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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

W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. **W1-11-001517**

**ORDER INITIATING CONTESTED  
CASE AND SETTING DEADLINES**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re ASLD – Kartchner*  
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.  
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court is directed to initiate W1-11-001517. Arizona State Land Department shall file with the Special Master a statement declaring the claims that it intends to pursue no later than **June 26, 2026**, and draft abstracts no later than **August 28, 2026**.  
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**General Explanation**

This order opens a case to determine rights to use water on land owned by the Arizona State Land Department ("ASLD").

In this case, ASLD filed statement of claimant ("SOC") 39-13417. The Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") investigated the claims and prepared watershed file report ("WFR") 112-15-016, published in the San Pedro River Hydrographic Survey Report ("HSR"). A copy of the WFR is attached as Attachment A. A map illustrating the area investigated in the WFR is attached as Attachment B. The

1 WFR describes a stock watering use.

2 After ADWR issued the WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the  
3 WFR by ASLD, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the  
4 Tonto Apache Tribe, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and Roy W. McGoffin.

5 **Claimant and Landowners**

6 WFR 112-15-016 lists ASLD as the owner of the land investigated. ASLD records  
7 indicate that the property investigated currently comprises ASLD parcel 05-000493. A  
8 map depicting the parcel is attached as Attachment C. The public records of ADWR do  
9 not contain any assignments of the SOC listed in the WFR. Further, neither the state nor  
10 lessees appear to have filed any additional SOCs since the issuance of the HSR.

11 **IT IS ORDERED:**

12 **1. Case Initiation.** This order initiates contested case W1-11-001517.

13 **2. Declaration.** ASLD shall review all SOCs relevant to this contested case and  
14 declare to the Court no later than **June 26, 2026**, the claims that it intends to  
15 pursue in this contested case.

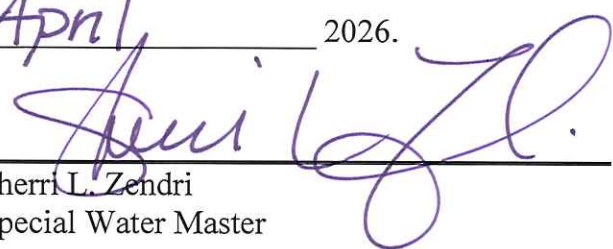
16 **3. Draft Abstracts.** ASLD shall file draft abstracts for claims eligible for summary  
17 adjudication by **August 28, 2026**. The Parties shall file any comments to the  
18 draft abstracts by **September 11, 2026**.

19 **4. Parties.** The litigants in this contested case are the claimant and current  
20 landowner, lessees, and all parties who filed objections to the watershed file  
21 report. The objectors are the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos  
22 Apache Tribe, the Tonto Apache Tribe, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, and Roy  
23 W. McGoffin.

24 **5. Objections.** Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the  
25 respective case names and numbers on the following website:  
26 [http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudic](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp)  
27 [ation/whatsNew.asp](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp).

1 **6. Court Approved Mailing List.**

- 2 A. The initial Court Approved Mailing List for this case shall include all persons  
3 listed on Attachment D to this order. The list may be modified only by filing  
4 a motion with the Special Master. Litigants are responsible for using the  
5 current Court Approved Mailing List.
- 6 B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior  
7 Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the Court  
8 Approved Mailing List.
- 9 C. Claimants wishing to be added or removed from the mailing list shall file a  
10 motion with the Special Master. Parties allowed to intervene will be  
11 automatically added to the Court-approved mailing list.
- 12 D. The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders issued  
13 in this case to the parties listed on the Court-approved mailing list.
- 14 E. Claimants who would like to receive courtesy copies of minute entries and  
15 orders may request inclusion on an email list by sending a request to  
16 emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.

17 Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.  
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21 Sherri L. Zendri  
22 Special Water Master

23 On April 27 2026, the original of the  
24 foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa  
25 County Superior Court for filing and distributing a  
26 copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved  
27 mailing list for this contested case, a copy of which  
28 is attached, and to all persons listed on the Court-  
approved mailing list for W1-00-001234

  
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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Watershed File Report**

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
SLD	112-15-016	KARTCHNER, MARK M. KARTCHNER, MARION B.	05-493

A P P L I C A B L E F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING NUMBER	FILING STATUS	USES	QUANTITY IN AFA	USE LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	CLAIM DATE	DIVERSION LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE
36-0100030		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDLF	4.87	NENW09	160S	220E	1884	NENW09	160S	220E
38-0094511		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDLF		NENW09	160S	220E	1957	SENW09	160S	220E
39-0013417		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDLF	4.38 .49	NENW09	160S	220E	1884	SENW09	160S	220E

