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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. **W1-11-002860**

**ORDER INITIATING CONTESTED
CASE AND SETTING STATUS
CONFERENCE**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re ASLD – Union North*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court is directed to initiate W1-11-002860. A status conference is set for **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:00 am.**

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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”)** and **Porter House Station LLC.**

In this case, Anthony Ash and ASLD filed statements of claimant (“SOC”) 39-4859, 39-6833–34, 39-6840, and 39-13155–56. Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claims and prepared watershed file report (“WFR”) 114-04-009, published in the San Pedro River Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”). A copy of

1 the WFR is attached as Attachment A. A map illustrating the area investigated in the
2 WFR is attached as Attachment B. The WFR describes multiple stock watering uses.

3 After ADWR issued the WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the
4 WFR by ASLD, the United States, SRP, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos
5 Apache Tribe, the Tonto Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

6 **Claimant and Landowners**

7 WFR 114-04-009 lists ASLD as the owner of the land investigated. ASLD records
8 indicate that the property investigated currently comprises ASLD parcel 05-1707. It
9 appears that the area investigated also includes Pinal County Parcel 300-28-008, owned
10 by Porter House Station LLC.

11 The public records of ADWR do not contain any assignments of the SOCs listed
12 in the WFR. Further, neither the state nor lessees appear to have filed any additional SOCs
13 since the issuance of the HSR.

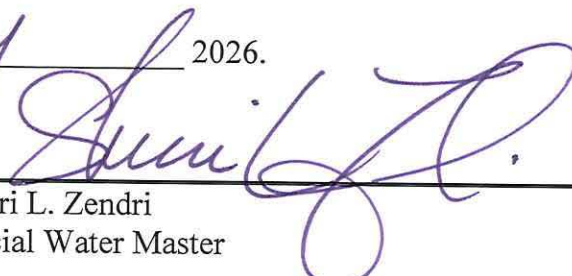
14 **IT IS ORDERED:**

- 15 **1. Case Initiation.** This order initiates contested case W1-11-002860.
- 16 **2. Status Conference.** ASLD and Porter House Station LLC shall attend an initial
17 conference scheduled for **Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:00 am**, where the
18 parties shall declare to the Court the claims that they intend to pursue in this
19 contested case. Instructions for attending this conference remotely are attached
20 to this order as Attachment C.
- 21 **3. Parties.** The litigants in this contested case are the current landowner, lessees,
22 and all parties who filed objections to the watershed file report. The objectors
23 are SPR, the United States, Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos
24 Apache Tribe, the Tonto Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation.
- 25 **4. Objections.** Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the
26 respective case names and numbers on the following website:
27 <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudic>
28 [ation/whatsNew.asp](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp).

1 **5. 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 4th day of May 2026.

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21 Sherri L. Zendri
Special Water Master

22 On May 4, 2026, the original of
23 the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the
24 Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and
25 distributing a copy to all persons listed on the
26 Court-approved mailing list for this contested
27 case, a copy of which is attached, and to all
28 persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list
for W1-00-001234.


Emily Natale

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ATTACHMENT A
Watershed File Report

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
SLD	114-04-009	UNION NORTH LTD PRTSHIP.	05-1707

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
10-1115577.1100		IRRIGATION STOCK	180.00	17	060S	170E	1917	17	060S	170E
10-1116077.1100		STOCK	360.00	17	060S	170E	1917	17	060S	170E
10-1116078.1100		STOCK	360.00	17	060S	170E	1917	17	060S	170E
10-1116079.1100		STOCK	360.00	17	060S	170E	1917	17	060S	170E
36-0004975		STOCK	.29	SESE32	060S	160E	1884	SESE32	060S	160E
36-0004976		REC/FISH/WLDFL STOCK	.29	SESW20	060S	170E	1884	SESE20	060S	170E
36-0005404		REC/FISH/WLDFL STOCK	.29	SESW20	060S	170E	1884	SESW20	060S	170E
36-0026940		STOCK	.77	NENW29	060S	170E	1900	NENW29	060S	170E
38-0088773		STOCK	.12	SWNE32	060S	160E	1977	SWNE32	060S	160E
39-0004859		REC/FISH/WLDFL STOCK	.55	SESE20	060S	170E	1919	SESE20	060S	170E
39-0006833		STOCK	.11	SWNE32	060S	160E	1910	SWNE32	060S	160E
39-0006834	AMENDED	REC/FISH/WLDFL STOCK	.01	SESE32	060N	160E	1884	SESE32	060N	160E
39-0006840	AMENDED	STOCK	.26	SESE32	060N	160E	1884	SESE32	060N	160E
39-0013155		REC/FISH/WLDFL STOCK	.03	SESW20	060S	170E	1884	SESE20	060S	170E
39-0013156		OTHER STOCK	5.16	NWNWSE34	060S	160E	1937	NWSE34	060S	160E
4A-0000952	CERTIF.	IRRIGATION DOMESTIC	37.00	NENW29	060S	170E	1884	NENW29	060S	170E
4A-0001017	CERTIF.	STOCK	11.20	NWNW29	060S	170E	1884	NWNW29	060S	170E
4A-0003720	CERTIF.	STOCK	.55	SWNW29	060S	170E	1929	SWNW29	060S	170E
4A-0003721	CERTIF.	STOCK	.34	SENE19	060S	170E	1929	SENE19	060S	170E

