

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

No. W1,W2,W3 & W4  
W1-11-002090

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This objection is directed to Watershed File Report or Zone 2 Well Report No. 112 - 17 - DBA - 088 ( please insert no. ) or Catalogued Well No. \_\_\_\_\_ (please insert no.)

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OBJECTOR INFORMATION

Objector's Name: Magma Copper Company (1267) ASARCO Incorporated (1263)  
Objector's Address: 7400 North Oracle Rd P.O. Box 8  
Suite 200 Hayden, Arizona 85235  
Tucson, Arizona 85704  
Objector's Telephone No.: (602) 575-5600 (602) 356-7811

\* The names, addresses and telephone numbers of Objectors' attorneys are on the back of this form.

Objector's Watershed File Report or Zone 2 Well Report No. (if the Objector's claimed water rights are within the San Pedro River Watershed):  
Magma Copper Company: 113-08-XXXX-022, et al.  
ASARCO Incorporated: 114-01-XXXX-005, et al.

Or Objector's Catalogued Well Number (if the Objector's claimed water rights appear only in Volume 8 of the HSR):  
NOT APPLICABLE

Or Objector's Statement of Claimant No. (if the Objector's claimed water rights are located outside the San Pedro River Watershed):  
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STATE OF ARIZONA

VERIFICATION (must be completed by objector)

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Name TAYLOR, JR., WILLIAM H.  
and && ESTHER I.  
Address P.O. BOX 11  
ST. DAVID, AZ 85630

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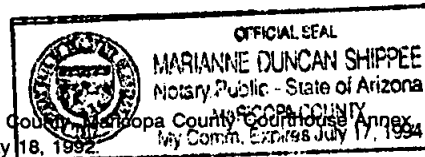
*[Signature]*  
Signature of Objector's Representative (Magma)

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Category Number: 4, 8 and 11

Magma Copper Company ("Magma") and ASARCO Incorporated ("ASARCO") submit this objection as co-objectors.

Magma and ASARCO object to the inclusion of groundwater in this Adjudication because groundwater is not subject to claims based on federal law (Uniform Objection Code Nos. 561, 562 and 1134). In addition, this objection is intended to preserve this issue until such time as it is resolved by the Arizona Supreme Court. (Uniform Objection Code No. 1130)

While this objection pertains to a specific Zone 2 Well Report number ("Zone 2 Report"), Magma and ASARCO are objecting to each Zone 2 Report that classifies a well as a "Zone 2 Well", that extends federal reserved rights to groundwater pumped from the Zone 2 Well(s), or that otherwise creates a presumption that groundwater withdrawals from the well(s) significantly affect federal reserved rights.

With respect to this particular Zone 2 Report, Magma and ASARCO presently believe that groundwater withdrawn from the subject well(s) does not significantly diminish water otherwise available to a federal reservation and therefore is not subject to the Gila Adjudication. However, should it be determined that groundwater withdrawn from the well(s) does significantly diminish water otherwise available to a federal reservation, Magma and ASARCO object to such use where such groundwater withdrawal interferes with paramount water rights of Magma or ASARCO. (Uniform Objection Code Nos. 1135, 1136 and 1150)

Magma and ASARCO are also filing this objection to obtain notice and an opportunity to be heard on all issues in the event that claims to the groundwater referenced in claimant's Zone 2 Report are adjudicated.

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112-17-DBA-088

or Catalogued Well No.

(please insert no.)

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**OBJECTOR INFORMATION**

Objector's Name:  
United States of America

Co-Objector's Name:  
Gila River Indian Community  
c/o Cox & Cox

Co-Objector's Name:  
San Carlos Apache Tribe; Tonto  
Apache Tribe; Yavapai-Apache Indian  
Community; Camp Verde Reservation  
c/o Sparks & Siler, P.C.

Objector's Address:  
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Co-Objector's Address:  
Suite 300 Luhrs Tower  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

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7503 First Street  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Objector's Telephone No.:  
(202) 272-4059 / 272-6978

Co-Objector's Telephone No.:  
(602) 254-7207

Co-Objector's Telephone No.:  
(602) 949-1998

Objector's Watershed File Report or Zone 2 Well Report No. (if the Objector's claimed water rights are within the San Pedro River Watershed):

111-19-009

Or Objector's Catalogued Well Number (if the Objector's claimed water rights appear only in Volume 8 of the HSR):

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Name: 112-17-DBA-088  
TAYLOR, JR., WILLIAM H.  
& ESTHER I.  
Address: P.O. BOX 11  
ST. DAVID AZ 85630

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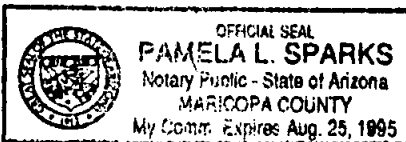
*Gary B. Randall*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Objector or Objector's Representative

*Alfred S. Cox*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Co-Objector or Co-Objector's Representative

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Co-Objector or Co-Objector's Representative

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 17 day of May, 1992.

