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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. **W1-11-003396**

**ORDER INITIATING CONTESTED
CASE AND SETTING DEADLINES**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re ASLD – Hughes*
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court is directed to initiate W1-11-003396. Arizona State Land Department shall file with the Special Master a statement declaring the claims that it intends to pursue no later than **June 5, 2026**, and file draft abstracts no later than **July 6, 2026**. Comments to the abstracts must be filed no later than **July 20, 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 statements of claimant (“SOCs”) 39-6975 and 39-13175. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claims and prepared watershed file report (“WFR”) 115-05-DA-002, published in the San Pedro

1 River Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”). A copy of the WFR is attached as
2 Attachment A. A map illustrating the area investigated in the WFR is attached as
3 Attachment B. The WFR describes a stock watering use.

4 After ADWR issued the WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the
5 WFR by ASLD, Salt River Project, the United States, Magma Copper (now BHP Copper),
6 ASARCO, Gila River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe,
7 and the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

8 **Claimant and Landowners**

9 WFR 115-05-DA-002 lists ASLD as the owner of the land investigated. ASLD
10 records indicate that the property investigated currently comprises ASLD parcel 23-
11 98170-05. The public records of ADWR do not contain any assignments of the SOC 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 W1-11-003396.

16 **2. Declaration.** ASLD shall review all SOCs relevant to this contested case and
17 declare to the Court no later than **June 5, 2026**, the claims that it intends to
18 pursue in this contested case.

19 **3. Draft Abstracts.** ASLD shall file draft abstracts for claims eligible for summary
20 adjudication no later than **July 6, 2026**. The Parties shall file any comments to
21 the draft abstracts by no later than **July 20, 2026**.

22 **4. Parties.** The litigants in this contested case are the current landowner, lessees,
23 and all parties who filed objections to the watershed file report. The objectors
24 are Salt River Project, the United States, Magma Copper (now BHP Copper),
25 ASARCO, Gila River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tonto
26 Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

27 **5. Objections.** Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the
28 respective case names and numbers on the following website:

1 [http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudic](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp)
2 [ation/whatsNew.asp](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp).

3 **6. Court Approved Mailing List.**

4 A. The initial Court Approved Mailing List for this case shall include all persons
5 listed on Attachment C to this order. The list may be modified only by filing
6 a motion with the Special Master. Litigants are responsible for using the
7 current Court Approved Mailing List.

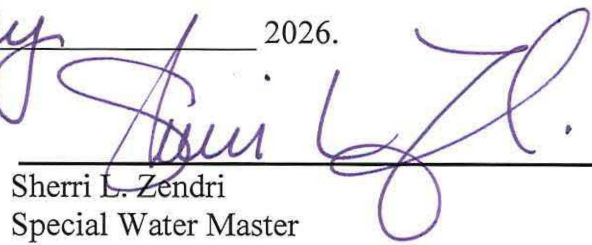
8 B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior
9 Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the Court
10 Approved Mailing List.

11 C. Claimants wishing to be added or removed from the mailing list shall file a
12 motion with the Special Master. Parties allowed to intervene will be
13 automatically added to the Court Approved Mailing List.

14 D. The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders issued
15 in this case to the parties listed on the Court Approved Mailing List.


16 E. Claimants who would like to receive courtesy copies of minute entries and
17 orders may request inclusion on an email list by sending a request to
18 emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.

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20 Signed this 4th day of May 2026.

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24 Special Water Master
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On May 4, 2026, 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, a copy of which is attached, and to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for W1-00-001234.



Emily Natale

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
SLD	115-05-024	DOWDLE, GLENN H.	05-128

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
36-0004925		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDF	.13	SENE05	070S	200E	1884	SENE05	070S	200E
39-0006757	AMENDED	STOCK REC/FISH/WLDF	.12 .01	SENE05	070S	200E	1884	SENE05	070S	200E

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
36-0004925	STOCK WILDLIFE	STOCK INCIDENTAL		SW001
39-0006757	STOCK WILDLIFE	STOCK INCIDENTAL		SW001

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PWR #	LOCATION SECTION TWNP RNGE	SUPPLIED BY DIVERSIONS	WATER SOURCES	PHOTO SOURCE DATE	CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
SW001	SESENE05 070S 200E		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	39-0006757	36-0004925	1884 FILING 36-4925	SURFACE WATER: ARAVAIPA CREEK

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

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USES AND RESERVOIRS

SW1 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM JEEP TRAIL WASH.

