# 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

W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. W1-11-3207

ORDER TO INITIATE CONTESTED CASE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re John and Mary Lou Smith

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Contested case W1-11-3207 initiated and status conference set for **December 12, 2019 at 1:30 PM** 

NUMBER OF PAGES: 12

DATE OF FILING: October 30, 2019

This Order initiates a contested case to consider the claims and resolve objections to Watershed File Report 114-04-CAA-001 ("WFR") published in the Final San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (1991). The WFR identified potential water rights for domestic use and for irrigation for the land described in the WFR located in sections 15 and 22 Township 7S Range 16E. The identified sources of water for the claimed uses are three wells that Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") has located within the subflow zone.

A copy of the watershed file report is attached as Attachment A. A copy of the map prepared for the WFR is attached as Attachment B. The land investigated by ADWR for the WFR is labelled as "(1)".

#### Claimants & Landowners

The WFR identified three Statements of Claimant (SOC) relevant to the potential water right: 39-2472, 39-2473, and 39-2962. ASARCO Incorporated filed SOCs 39-2472 and 39-2473 and assigned them to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. John E. Smith filed SOC 39-2962 claiming irrigation, stock watering and municipal use and later assigned it to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The WFR lists John E. and Mary Lou Smith as the owner of the property described in 114-04-CAA-001. The public records of Pinal County Assessor's Office shows the John E. and Mary Lou Smith Trust as the owner of tax parcel 300-35-0040 and Arizona Game and Fish Commission as the owner of tax parcel 300-36-005C. A copy of the map prepared by the Office of the Pinal County Assessor is attached as Attachment B.

#### IT IS ORDERED:

1. <u>Contested Case</u>. This contested case shall be known as *In re John and Mary Lou Smith* and it will address Statements of Claimant and objections that were filed regarding the Watershed File Report 114-04-CAA-001 published in the Final San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (1991). Copies of objections can be found under the case name and number on the following website: <a href="http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp">http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp</a>

2. <u>Litigants</u>. The litigants in this contested case are the Claimants, landowners, all persons who filed objections to the listed watershed file reports who are included on Attachment D, and claimants who are allowed to intervene by order.

#### 3. <u>Court-Approved Mailing List.</u>

- A. The initial Court-approved mailing list for this case shall include all persons listed on Attachment D to this order. The list may be modified only by filing a motion with the Special Master to amend the Court-approved mailing list. Litigants are responsible for using the current Court-approved mailing list.
- B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the Courtapproved mailing list.
- C. Claimants wishing to be added or removed from the mailing list shall file a motion with the Special Master. Parties allowed to intervene will be automatically added to the mailing list.

#### 4. <u>Courtesy Email List.</u>

The Special Master's office will email courtesy copies of orders and minute entries entered in this case to persons listed on Attachment D. Requests for inclusions on the email list should be sent to Barbara Brown at <a href="mailto:brownb099@superiorcourt.maricopa.gov">brownb099@superiorcourt.maricopa.gov</a>.

5. <u>Status Conference.</u> An initial status conference shall be held to address the adjudication of this case and determine whether the objections to the potential water rights can be settled. If the objections cannot be settled, then a subsequent date will be set for a scheduling conference to identify issues, file disclosure statements, conduct discovery, submit prehearing motions, and hold a trial. No party shall conduct any discovery or file any motions

prior to the Scheduling Conference. The Status Conference shall be held on December 12, 1 **2019**, at 1:30 p.m. before: 2 3 4 Special Master Susan Ward Harris Superior Court of Arizona 5 201 West Jefferson Street Courtroom 301 6 Phoenix, AZ 85003-2202 7 8 Instructions for telephonic appearance: Dial: 602-506-9695 (local) 9 1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance) 10 Dial Participant Pass Code 357264# 11 12 13 **WARD HARRIS** 14 Special Master 15 16 On October 30, 2019, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior 17 Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons 18 listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested case, a copy of which is attached hereto as 19 Attachment D, and to all persons listed on the Courtapproved mailing list for W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4 20 (Consolidated). 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