*Pamela J. Sparks*  
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REASON FOR OBJECTION

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The individual associated with this Watershed File Report failed to file an adjudication claim as required. Therefore, the individual has no legal standing in this adjudication. (SM 475) (DM001; OT001)

The use of water listed under this Watershed File Report is challenged because it interferes with downstream federal reserved rights and is contrary to state and federal law. (SM 560)

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The available historical record does not support the priority date listed in the ADWR analysis of Apparent First Use Date. (SM 920) (IR001; OT001)

9. ADWR uses a methodology that overestimates crop water requirements. (SM 1020)
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(please insert no.) (please insert no.)

OBJECTOR INFORMATION

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C/O Cox & Cox C/O Sparks & Siler, P.C.  
Objector's Address: Suite 300 Luhrs Tower, P.O. Box 4245 7503 First Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85030 Scottsdale, AZ 85251  
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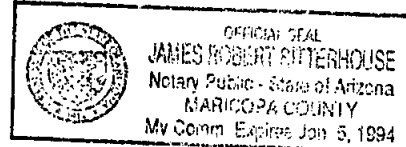
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Alfred S. Cox Joe [Signature]

Signature of Objector or Objector's Representative

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- 2     Not all wells have applicable statement of claimants (475).
  
- 4     The 1881 priority date claimed for Zone 2 well(s) of the Saint David Irrigation District is not supported by the historic record. If wells are replacements for surface diversions they should be categorized as Zone 1 wells due to their "in lieu" status (900) (532).

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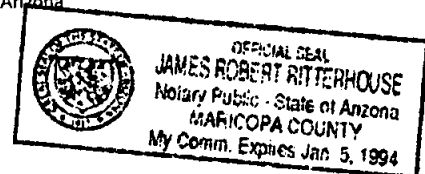
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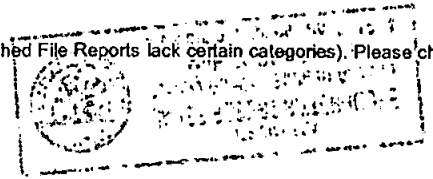
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Objector's Address: Post Office Box 52025  
Phoenix, Arizona 85072-2025  
Objector's Telephone No: (602) 236-2210

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David C. Robt  
Signature of Objector or Objector's Representative

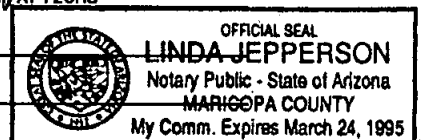
(The above section must be completed if you object to another claimant's Watershed File Report, Zone 2 Well Report, or Catalogued Well Report. It does not need to be completed if you file an objection to your own Watershed File Report, Zone 2 Well Report, Catalogued Well Report, or to information contained in Volume 1 of the Hydrographic Survey Report.)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st day of May, 1992.

Linda Jepperson  
Notary Public for the State of Arizona

Residing at Maricopa County

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



Objections must be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in and for Maricopa County, Maricopa County Courthouse Annex, 3345 W. Durango Street, Phoenix Az 85009, on or before May 18, 1992.

**STATEMENT OF THE OBJECTION**

The following are the main categories of the typical Watershed File Report (Zone 2 Well Reports and some Watershed File Reports lack certain categories). Please check the category(ies) to which you object, and state the reason for the objection on the back of this form.

