson St., BOX 79, Phoenix, AZ 85007

14. Notarized Statement:

I (We), TRENT REIDHEAD AMBER REIDHEAD  
the claimant(s) named in this claim, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the information contained and statements made herein are to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief true, correct and complete.



(seal)

July 30, 2025

My Commission Expires

[Signature]  
Amber Reidhead  
D. Batty  
Notary Public

or,

Authorized Personnel of the Department of Water Resources

## Attachment #2

My Husband and I, Trent and Amber Reidhead are the current owners of parcel #205-16-003D. We have owned the property for 18 years. My husband's family owned the property starting in the early 1930's. For reasons unknown to me, The Church of Jesus Christ acquired the parcel, but returned it to the Reidhead family in 2004. I'm thinking The Church of Jesus Christ had the parcel during a time when a water adjudication claim was filed regarding the use of stock ponds. There has never been a man-made stock pond/cow tank on the parcel.

Show Low Creek runs through our parcel. The creek bed has naturally eroded and created lower spots throughout the years. It is dry 99% of the time during the winter months from November to March, unless enough rain falls in our immediate area to significantly fill the creek. The only reasons there would be water "running" down the creek bed the other 7 months are for these three reasons:

The Town of Taylor/Navajo County opens the gates at Schoen's Dam, allowing water to be released into the Show Low Creek bed eventually flowing through our property. Schoen's Dam lays west of our property, damming any water that naturally comes from the melting of snow and rain from our area's monsoon seasons.

Secondly, our property neighbors to the west, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, irrigates their fields during the summer months. The tail water from their irrigation naturally runs into the creek bed and flows down Show Low Creek through our parcel.

Lastly, we are members of the Silver Creek Irrigation District and purchase water shares from the irrigation district. This water comes from the White Mountain Lake reservoir and Silver Creek to the Southeast of us. The water is piped to our property and used to irrigate acreage on an adjacent acre to the south of the above-mentioned parcel. Any tail water that flows down our irrigated field eventually enters the creek bed.

We have not intentionally made a stock pond or holding tank on the parcel, nor along the creek bed. No man-made damn nor reservoir has been built. Thus, any water that would/could flow down the creek is allowed to do so. The normal flow of the creek from years past and current years have eroded away the earth creating low spots along the creek bed. When the creek is running the natural ponds fill up, as the water flow decreases the ponds retain water until the water completely evaporates.

It is this water that we claim the right to use. The water as it flows through our parcel as a result of area rain and tail water that naturally ponds up from irrigation.