D W R A N A L Y S I S O F F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

FILING NUMBER	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR	APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS
36-0100030	STOCK WILDLIFE	STOCK INCIDENTAL		SW001
38-0094511	STOCK WILDLIFE	NONE NONE		
39-0013417	STOCK WILDLIFE	STOCK INCIDENTAL		SW001

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PWR #	LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	SUPPLIED BY DIVERSIONS	WATER SOURCES	PHOTO DATE	SOURCE CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
SW001	NENW09	160S	220E		SURFACE WATER		NO	INSTREAM USE

P W R S U M M A R Y

PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	*APPARENT FIRST USE DATE* DATE BASIS FOR DATE	WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS
SW001	39-0013417	36-0100030	1884 FILING 36-100030	SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER
NONE	NONE	38-0094511		

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PWR #	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
SW001							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

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FILINGS AND DECREES

FILINGS 38-94511 & 39-13417 - CLAIM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM MCGOFFIN TANK STOCKPOND. THE ACTUAL IMPOUNDMENT DAM FOR THIS STOCKPOND IS LOCATED ON BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PROPERTY (REFER TO W.F.R. #112-15-50, SP1). ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE WATER IMPOUNDED BY MCGOFFIN TANK MAY SPILL OVER ONTO SLD LAND, NO POTENTIAL WATER RIGHT (P.W.R.) WAS CREATED FOR MCGOFFIN TANK IN THIS W.F.R.

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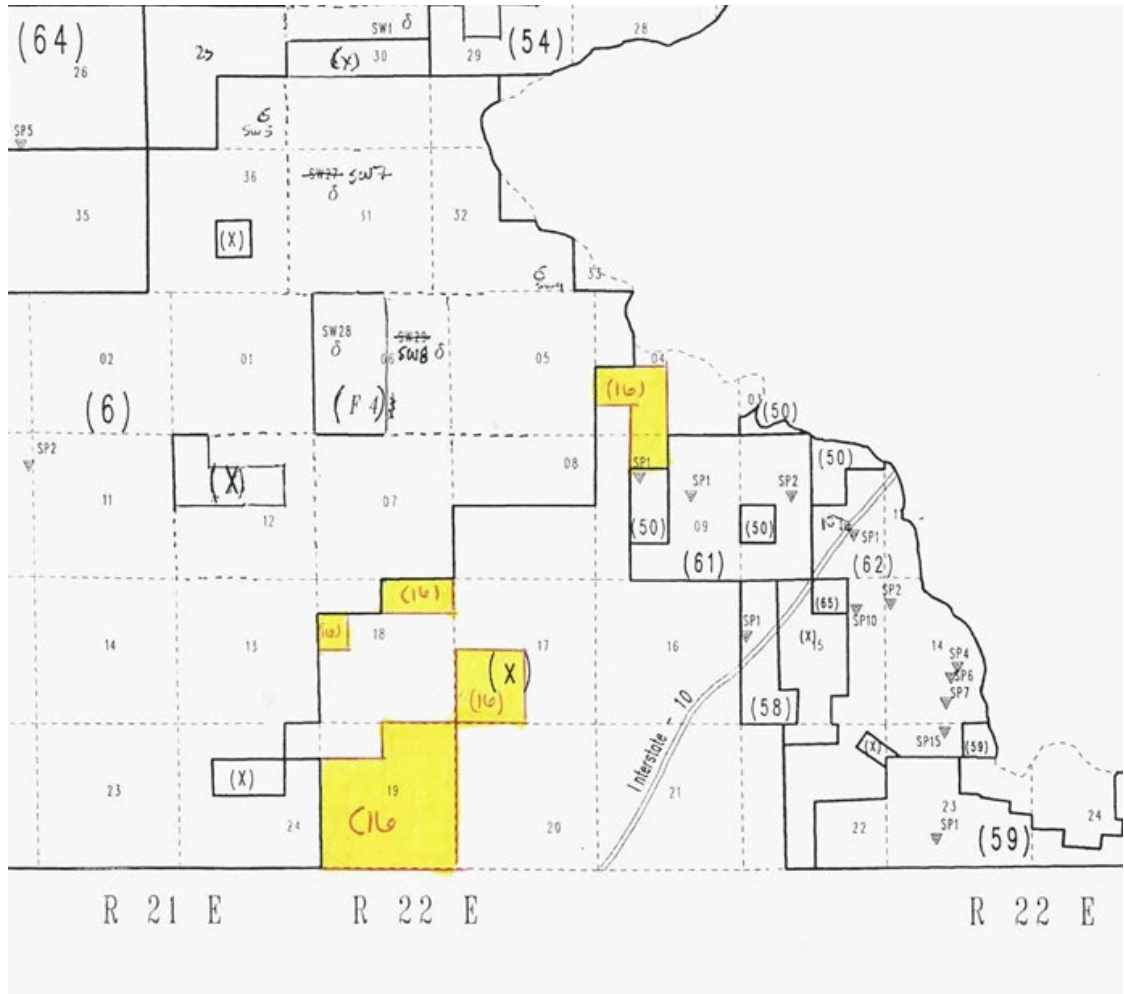
SW1 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM MCGOFFIN WASH.