- 1. I object to the description of LAND OWNERSHIP
- 2. I object to the description of APPLICABLE FILINGS AND DECREES
- 3. I object to the description of DWR's ANALYSIS OF FILINGS AND DECREES
- 4. I object to the description of the DIVERSIONS for the claimed water right(s)
- 5. I object to the description of the USES for the claimed water right(s)
- 6. I object to the description of RESERVOIRS used for the claimed water right(s)
- 7. I object to the description of SHARED USES & DIVERSIONS for the claimed water right(s)
- 8. I object to the PWR (POTENTIAL WATER RIGHT) SUMMARY of the claimed water right(s)
- 9. I object to the description of the QUANTITIES OF USE for the claimed water right(s)
- 10. I object to the EXPLANATION provided for the claimed water right(s)
- 11. Other Objections (please state volume number, page number and line number for each objection)

**REASON FOR OBJECTION**

The reason for my objection is as follows (please number your objections to correspond to the boxes checked above; please attach supporting information and additional pages as necessary):

CATEGORY  
NUMBER

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

In this attachment the uniform code designated by the  
Special Master in accordance with Case Management  
Order No. 1 is shown in parenthesis following each  
objection statement.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Portions of the following objection are also relevant to the St. David Irrigation District. The corresponding major user number for the St. David Irrigation District is 1254.

**WFR CATEGORY 1 - LAND OWNERSHIP**

The Salt River Project objects to the creation of a separate Watershed File Report (WFR) for that portion of water use served by an irrigation provider who filed a statement of claimant for water supplied to its users or members pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-254(B). A single WFR for the irrigation water provider's claim(s) is appropriate pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-256 (report on a claim-by-claim basis). That WFR should set forth water rights by parcel(s) or legal description(s) encompassing all contiguous lands with a unique priority date (0210).

**WFR CATEGORY 8 - PWR SUMMARY**

The Salt River Project objects to the apparent date of first use assigned to this Potential Water Right (PWR). Under A.R.S. § 45-257(B), the attributes of decreed rights, including dates of priority, are presumed valid, except as to issues of abandonment. The Watershed File Report (WFR) indicates that previous filings made by the St. David Irrigation District (SDID) are applicable to this PWR. However, the apparent date of first use assigned to this PWR is later than the date of priority set forth in the decree matched to the SDID diversion PWR. The WFR fails to articulate sufficient evidence to refute the decreed priority date. In the absence of such evidence, the apparent date of first use for this PWR should be the SDID decreed priority date (0950). This objection applies to: OT001.

WFR CATEGORY 9 - QUANTITIES OF USE

The Salt River Project objects to the quantity of use assigned to this Potential Water Right (PWR). The regional method used by DWR for determining quantity of use for certain agricultural and other irrigation PWRs is inconsistent with the Arizona doctrine of prior appropriation; this method is also technically inaccurate. For an additional discussion of the problems associated with DWR's method of quantification for these types of PWRs, see the Salt River Project's Volume 1 objections to this method, a copy of which is attached to this objection and incorporated herein by reference (1020). This objection applies to: OT001.

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The Salt River Project objects to the failure of DWR to calculate a diversion rate for this Potential Water Right (PWR). All PWRs assigned a point or points of diversion should be assigned a separate diversion rate for each point of diversion. Diversion rates should be calculated at the point of diversion and should include conveyance losses (1010). This objection applies to: OT001.

**EXCERPT FROM  
SALT RIVER PROJECT OBJECTIONS TO  
VOLUME 1 OF THE SAN PEDRO RIVER HSR  
REGIONAL IRRIGATION QUANTITY ESTIMATES  
(page numbers refer to Volume 1)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's estimation methods and results for regional irrigation water quantities for the following reasons:

First, in the absence of decreed rights, which must be accepted by the court in the absence of abandonment, Arizona law requires that the extent of an appropriative right be measured according to the quantity of water that the appropriator diverted for beneficial use since the time of the appropriation. A.R.S. § 45-141(B) ("Beneficial use shall be the basis, measure and limit to the use of "water"). The "regional" quantification method employed by DWR does not properly estimate maximum actual historical beneficial use as required by law.

Second, although DWR has developed new terminology in reporting regional water duties, DWR still uses the Arizona Groundwater Code method of "areas of similar farming conditions" (ASFC), now termed "regional farming conditions" (RFC). The RFC method assigns a weighted average consumptive use requirement to the water duty equation based upon the types of crops recently grown by appropriators in a designated area. Historical information or records evincing an individual claimant's actual cropping patterns and the quantities of water actually used to cultivate such crops since the time of appropriation are not considered. In fact, the Court noted that "[average efficient use] is not directly related to what is the property's water right[s] . . ." (Entitlement Order at 6). Under the prior appropriation doctrine, an appropriator who has grown alfalfa on his property historically is entitled to a water duty that will support alfalfa, regardless of the crops that he or his neighbors are currently growing. Under DWR's "averaging" approach, an appropriator in this situation would be assigned an apparent entitlement inadequate to meet crop needs.

