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16 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**
17 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

18 **IN RE: THE GENERAL**
19 **ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS**
20 **TO USE WATER IN THE GILA**
21 **RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE**

No. W1-00-001234

Contested Case Nos. **W1-11-002661** ✓
W1-11-002683
W1-11-002748
W1-11-002755

**SALT RIVER PROJECT'S NOTICE
OF FILING OBJECTIONS TO
AMENDED WATERSHED FILE
REPORTS 113-13-015 AND 113-13-022
AND NEW WATERSHED FILE
REPORT 113-13-026**

(Assigned to the Hon. Scott Blaney)

(Referred to Special Master Sherri L.
Zendri)

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23 Contested Case Names: *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy –*
24 *Cherry Springs (W1-11-0002661); In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy –*
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26 *Hooker Hot Springs (W1-11-002748); In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature*
27 *Conservancy – Double R Canyon (W1-11-002755).*

HSR Involved: San Pedro River Hydrographic Survey Report.

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1 Descriptive Summary: The Salt River Project submits its objections to amended
2 Watershed File Reports 113-13-015 and 113-13-022 and new Watershed File Report
3 113-13-026.

4 Statement of Claimant Nos.: 39-05-50053 through -50055; 39-07-1040, -1041, -1206,
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7 -35213, -35216 through -35218, -132301 through -132309, and -133295.

8 Date of Filing: May 1, 2026.

9 Number of Pages: 3 + 14 (attachments) = 17 (total).

10 Pursuant to the Special Master's order dated February 19, 2026 ("Order"), the Salt
11 River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and Salt River Valley Water
12 Users' Association (collectively, "SRP") hereby provide notice of filing their objections to
13 amended Watershed File Reports ("WFRs") 113-13-015 (W1-11-2748) and 113-13-022 (W1-
14 11-2755) and new WFR 113-13-026.¹ The Arizona Department of Water Resources filed the
15 amended WFRs and the new WFR on April 15, 2026.² Copies of SRP's objections to the
16 amended WFRs and new WFR are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B, and C.

17 DATED this 1st day of May, 2026.

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26 ¹ The Order directed ADWR to recommend which contested case number the new WFR
27 should be adjudicated under or whether to initiate a new contested case for the new WFR, but
ADWR did not do so. See Order, at 2.

² See Arizona Department of Water Resources' Notice of Filing Amended Watershed File
Reports and New Watershed File Report (Apr. 15, 2026).

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing hand-delivered
2 this 1st day of May, 2026 to:

3 Clerk of the Superior Court
4 Maricopa County
5 Attn: Water Case
6 601 West Jackson Street
7 Phoenix, AZ 85003

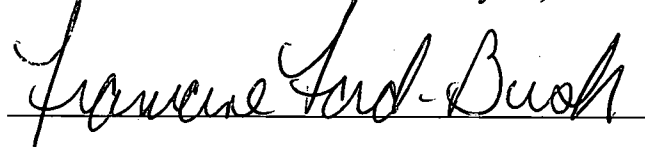
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10 Sherri L. Zendri
11 Special Master
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13 201 West Jefferson
14 Phoenix, AZ 85003-2205

15 Hon. Scott Blaney
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18 101 West Jefferson Street, Suite 411
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24 Phoenix, AZ 85007

25 AND COPY mailed to all persons appearing on
26 the Court-approved mailing lists in Case Nos.
27 W1-11-002661, W1-11-002683, W1-11-002748,
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Exhibit A

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No. W1, W2, W3, & W4
Contested Case No. W1-11-002748

**MANDATORY FORM FOR AMENDED OBJECTIONS TO
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The San Pedro River Watershed**

This objection is directed to Watershed
File Report or Zone 2 Well Report No.

113-13-015
(please insert no.)

or Catalogued Well No.

(please insert no.)

OBJECTOR INFORMATION

Objector's Name: Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District and the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (collectively, SRP)
Objector's Address: Post Office Box 52025
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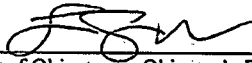
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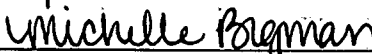
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Signature of Objector or Objector's Representative:
Lucas Shaw, Director, Water Rights & Strategy

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 30 day of April, 2026.



