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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF APACHE

IN RE THE GENERAL  
ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS  
TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE  
COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND  
SOURCE

**CV6417**

Contested Case No. **CV6417-33-5013**

**ORDER INITIATING CONTESTED  
CASE AND SETTING FILING  
DEADLINES**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re ASLD – Palmer*  
HSR INVOLVED: Silver Creek Hydrographic Survey.  
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court is directed to initiate CV 6417-33-5013. Arizona State Land Department shall file with the Special Master a statement declaring the claims that it intends to pursue by **May 8, 2026** and draft abstracts by **June 8, 2026**.  
NUMBER OF PAGES: 9

This order reopens 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”) 39-85968 and 39-85969. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claims and prepared watershed file report (“WFR”) **33-41-015**, published in the Silver Creek 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 in NW¼SW¼NW¼ Section 36 Township 13 North,  
2 Range 20 East. A map depicting corresponding Navajo County Assessor parcels and the  
3 approximate place of use is attached as Attachment C.

4 ASLD timely filed objections to the findings made in the WFR and subsequently  
5 filed a motion to dismiss SOC 39-85969.<sup>1</sup> Following a scheduling conference held on  
6 June 17, 1992, the Special Master issued a minute entry<sup>2</sup> ordering the following:

- 7 • That the priority date for potential water right (“PWR”) SW001 “will be  
8 reported as December 31, 1883.”
- 9 • That the quantity of PWR SW001 is “0.22 acre-feet per annum.”
- 10 • That the “motion to dismiss Statement of Claimant No. 38-85969[sic] is  
11 GRANTED.”

12 It does not appear that any further actions were taken regarding this case.

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14 **IT IS ORDERED:**

15 **1. Case Initiation.** This order initiates contested case CV 6417-33-5013.

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17 **2. Declaration.** By **May 8, 2026**, ASLD shall review all SOC’s relevant to this  
18 contested case, file with ADWR all amendments or additional claims that it intends  
19 to pursue, and declare all such claims to the Court.

20 **3. Draft Abstracts.** By **June 8, 2026**, ASLD shall file draft abstracts consistent  
21 with the Special Master’s prior findings.

22 **4. Parties.** The parties in this contested case are ASLD and any relevant lessees.

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24 **5. Objections.** Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the  
25 respective case name and number on the following website:

26 <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudicati>

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28 <sup>1</sup> 6417-33-0092, State of Arizona’s Motion to Dismiss Objection (June 29, 1992).

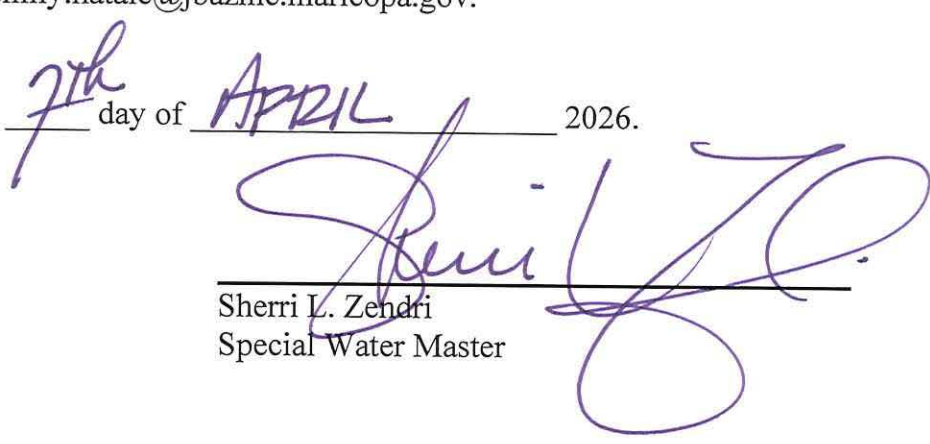
<sup>2</sup> 6417-33-0092, Minute Entry (July 23, 1992).

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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 D to this order. The list may be modified only by filing a  
6 motion with the Special Master. Litigants are responsible for using the current  
7 Court-approved mailing list.
- 8 B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Apache 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](mailto:emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov).

19 Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 2026.

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On April 7, 2026, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Apache 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 CV 6417.

