# 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

CONTESTED CASE NO. W1-11-3311

CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re Luebbermann

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Revised abstracts distributed along with maps prepared by ADWR

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This case concerns potential water rights to land located in the southwestern quarter of section 26 T6S R17E that is analyzed in Watershed File Report no. 115-04-ADA-002. Watershed File Report no. 115-04-ADA-002 identifies four potential water rights using two sources of water. Although the Watershed File Report no. 115-04-ADA-002 states that water pumped from a well listed as one of the points of diversion provided water for stock watering, a separate potential water right for stock watering was not included in the report.

Claimants amended Statement of Claimant 39-603 which ADWR listed as one of the applicable adjudication filings. Stephen A. Turcotte and Janes Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust, claimed irrigation, domestic and stock watering uses from two wells and two instream pumps. David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon, claimed irrigation, domestic and stock watering uses from two wells and one instream pumps. Attached to the amended Statement of Claimant are copies of three documents:

- (1) Patent issued to James Brandenburg dated May 11, 1909, for 120 acres consisting of the southwest, southeast and northeast quarters of section 26 T6S R17E;
- (2) Homestead Proof dated October 26, 1908, in which Mr. Brandenburg stated that he had established residence eight years earlier and cultivated about 18 acres of the 120 acres for eight seasons; and,
- (3) Final Affidavit Required of Homestead Claimants dated October 26, 1908, avowing July 1900 as the date on which cultivation of the land began.

Copies of the documents are attached as Attachment A.

On September 10, 2018, the Arizona Department of Water Resources filed maps of the land for which claims for water rights were made that include the boundaries of irrigated fields that included information provided by the Claimants. Copies of the maps are attached as Attachment B. As set forth in the minute entry filed August 6, 2018, the following proposed abstracts have been revised based on the additional information provided:

Proposed Water Right No.	Owner of Water Right	
115-04-ADA-002-IR001	David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon	
115-04-ADA-002-IR002	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust	
115-04-ADA-002-IR003	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust	
115-04-ADA-002-DM001A	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust	

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Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon

IT IS ORDERED that by November 9, 2018, the Claimants shall submit any proposed revisions to the draft abstracts and they will provide the maximum flow rates and the proposed quantities for stock watering and domestic use.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by November 9, 2018, Arizona Department of Water Resources shall provide any changes in quantities of water for irrigation use referenced in its Arizona Department of Water Resources Notice of Filing Maps, filed September 10, 2018, p. 2.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by November 26, 2018, the objectors will file any objections to the terms of the draft abstracts, attached as Attachment C, proposed to settle the objections to this case or to the information provided by the Claimants.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the United States and the San Carlos Apache Tribe and Tonto Apache Tribe object to the settlement of this case on the terms set forth in the proposed abstracts on the grounds of "chain of title," they will brief that issue as it applies to this case by November 26, 2018.

SUSAN WARD HARRIS

Special Master

On October 23, 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.

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting :

Phoenix 0901.

Homestead Certificate No.

Application

WHEREAS, There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Phoenix, Arisona, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of JAMES A. BRANDENBURG

has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the south half of the southwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section twenty-six in Township six south of Range seventeen east of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, containing one hundred twenty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General:

NOW KNOW YE, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said James A. Brandenburg

the tract of Land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said James A. Brandenburg

his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water and to

rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, 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, lars, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law. And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

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 hereunto GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the (SEAL) day of May of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Gille and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third

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Acting Recorder of the General Land Office.

### EXHIBIT 1

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### HOMESTEAD PROOF-TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

	James A. Brandenburg,
	being called as a witness in his own behalf in support stead entry No. 743, Ser. 0901 St. St. NEASWA Sec. 26, T. 63.R.17E.
Que:	s. 1.—What is your name as you wish it to appear in your patent; age, and post-office address?
Ans	James A: Brandenburg, 35 years, Mammoth, Ariz.
Que:	s. 2.—Are you a native-born citizen of the United States, and if so, in what State or Territory were
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	No. 3.—Are you the identical person who made homestead entry No. 743, , at the Phoenix, Ariz. land office on the IOTH. day of
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Ques	5.—Of whom does your family consist; and have you and your family resided continuously on since first establishing residence thereon? (If unmarried, state the fact.)  Myself, wife and three children, we have resided thereon continuousline first establishing residence thereon.
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*Ans.	11.—Have you ever made any other homestead entry? (If so, describe the same.)
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### **ATTACHMENT B**