DISPOSITION OF LAND OWNER/CLAIMANT COMMENTS

A COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE LAND OWNER WHICH STATED THAT FILING 39-13417 SHOULD BE ADDED TO THIS W.F.R. FILING 39-13417 HAS BEEN INCLUDED AND MATCHED TO SW1.

**ATTACHMENT B**

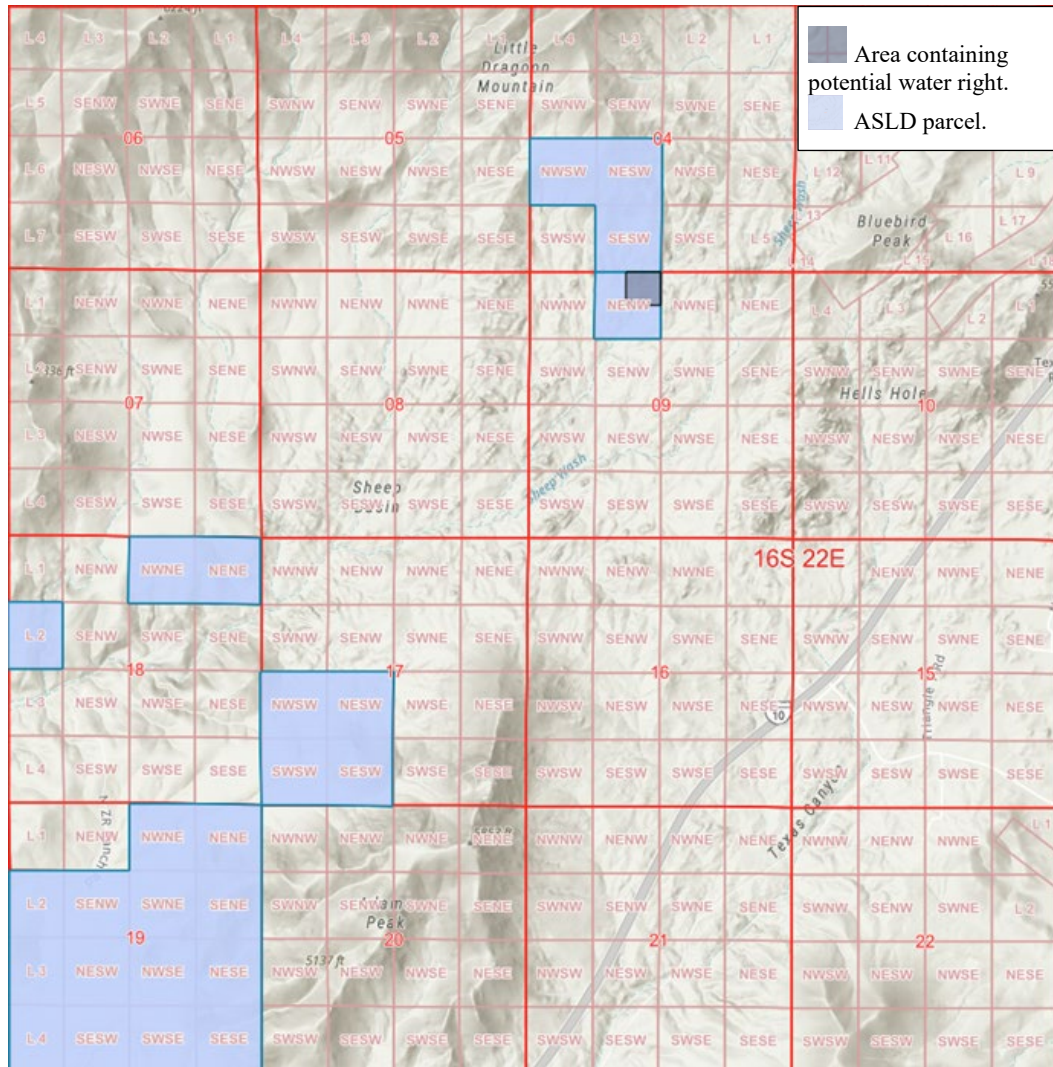
**Map Illustrating Area Investigated in WFR**



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# ATTACHMENT C

## Parcel Map



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**ATTACHMENT D**

**Initial Court-Approved Mailing List**

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