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

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE NO.	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
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SLD	033-41-015	PALMER, L.A. & ARVIN	05-3246

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 SECTION	LOCATION TWNP	RNGE
36-0000145		STOCKWATERING REC/FISH/WLDF	.70	SW36	130N	200E	1886	SW36	130N	200E
38-0090842		STOCKPOND REC/FISH/WLDF	.60	SESW36	130N	200E	1930	SESW36	130N	200E
38-0091116		STOCKPOND REC/FISH/WLDF	.24	SESW36	130N	200E	1930	SESW36	130N	200E
39-0085968	AMENDED	OTHER	.22	36	130N	200E	< 1853	SW36	130N	200E
39-0085969		STOCKPOND					1884	NESESW36	130N	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
36-0000145	STOCKWATERING REC/FISH/WLDF	STOCKWATERING INCIDENTAL		SW001
38-0090842	STOCKPOND REC/FISH/WLDF	NONE		
38-0091116	STOCKPOND REC/FISH/WLDF	NONE		
39-0085968	STOCKWATERING REC/FISH/WLDF	STOCKWATERING INCIDENTAL		SW001
39-0085969	STOCKPOND REC/FISH/WLDF	NONE		

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PWR #	LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	SUPPLIED BY DIVERSIONS	WATER SOURCE	PHOTO DATE	SOURCE CHANGE	FACILITY NAME
SW001	NWSWNW36	130N	200E		SURFACE		NO	INSTREAM USE

P W R S U M M A R Y

PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	** APPARENT FIRST USE DATE	** DATA SOURCE	DRAINAGE AREA/ WATER SOURCE NAME
SW001	39-0085968	36-0000145	1886	36-00145	COTTONWOOD WASH
NONE	39-0085969	38-0090842 38-0091116			

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

PWR #	QUANTIFICATION TYPE	APPLICABLE ACREAGE/SURFACE AREA (ACRES)	WATER DUTY	ESTIMATED VOLUME	REMARKS
SW001					SEE VOLUME 1

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FILINGS AND DECREES

FILINGS 38-91116, 38-90842 & 39-85969 CLAIM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE WATER USES FROM K-FLAT TANK. K-FLAT TANK IS TEMPORARILY SILTED IN, ACCORDING TO THE CLAIMANT, THEREFORE NO STOCKPOND USE WAS MATCHED TO THESE FILINGS.

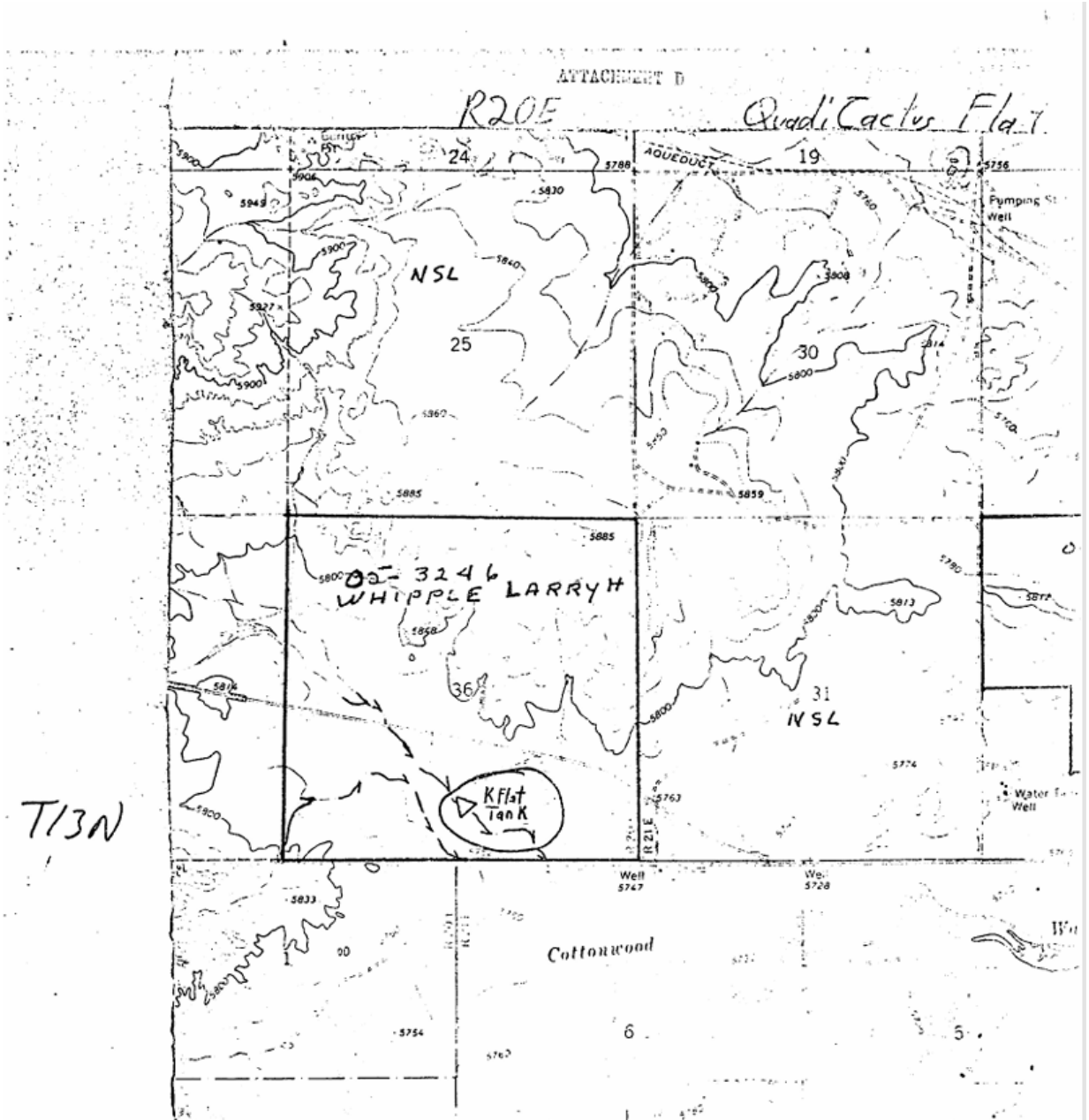
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SW1 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING USE FROM K-FLAT WASH, WITHIN THE COTTONWOOD WASH DRAINAGE AREA.