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# ATTACHMENT C

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1. Proposed Water Right No.:	115-04-ADA-002-IR001
2. Owner of Water Right:	David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon
3. Landowner:	David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon
4. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-00603
5. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon
6. Lessee or Permitee:	None
7. Basis of Right:	36-62384 36-65434 55-507524 55-593070
8. Beneficial Use:	Irrigation
9. Priority Date:	July 31, 1900
10. Quantity:	39.2 acre-feet annually
11. Rate of Maximum Flow from pumps:	See attached
12. Place of Use:	W2SW 26 T6S R17E SESW26 T6S R17E See attached map
13. Point of Diversion:	E2SWSW 26 T6S R17E Wells and pumps located as follows: 32° 52.665, -110° 35.060 32° 52.587, -110° 35.090 32° 52.637, -110° 35.029 32° 52.619, -110° 35.099
14. Source of Water:	Aravaipa Creek and wells

1. Proposed Water Right No.:	115-04-ADA-002-IR002
2. Owner of Water Right:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
3. Landowner:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
4. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-00603
5. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
6. Lessee or Permitee:	None
7. Basis of Right:	36-62384 36-65434 55-603731
8. Beneficial Use:	Irrigation
9. Priority Date:	July 31, 1900
10. Quantity:	29.6 acre-feet annually
11. Rate of Maximum Flow from pumps:	See attached
12. Place of Use:	NWSWSW 26 T6S R17E – see attached map SWSWSW26 T6S R17E
13. Point of Diversion:	NESWSW 26 T6S R17E Wells and pumps located as follows: 32° 52.640, -110° 35.234 32° 52.638, -110° 35.112 32° 52.627, -110° 35.109 32° 52.640, -110° 35.106
14. Source of Water:	Aravaipa Creek, wells and instream pumps

1. Proposed Water Right No.:	115-04-ADA-002-IR003
2. Owner of Water Right:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
3. Landowner:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
4. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-00603
5. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
6. Lessee or Permitee:	None
7. Basis of Right:	36-62384 36-65434 55-603731
8. Beneficial Use:	Irrigation
9. Priority Date:	December 31, 1980
10. Quantity:	10.4 acre-feet annually
11. Rate of Maximum Flow from pumps:	See attached
12. Place of Use	N2SWSW 26 T6S R17E – see attached map
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14. Source of Water:	Aravaipa Creek and wells

1. Proposed Water Right No.:	115-04-ADA-002-DM001A
2. Owner of Water Right:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
3. Landowner:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
4. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-00603
5. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
6. Lessee or Permitee:	None
7. Basis of Right:	36-62384 36-65434 55-603731
8. Beneficial Use:	Domestic use
9. Priority Date:	July 31, 1900
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14. Source of Water:	Aravaipa Creek and wells

15. Proposed Water Right No.:	
	115-04-ADA-002-DM001B
16. Owner of Water Right:	David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon
17. Landowner:	David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon
18. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-00603
19. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	Dovid Dyschonou and L. Cl. 11
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20. Lessee or Permitee:	None
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2. Owner of Water Right:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
3. Landowner:	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
4. Statement of Claimant No.(s):	39-00603
5. Statement of Claimant Name(s):	Stephen Turcotte and Jane Stevens Turcotte, trustees of the Turcotte Family Trust
6. Lessee or Permitee:	None
7. Basis of Right:	36-62384 36-65434 55-603731
8. Beneficial Use:	Stock watering
9. Priority Date:	July 31, 1900
10. Quantity:	
11. Rate of Maximum Flow from pumps:	See Attached
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14. Source of Water:	Aravaipa Creek and wells

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2. Owner of Water Right:	David Rychener and Joyce Skeldon
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