# **ATTACHMENT A**

LAND OWNER

WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER

SMITH, JOHN E. & MARY LOU

114-04-CAA-001

### APPLICABLE FILINGS AND DECREES

### CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES WI-11- 3207

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FILING NUMBER	FILING STATUS	USES	QUANTITY IN AFA	USE L		ON RNGE	CLAIM DATE	DIVERSIO SECTION		ATION RNGE
10-1103298.1100 36-0048159		IRRIGATION IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	3600.00 350.00	SE22 SESE22	070S 070S		1886 1886	NW26 SESE22	0705	160E
39-0002472		IRRIGATION	700.00		0705		1949	NESENE22	0705	1605
39-0002473		IRRIGATION	293.00		070S 070S	160E 160E	1974	SWNENE22		
39-0002962		IRRIGATION DOMESTIC	350.00	SESE22	070S 070S	160E 160E	1886	SESE22		
		STOCK MUNICIPAL	10.00					323222	0703	1905

### DWR ANALYSIS OF FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING NUMBER	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR	APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS
10-1103298.1100 36-0048159	IRRIGATION IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK	IRRIGATION IRRIGATION DOMESTIC	WO1	IROO1 DMOO1,IROO1,IROO2 IROO3
39-0002472 39-0002473 39-0002962	IRRIGATION IRRIGATION IRRIGATION IRRIGATION DOMESTIC STOCK MUNICIPAL	INCIDENTAL IRRIGATION IRRIGATION IRRIGATION DOMESTIC INCIDENTAL NONE	WO2 WO3 WO1	IR004,IR005 IR004,IR005 DM001,IR001,IR002 IR003

#### DIVERSIONS

DIV #			DIVERSION NAME	WATER SOURCE	A	ND CL	AS	SIF	ICAT	ION	
WO2	NESENE22 070S			GROUNDWATER SHARED GROUNDWATER							RIVER
MO3	NWNENE22 070S	160E	F-11	SHARED GROUNDWATER SHARED							RIVER

#### USES

PWR #	LOCATIO SECTION TWN  SENWSE22 070	P RNGE		WATER SOURCES	DA:	OTO SOURCE TE CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
	SESESE22 070 SWSESE22 070	S 160E	WOI	GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1		NO	
IROO1	NESE22 070 NWSE22 070 SESE22 070	S 160E S 160E S 160E	WO1	GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1	15	935 YES	
IROO2	SWSE22 070: SESE22 070: SWSE22 070:	5 160E 5 160E	WO1	GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1	. 19	978 NO	
IROO3 IROO4 IROO5	SESE15 0709 SESE15 0709	160E	WO2, WO3	GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1 GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1 GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1	19	983 NO 935 NO 969 NO	

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- \*\* WATER FROM WO1 IS SHARED WITH THESE ADDITIONAL FILES: 114-04-CAD-1
- \*\* WATER FROM WO2 FOUND IN FILE (114-01-CAA-2) IS USED IN THIS FILE \*\* WATER FROM WO3 FOUND IN FILE (114-04-CAA-2) IS USED IN THIS FILE

#### PWR SUMMARY

PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS 	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS 	*APPARENT FIRST USE DATE* DATE BASIS FOR DATE	WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS
-		00 0048 139		GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1 OF THE
IR001	39-0002962	10-1103298.1100	1886 FILING 36-48159	SAN PEDRO RIVER
IR002		36-0048159 36-0048159		GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1 OF THE SAN PEDRO RIVER
	0002002	36-0048159	1978 1978 AERIAL PHOTO	GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1 OF THE
IR003	39-0002962	36-0048159	1983 1983 AERIAL PHOTO	SAN PEDRO RIVER
IR004	39-0002472	B.100.0.000		- FOIGE I OI THE
111004	39-0002472	NONE	1920 1920 STATE SURVEY	SAN PEDRO RIVER GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1 OF THE
IR005		NONE	1969 1999 177	SAN PEDRO RIVER GROUNDWATER : ZONE 1 OF THE
				SAN PEDRO RIVER