ATTACHMENT B

Map Illustrating Area Investigated in WFR

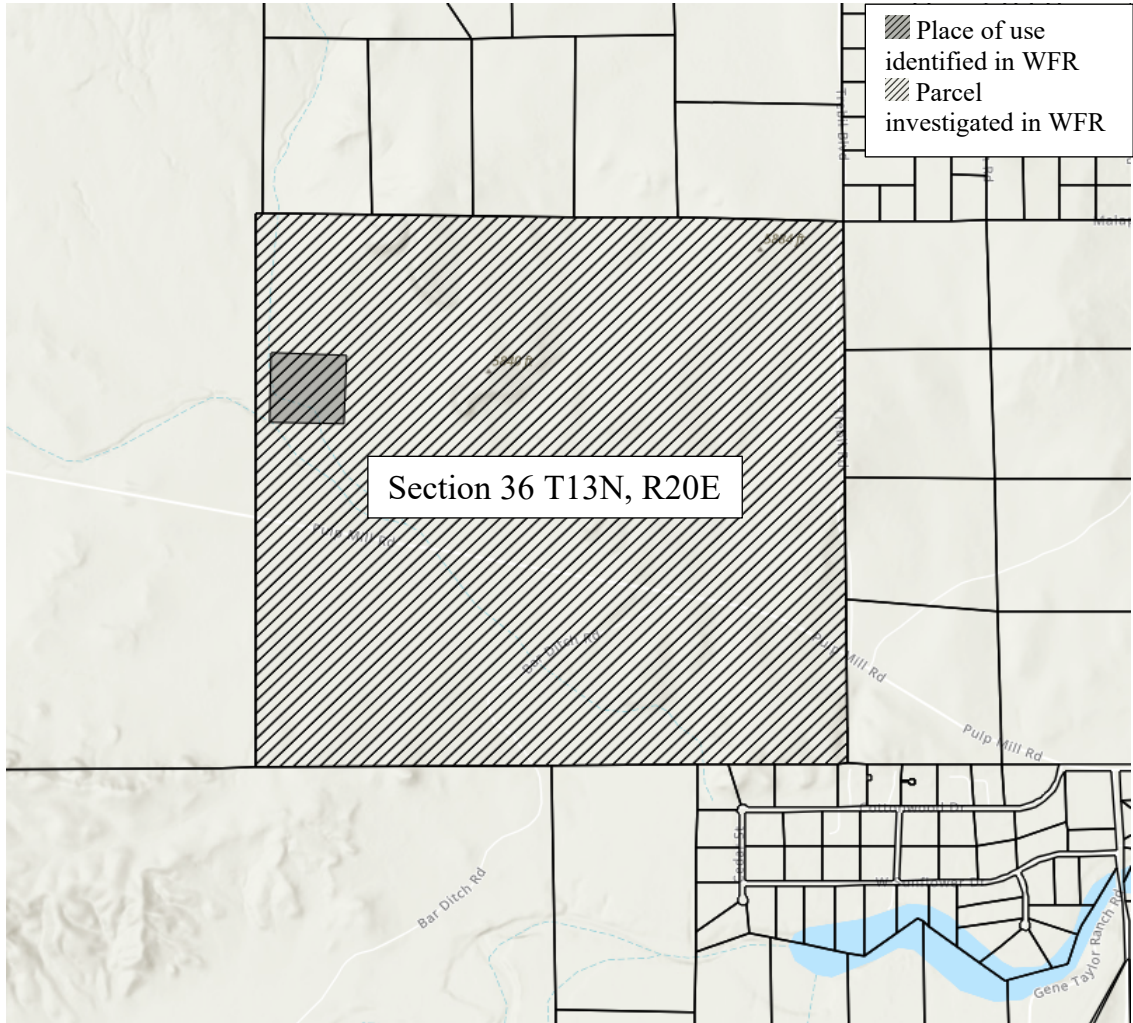
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**ATTACHMENT C**

**Assessor Parcel Map**

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**ATTACHMENT D**

**Initial Court-Approved Mailing List**

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