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
10-1115577.1100	IRRIGATION STOCK	NONE		
10-1116077.1100	STOCK	NONE		
10-1116078.1100	STOCK	NONE		
10-1116079.1100	STOCK	NONE		
36-0004975	STOCK	STOCK		SW003
36-0004976	WILDLIFE STOCK	INCIDENTAL SPRING		SW001
36-0005404	STOCK	STOCK		SW004
36-0026940	WILDLIFE STOCK	INCIDENTAL SPRING		SW001
38-0088773	STOCK	NONE		
39-0004859	WILDLIFE STOCK	NONE SPRING		SW001
39-0006833	STOCK	NONE		
39-0006834	WILDLIFE OTHER STOCK	NONE NONAPPROPRIABLE STOCK		SW003
39-0006840	STOCK	INCIDENTAL SPRING		SW001
39-0013155	OTHER STOCK	CATALOGUED WELL STOCK		SW004
39-0013156	WILDLIFE STOCK	WILDLIFE STOCK		SW004
4A-0000952	IRRIGATION DOMESTIC	NONE		
4A-0001017	STOCK	NONE SPRING		SW001
4A-0003720	STOCK	STOCK SPRING	5	SW001

FILING NUMBER	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR	APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS
4A-0003721	STOCK	SPRING		SW002

D I V E R S I O N S

DIV #	SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	DIVERSION NAME	WATER SOURCE AND CLASSIFICATION
SO1	SWSESE20	06OS	17OE	CARRICO SPRING	SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER SHARED

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PWR #	SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	SUPPLIED BY DIVERSIONS	WATER SOURCES	PHOTO SOURCE DATE	CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
SW001	SWSESE20	06OS	17OE	SO1	SURFACE WATER		NO	CARRICO SPRING
SW002	SESESE19	06OS	16OE		SURFACE WATER		NO	RED SPRING
SW003	SWSESE32	06OS	16OE		SURFACE WATER		NO	INSTREAM USE
SW004	NENENW29	06OS	17OE		SURFACE WATER		NO	INSTREAM USE

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** WATER FROM SO1 FOUND IN FILE (114-04-18) IS USED IN THIS FILE

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	39-0004859 39-0006840	36-0004976 36-0026940 4A-0001017 4A-0003720	1884 FILING 36-4976	SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER
SW002	NONE	4A-0003721		SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER
SW003	39-0006834	36-0004975	1884 FILING 36-4975	SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER
SW004	39-0013156	36-0005404	1884 FILING 36-5404	SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER
NONE	39-0006833 39-0013155	10-1115577.1100 10-1116077.1100 10-1116078.1100 10-1116079.1100 38-0088773 4A-0000952		

Q U A N T I T I E S O F U S E

PWR #	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
SW001							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT
SW002							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT
SW003							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT
SW004							SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT

E X P L A N A T I O N

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

FILING 10-1115577-11 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION AND STOCKWATERING USES FROM GIBSON SPRINGS. NO IRRIGATION OR STOCKWATERING USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.
 FILING 10-1116077-11 - CLAIMS STOCKWATERING USE FROM SPRING #1. NO STOCKWATERING USE WAS FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.
 FILINGS 10-1116078-11 & 10-1116079-11 - CLAIM STOCKWATERING USES FROM GIBSON SPRINGS. NO STOCKWATERING USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.
 FILING 38-88733 - CLAIMS STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE WATER USES. NO STOCKWATERING OR

WILDLIFE USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATIONS.

FILING 39-6833 - CLAIMS RAINFALL RETENTION AS AN "OTHER" WATER USE. RAINFALL RETENTION IS CONSIDERED TO BE A NONAPPROPRIABLE USE.

FILING 39-6833 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION, WILDLIFE, AND OTHER WATER USES. NO IRRIGATION OR WILDLIFE USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

FILING 4A-952 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION AND DOMESTIC WATER USES. NO IRRIGATION OR DOMESTIC USES WERE FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

FILING 39-6840 - THE BLM HAS REQUESTED THE WITHDRAWAL OF FILING 39-6840. A CLAIM CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT A COURT ORDER.