Additionally, under the RFC concept, the efficiency of various irrigation methods is averaged among appropriators, thus further exacerbating the inadequate water duty for the appropriator who does not have a system with above-average efficiency.

Third, there are several technical errors in DWR's calculation of crop consumptive use including the use of a five year crop history, adjusted weather data, relative humidity, growing season, effective precipitation, crop coefficients, alfalfa stand establishment, deficit irrigation, and efficiency estimates.

In place of regional water duties, the Salt River Project supports DWR's estimation of water duty using the "maximum potential" method since, in the absence of sufficient historical records, this method properly estimates maximum actual historical beneficial use.

These objections are more fully set forth in the following sections.

#### **Five Year Crop History**

**pp. 146-151, C-18, C-19, C-68 through C-78**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's use of its five year investigation period for computing acreages irrigated for maximum observed quantification and for computing crop irrigation water requirements for both maximum observed and regional quantifications. Indeed, it appears that DWR has relied heavily on a single year (1990) of crop survey data. The information developed from a single year, or five year period, cannot be used to properly estimate actual historical beneficial use since low consumptive use crops or no crop may be present during the period. Thus, historical cropping practices or completion of a crop rotation are not reflected.

#### **Adjusted Weather Data**

**pp. C-6 through C-19**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's adjustment of weather station temperatures from recorded values and relative humidities from estimated values. The temperature and relative humidity adjustment procedure is intended for prediction of crop water requirements for large, new irrigation developments where the current observations are from a nearby non-irrigated area. Because of the "clothesline" configuration of San Pedro irrigated areas in relation to the extremely arid surrounding environment, it is extremely doubtful there is any moderating effect due to surrounding irrigated land or to the San Pedro River.

#### **Relative Humidity**

**pp. C-9, C-17, C-25, C-29, C-34, C-92**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's failure to specify whether it used minimum relative humidity as specified in Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Paper 24. Minimum relative humidity is not reported by Sellers and Hill. Furthermore, their 6 p.m. (1800 hours) data must be adjusted downward to reflect lower humidity in mid-afternoon. The proper publication date for Arizona Climate, 1931-1972, by Sellers and Hill, is 1974.

#### **Growing Season**

**pp. C-20, C-24**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's use of field observations during one or just a few years to estimate the length of growing season for perennial crops. A few field observations of irrigation dates do not define the water use period because water use occurs both before and after irrigation and because growing seasons vary from year to year. Growing seasons can best be determined for perennial crops by a relationship between plant growth and mean temperature or mean date of low temperatures over an extended period of record.

### **Effective Precipitation**

**pp. C-38, C-40 through C-49**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's method of estimating non-growing season effective precipitation. The procedure used neglects runoff, uses soil constant values that are highly variable and not well quantified, and is unclear about assumptions of initial soil moisture conditions for each month. Published methods can be used to estimate non-growing season effective precipitation for the winter months, the relevant period for most crops. Furthermore, the Salt River Project objects to DWR's use of a 50 percent probability of precipitation, which results in an inadequate supply in one-half of the years. A 50 percent probability indicates that average effective precipitation is subtracted from crop consumptive use when DWR calculates the irrigation requirement. This means that in years of below-average precipitation, irrigation users would be unable to replace the lack of precipitation with additional irrigation water. The amount of precipitation that is available 80 percent of the time for field crops and 90 percent of the time for orchards and vegetables is appropriate.

### **Crop Coefficients**

**p. C-33**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's use of 0.8 as the kc for Winter Pasture. Winter Pasture is a cool-season grass mixture that has a higher crop coefficient than a warm-season grass. SRP also objects to DWR's use of the mean of kc1 and kc3 as a value for kc2, instead of interpolation. Both FAO-24 and University of California Leaflet 21427 specify interpolation.

### **Alfalfa Stand Establishment**

**p. C-37**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's failure to include water for alfalfa stand establishment as an "Other Need."

### **Efficiency Estimates**

**pp. 138-140, C-51 through C-54**

The Salt River Project objects to DWR's omission of the effect of a rotation delivery system on On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency. A rotation delivery system reduces On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency below that which can be achieved if irrigation water is available on demand.

The Salt River Project also objects to DWR's use of average estimated values of irrigation efficiency for regional quantification. The use of average efficiencies understates entitlements for one-half of all irrigated acres on this basis alone.