DISPOSITION OF LAND OWNER/CLAIMANT COMMENTS

A COMMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE LAND OWNER WHICH STATED THAT THE CORRECT LOCATION FOR SW1 IS THE SE1/4, SE1/4, SECTION 5, T.7S., R.20E.

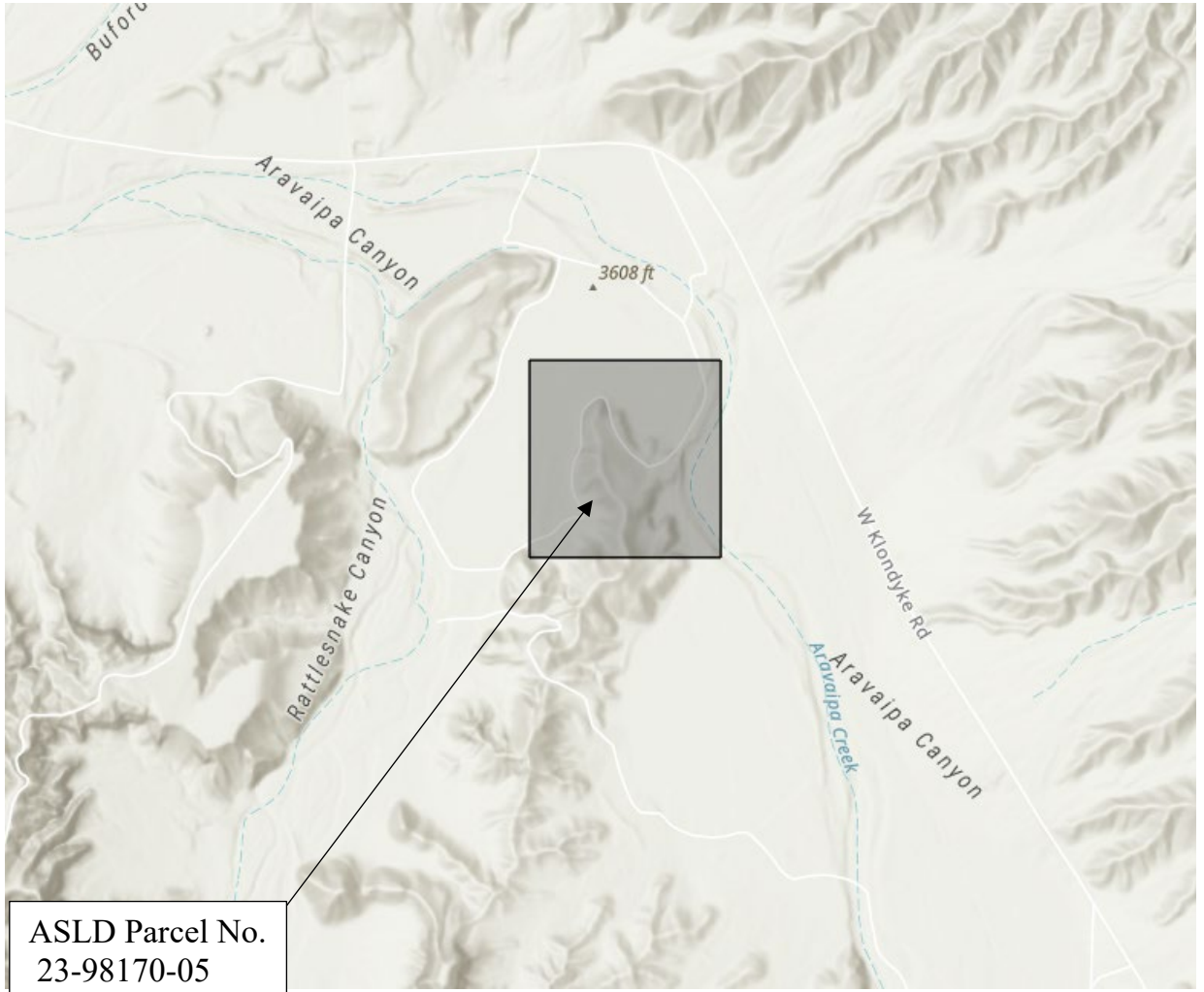
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ATTACHMENT A
Watershed File Report

ATTACHMENT B

Map Illustrating Area Investigated in WFR

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ATTACHMENT C

Initial Court-Approved Mailing List

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