2 3 4 5 6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA 7 8 9 W-1 (Salt) IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO W-2 (Verde) 10 USE WATER IN THE GILA RIVER W-3 (Upper Gila) 11 SYSTEM AND SOURCE W-4 (San Pedro) Consolidated 12 Contested Case No. W1-11-1675 13 CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER 14 CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re St. David Irrigation District 15 16 17 18

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.

DESCRIPTION: Procedures established for adjudication of water rights in the second phase of this contested case and designation of initial Watershed File Reports to be considered.

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This contested case involves more than one hundred contested cases that have been initiated and consolidated under this contested case, In re St. David Irrigation District, W1-11-1675. This contested case involves claims for potential water rights investigated by Watershed File Reports ("WFRs") for locations within the exterior boundaries of the St. David Irrigation District (the "District").

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This case has been segregated into phases for the purposes of adjudicating the objections to the WFRs. See Minute Entry filed August 21, 2019. The first phase, now concluded, addressed three broad issues with case-wide impact. The second phase will adjudicate the claims and determine the attributes of individual water rights claimed by the District and the members of the District. Due to the large number of WFRs and claims at issue, it is appropriate to adopt the litigation approach proposed by the District at the Status Conference on January 10, 2022, pursuant to which the District shall successively designate groups of approximately five WFRs, which will be aggregated for the purpose of scheduling pretrial procedures, as directed by the Court.

Accordingly, based on good cause shown,

## IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. The Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure shall govern the proceedings including time periods, page limits, permitted pleadings, form of motions, required disclosures, and discovery, except as specifically set forth in this Case Management Order and other procedural orders entered in this case.
- 2. Map of the District. The District shall provide a map showing the boundaries of the District and among the layers included on the map shall be the individual parcels designated by county taxpayer parcel number; a USGS topographical map or an aerial photograph that shows section, township and range; the canals and ditches operated and maintained by the District; and the wells that are the claimed points of diversion. The map shall be filed by **December 23, 2022**.
- 3. <u>Initial Designation of WFRs.</u> The initial group of WFRs designated by the District for adjudication are as follows: 112-17-DBA-61, 112-17-DBA-87, 112-17-DBA-88, 112-17-DBA-322, 112-17-DBB-21, 112-17-DBB-23, and 112-17-DBB-37. *See* Exhibit A.

- 4. <u>Notice of Designation</u>. The District shall disclose each group of designated WFRs by filing and serving upon all persons on the court-approved mailing list, a notice of designation listing the designated WFRs and attaching, for each water right claimed, a proposed abstract of water right. Each proposed abstract shall identity the owner and attributes of the subject water right and shall attach a map depicting the point(s) of diversion and boundaries of the subject property and place of use in relation to the boundaries of the WFR.
  - a. The District shall use its best efforts to group WFRs based on close geographical proximity that form cohesive groups with shared points of diversion and means of delivery.
  - b. The notice of designation shall include for each claimed water right a brief explanation of the calculations utilized by the District to determine the quantity.
  - c. The District shall only designate WFRs for which all claim filings are complete and available on ADWR's website at the time of the notice.
  - d. To make the most efficient use of time the District shall endeavor to only designate WFRs for which it has documentation to establish the elements required for each of the attributes of the claimed water rights.
  - 5. <u>Discussions Among the Parties</u>. Service of each notice of designation shall commence a 60-day period for settlement discussions to determine whether agreement can be reached among the District and all objectors on stipulated abstracts for any or all of the claimed water rights.
- 6. <u>Stipulations and Status Report.</u> At the conclusion of the 60-day period, the District shall file stipulated abstracts or, to the extent an agreement has not been reached on all claimed water rights, a status report. The status report shall identify each attribute of the water

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right that remains in dispute and propose a pretrial schedule to address each WFR for which all objections have not been resolved by stipulation. The status report shall also describe the scope and status of any pending or anticipated claim filings pertaining to any of the WFRs addressed by the status report. The Stipulations or Status Report for the WFRs designated in paragraph 3 above shall be filed on **September 19, 2022**.

7. Scheduling Conference. Following receipt of the status report, the Court shall set the date for the parties to file disclosures required by Rule 26.1 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedures. It shall also set the date for a scheduling conference for entry of a pretrial schedule to adjudicate the claims included in each WFR for which all objections have not been resolved by stipulation. The date by which the District shall provide its next notice of designation shall also be set at the scheduling conference.

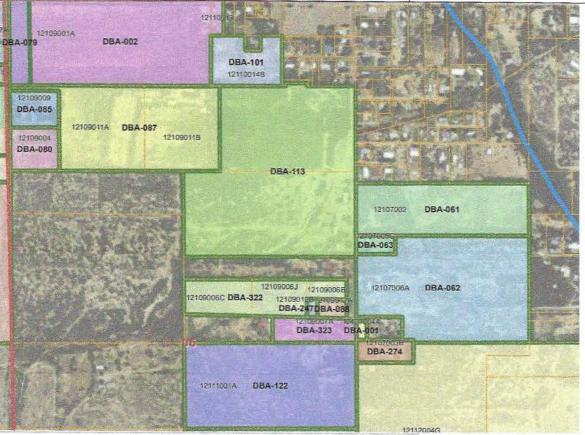
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On July 21, 2022, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested case and a courtesy copy to all persons listed on Exhibit A.

Emily Natale

## **Exhibit A**

12 17 DDA C1	Tax Parcel No.	Taxpayer
112-17-DBA-61	12107002	Petra Christensen
		237 S Miller Ln
		Saint David, Az 85630
112-17-DBA-87	12109011A	Barbara Jo Salomon
	12109011B	181 W Stecker St
		Saint David, Az 85630
112-17-DBA-88	12109012A	William Warskow Revocable Trus
		330 S Miller Ln
		Saint David, Az 85630
112-17-DBA-322	12109006C	Jeremy V & Janine F Wiley
	12109006J	131 W Trails End
	12109006B	St David, Az 85630
		Emerson B & Wendy Gooding
		C/O Stewart Title & Trust Of
		Phoenix Inc
		Po Box 263
		Saint David, Az 85630
		Williams Sarena Lynn & Williams
		Brian James
		324 S Miller Ln
		Saint David, Az 85630



Watershed File No.	Tax Parcel No.	Taxpayer
112-17-DBB-21	12115047 12115048 12115049A 12115049B 12115050A 12115051A	Mayberry Revocable Trust 2230 E Cherokee Way Sierra Vista, Az 85650  Jimmie Young Mayberry 721 W Star Dust Trl Saint David, Az 85630  Cochise County Investments LLC PO Box 700
112-17-DBB-23	12115025A 12115024	Benson, Az 85602 Cochise County Investments LLC PO Box 700 Benson, Az 85602
112-17-DBB-37	12115050A 12115051A	Carter and Faye Mayberry 852 S. LaMesa Dr. Benson, AZ 85630 Cochise County Investments LLC PO Box 700 Benson, Az 85602

