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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. **W1-11-000219**

**ORDER INITIATING CONTESTED
CASE**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re ASLD – Stewart Title and Trust*
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court is directed to initiate W1-11-000219. Arizona State Land Department shall file with the Special Master a statement declaring the claims that it intends to pursue by **May 22, 2026**, and draft abstracts by **June 22, 2026**,
NUMBER OF PAGES: 8

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") 39-7852. The Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") investigated the claim and prepared watershed file report ("WFR") 111-20-006, 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 WFR describes a stock watering use in NW¼SE¼NE¼ Section 7 Township 21S, Range

1 22E.

2 WFR 111-20-006 lists the Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”) as the owner
3 of the land investigated. ASLD records indicate that the property investigated currently
4 comprises ASLD parcel 05-703. A map depicting the parcel is attached as Attachment C.
5 The public records of ADWR do not contain any assignments of the SOC listed in the
6 WFR. Further, neither the state nor lessees appear to have filed any additional SOCs since
7 the issuance of the HSR.

8 Objections were timely filed to the findings made in the WFR by ASLD, the Gila
9 River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, and the
10 Yavapai-Apache Nation.

11 **IT IS ORDERED:**

12 **1. Case Initiation.** This order initiates contested case W1-11-000219.

13 **2. Declaration.** By **May 22, 2026**, ASLD shall review all SOCs relevant to this
14 contested case, file with ADWR all amendments or additional claims that it intends
15 to pursue, and declare all such claims to the Court.

16 **3. Draft Abstracts.** By **June 22, 2026**, ASLD shall file draft abstracts for claims
17 eligible for summary adjudication. The parties shall file any comments to the draft
18 abstracts by **June 29, 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 report.
21 The objectors are ASLD, Gila River Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe,
22 Tonto Apache Tribe, and the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

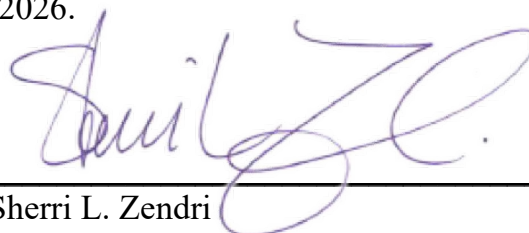
23 **5. Objections.** Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the
24 relevant case name and number on the following website:
25 <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudicati>
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6. Court Approved Mailing List.

- 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. 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 Court Approved 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 Court Approved Mailing List.
- D. The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders issued in this case to the parties listed on the Court-approved mailing list.
- E. Claimants who would like to receive courtesy copies of minute entries and orders may request inclusion on an email list by sending a request to emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.

Signed this 8th day of April 2026.



Sherri L. Zendri
Special Water Master

On April 8, 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

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ATTACHMENT A
Watershed File Report

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE REPORT NUMBER	LESSEE/ALLOTTEE	LEASE-PERMIT ID
SLD	111-20-006	STEWART TITLE AND TRUST TRUST #2040	05-703

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
36-0004813		STOCK REC/FISH/WLDF	.37	SENE07	210S	220E	1884	SENE07	210S	220E
39-0007852	AMENDED	STOCK REC/FISH/WLDF	.34 .03	SENE07	210S	220E	1884	SENE07	210S	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

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36-0004813	STOCK WILDLIFE	STOCK INCIDENTAL		SW001
39-0007852	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	NWSENE07 210S 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	39-0007852	36-0004813	1884 FILING 36-4813	SURFACE WATER: SAN PEDRO RIVER

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

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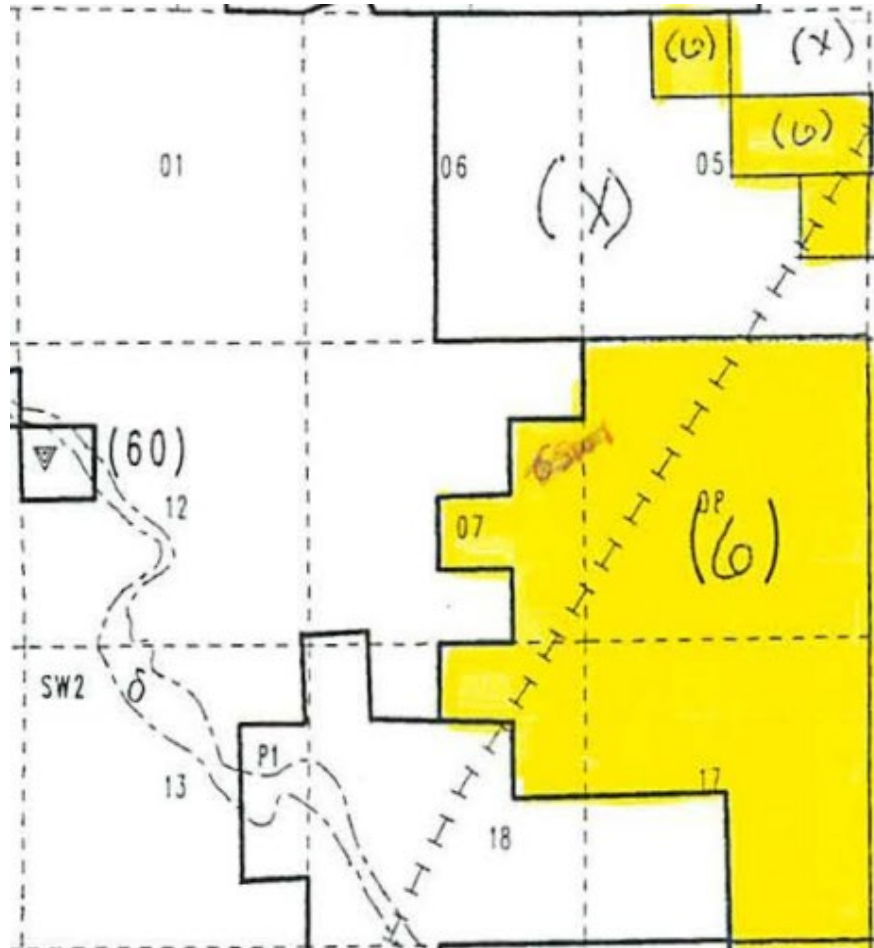
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SW1 - INSTREAM STOCKWATERING AND WILDLIFE USES FROM ABBASI WASH.