#### QUANTITIES OF USE

PWR #	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	ACRES	CROP TYPE	EFF	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
IRO01	MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL MAX. POTENTIAL	22.3 22.3	PERM. PSTR AVE. CROP	45% 50%	5.5 AF/AC 5.4 AF/AC	122.7 AFA 120.4 AFA	SEE VOLUME 1 - GENERAL ASSESSMENT
IR002	MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL		ALFALFA PERM. PSTR AVE. CROP	45% 61% 50%	7.4 AF/AC 3.3 AF/AC 5.4 AF/AC	165.0 AFA 3.6 AFA 5.9 AFA	DEFICIT IRRIGATION
IROO3	REGIUNAL	1.5	ALFALFA PERM. PSTR AVE. CROP	61% 61% 50%	5.4 AF/AC 3.3 AF/AC 5.4 AF/AC	5.9 AFA 5.0 AFA	DEFICIT IRRIGATION
IR004	MAX. POTENTIAL MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL	1.5 .4 .4	ALFALFA COTTON AVE. CROP	61% 46% 50%	5.4 AF/AC 5.1 AF/AC 5.4 AF/AC	8.1 AFA 8.1 AFA 2.0 AFA	
IROO5	MAX. POTENTIAL MAX. OBSERVED REGIONAL MAX. POTENTIAL	.4 6.1 6.1 6.1	ALFALFA COTTON AVE. CROP ALFALFA	45% 45% 50% 45%	7.4 AF/AC 5.1 AF/AC 5.4 AF/AC 7.4 AF/AC	2.2 AFA 3.0 AFA 31.1 AFA 32.9 AFA 45.1 AFA	

#### EXPLANATION

#### FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING 39-2962 - CLAIMS IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, STOCKWATERING, AND MUNICIPAL USES. NO MUNICIPAL USE WAS FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

#### **DIVERSIONS**

W1 - WELL PROVIDES WATER FOR IRRIGATION, DOMESTIC, AND STOCKWATERING USES. W2 & W3 - WELLS PROVIDE WATER FOR IRRIGATION USES.

#### USES AND RESERVOIRS

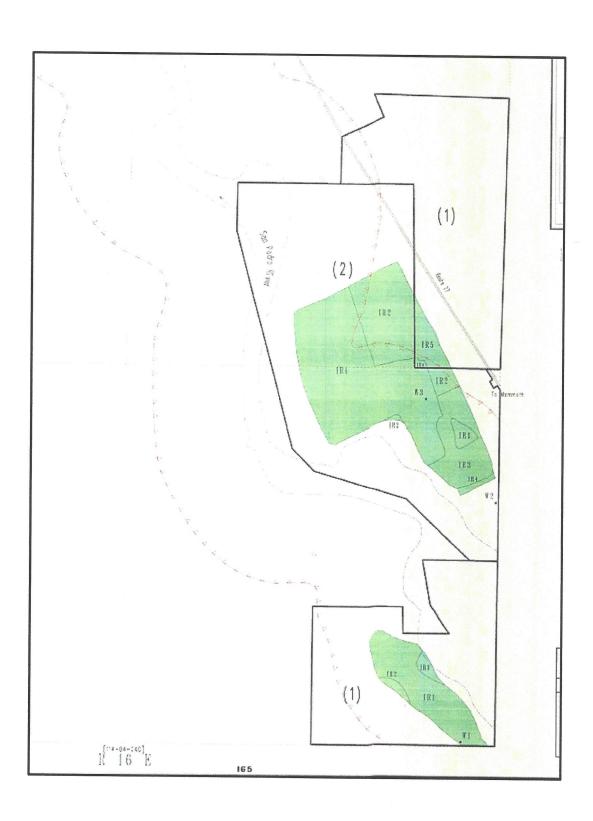
DM1 - DOMESTIC USE.

IR1-IR3 - IRRIGATED PASTURE.

#### SHARED USES AND DIVERSIONS

W1 - WELL IS SHARED WITH W.F.R. #114-04-CAD-1. W2 & W3 - WELLS ARE SHARED WITH W.F.R. #114-04-CAA-2.

## **ATTACHMENT B**



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## **ATTACHMENT C**



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## **ATTACHMENT D**

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