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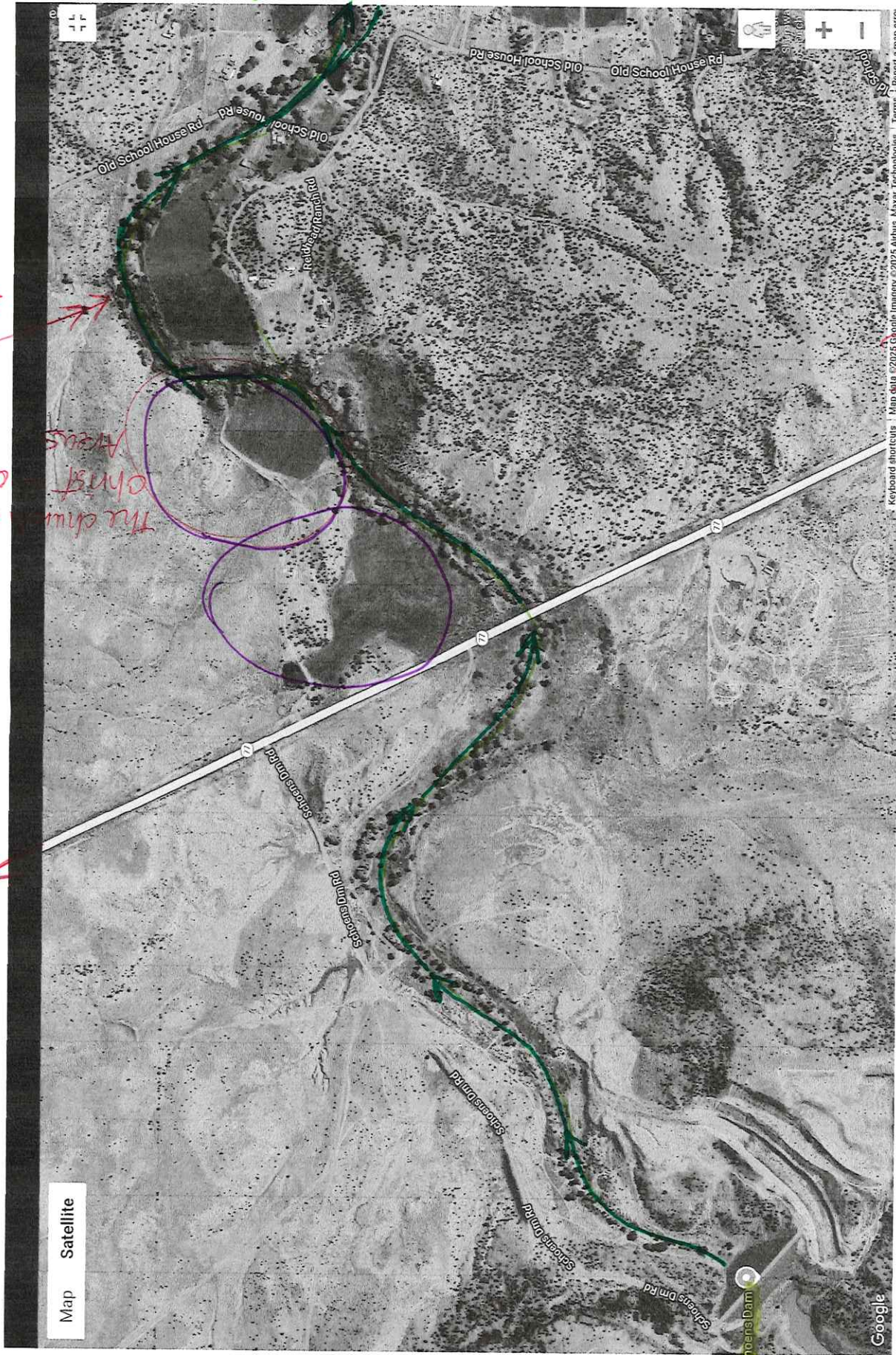
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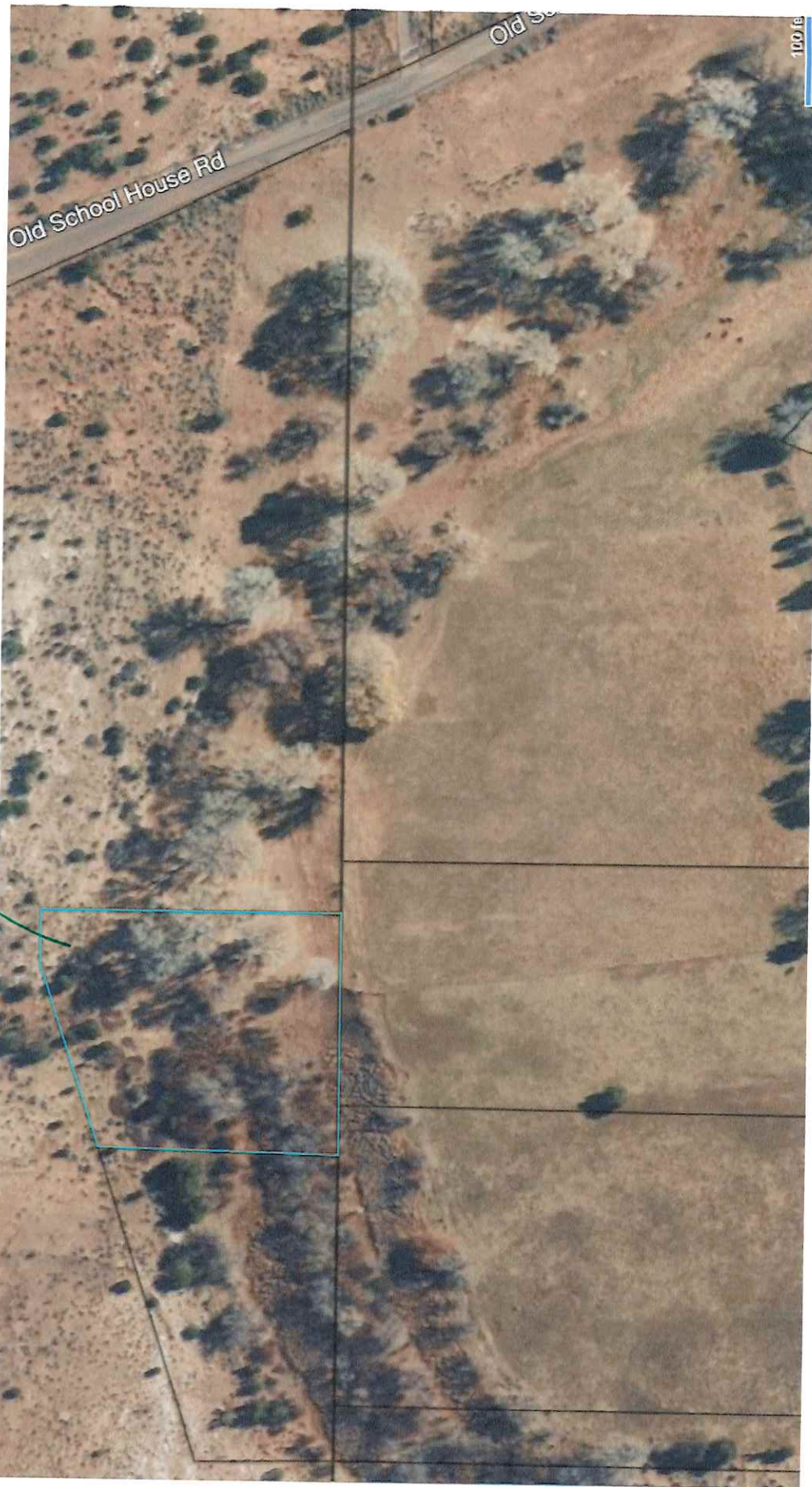
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to Silver Creek

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Flow of Showlow  
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Parcel # 205-16-002D

Attachment 3b

## Attachment B



### Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Church of Jesus Christ - LDS

*This hearing will be conducted through the new Court Connect program offered by the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This new and innovative program allows Court participants to appear online, rather than in a physical courtroom. Hearings are preferably conducted by videoconference but can also be conducted by phone. Lawyers (and self-representing litigants) are responsible for distributing this notice to anyone who will be appearing on their behalf.*

*All participants must use the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button or the dial in information below to participate.*

**Participants:** Please follow the steps below to participate in the remote proceeding.

1. Click the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button below.
2. Enter your full name and role in name field.
3. Wait for the facilitator to admit you to the proceeding.

Remember to keep this email handy so you can use it to participate in the following proceeding.

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**Contested Case No.** CV6417-33-5690

**Start Date/Time:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING**

**Dial-in Information:** +1 917-781-4590

**Private Dial-in Information:** for privacy purposes, you can block your phone number by dialing \*67 +1 917-781-4590

**Dial-in Access Code:** 688 970 203#

Tiny URL: <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>

To ensure an optimal experience, please review the brief Court Connect training prior to the hearing: [Here](#)