FILING 39-13155 - CLAIMS A FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHT PRIORITY DATE OF 1937, BUT THE CLAIMED DATE OF FIRST BENEFICIAL USE IS 1976.

DIVERSIONS

S1 - CARRICO SPRINGS PROVIDES WATER FOR STOCKWATERING USES.

USES AND RESERVOIRS

SW1 - STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM CARRICO SPRING.

SW2 - STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM RED SPRING.

SW3 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM THE SAN PEDRO RIVER.

SW4 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM RED SPRING CANYON.

SHARED USES AND DIVERSIONS

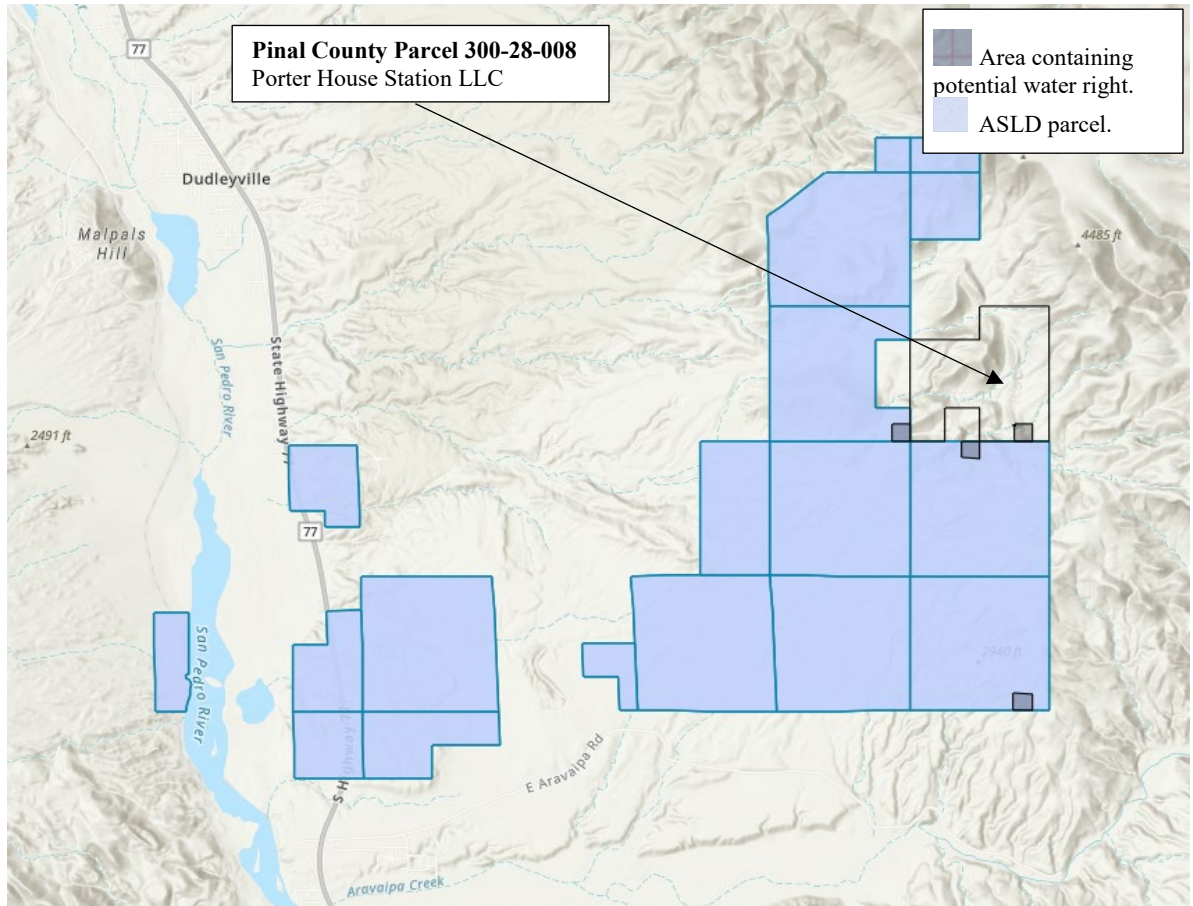
S1 - CARRICO SPRING FOUND IN W.F.R. #114-08-18 IS SHARED WITH THIS W.F.R. AND W.F.R. #114-01-12.

DISPOSITION OF LAND OWNER/CLAIMANT COMMENTS

A COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE LAND OWNER ON THE DISPOSITION OF FILING 39-13155.

ATTACHMENT B

Map Illustrating Area Investigated in WFR



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ATTACHMENT C



Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re ASLD – Union North

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.

Case Name: In re ASLD – Union North

Contested Case No. W1-11-002860

Start Date/Time: Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:00 am.

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](#)

ATTACHMENT D

Initial Court Approved Mailing List

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