ATTACHMENT B

Map Illustrating Area Investigated in WFR

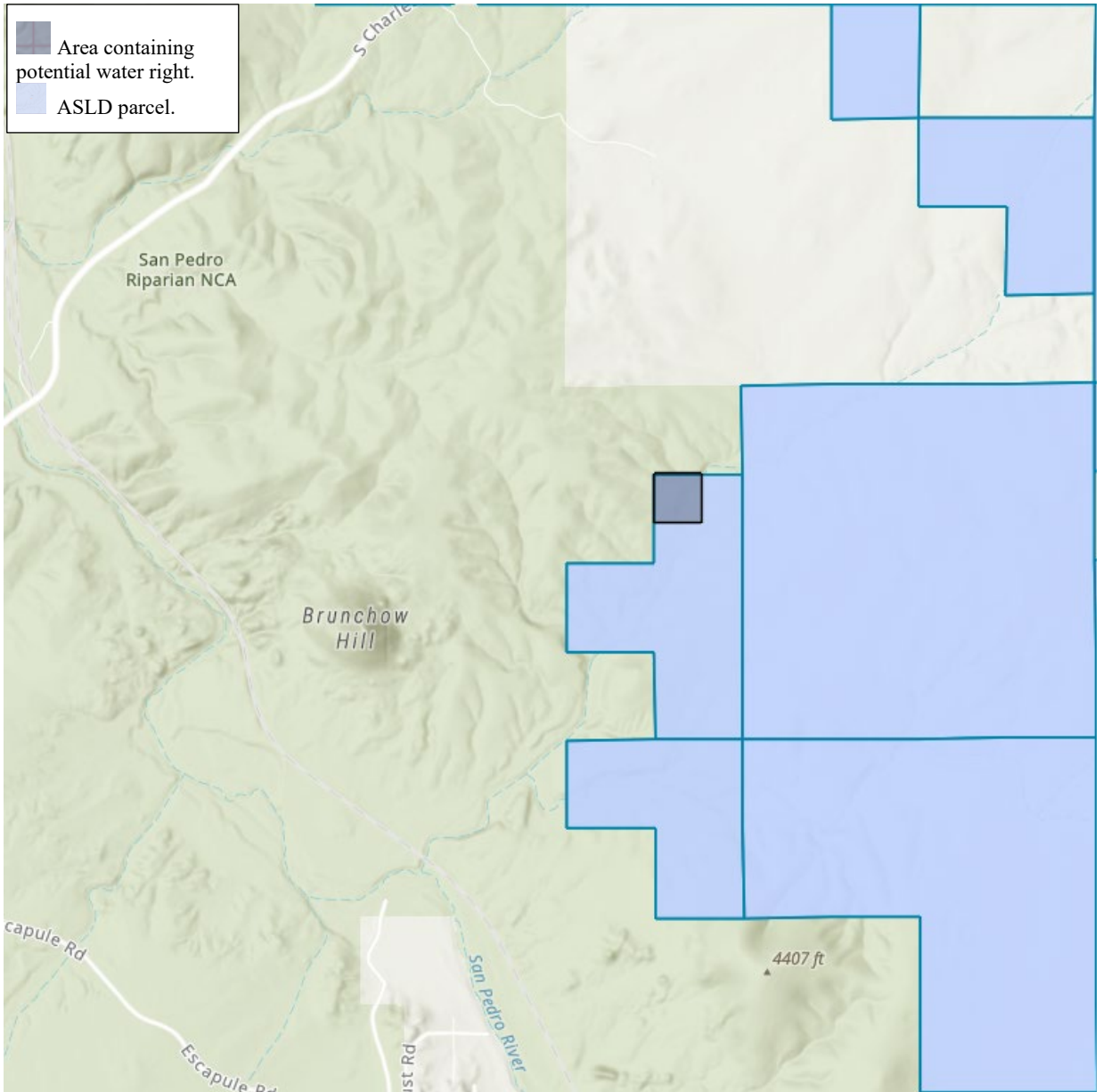


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ATTACHMENT C

Parcel Map

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