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Residing at Maricopa County
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Commission # 668002
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WFR Category 5 – Uses

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WFR Category 8 - Summary

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WFR Category 9 – Quantities of Use

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WFR Category 11- Other Objections

1. SRP objects to the lack of sufficient information in the PWR map ADWR attached to the WFR. The map provided for this WFR does not include Township, Range, Section, or quarter-quarter designations, preventing verification of the POD and POU applicable to PWR SD001.

MAY 01 2026 @ 3:05pm.

A. Marrufo, Deputy

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IN RE: THE GENERAL
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GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND
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W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

Contested Case Nos. ~~W1-11-002661~~✓

W1-11-002683

W1-11-002748

W1-11-002755

*In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature
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**SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE'S
NOTICE OF FILING OBJECTIONS
TO AMENDED WATERSHED FILE
REPORT 113-13-015, AMENDED
WATERSHED FILE REPORT 113-
13-022, AND WATERSHED FILE
REPORT 113-13-026**

(Assigned to the Hon. Scott Blaney)

(Referred to Special Master Sherri Zendri)

Contested Case Names: *In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Cherry Springs (W1-11-002661); In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Cascabel (W1-11-002683); In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Hooker Hot Springs (W1-11-002748); In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Double R Canyon (W1-11-002755)*

Statements of Claimant: 39-12676, 39-63614

HSR Involved: San Pedro River Watershed HSR

Descriptive Summary: The San Carlos Apache Tribe files its objections to Amended Watershed File Report 113-13-015, Amended Watershed File Report 113-13-022, and Watershed File Report 113-13-026, filed by the Arizona Department of Water Resources on April 15, 2026.

Date of Filing: May 1, 2026

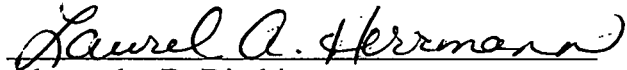
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On February 19, 2026, the Special Master filed the Order Granting Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy’s Request to Amend WFRs 113-13-015 and 113-13-022 and Create a New WFR (“Order”). Pursuant to this Order, the Arizona Department of Water Resources filed Watershed File Report No. 113-13-026 and Amended Watershed File Report Nos. 113-13-015 and 113-13-022 in the above-captioned contested cases on April 15, 2026.

The Court’s Order directed parties to file any objections to the new and amended WFRs by May 1, 2026. Order at 2. Pursuant to the Court’s Order, the San Carlos Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) files its objections to Watershed File Report No. 113-13-026 and Amended Watershed File Report Nos. 113-13-015 and 113-13-022. The Tribe’s objections are attached here as Exhibit A. The Tribe also incorporates here its Objections to Volume 1 of the San Pedro HSR filed on May 18, 1992, its objections to the original Watershed File Report No. 113-13-

1 015 filed on May 12, 14, and 18, 1992, and its objections to the original Watershed File Report
2 No. 113-13-022 dated May 11 and 14, 1992, to the extent that they have not been remedied.

3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of May, 2026.
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22 ORIGINAL of the foregoing hand-
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25 Clerk of the Arizona Superior Court
26 Maricopa County
27 Attn: Water Case
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COPY of the foregoing to be hand-
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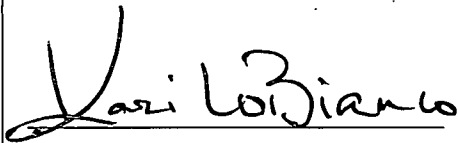
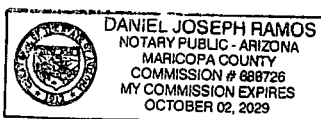
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No. W1, W2, W3, & W4
Contested Case No. W1-11-002755

**MANDATORY FORM FOR AMENDED OBJECTIONS TO
The Hydrographic Survey Report for
The San Pedro River Watershed**

This objection is directed to Watershed
File Report or Zone 2 Well Report No.

113-13-022 (amended)
(please insert no.)

or Catalogued Well No.

(please insert no.)

OBJECTOR INFORMATION

Objector's Name: San Carlos Apache Tribe
Objector's Address: P.O. Box 40
San Carlos, AZ 85550
Objector's Telephone: (928) 475-3344

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STATE OF ARIZONA
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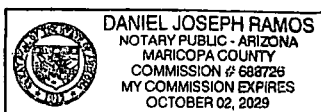
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Laurel A. Herrmann
Signature of Objector or Objector's Representative:
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st day of May, 2026.

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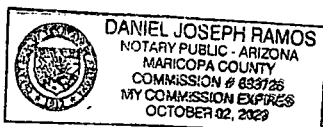
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