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9	IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS	CV6417
10	TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE	
11	COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE	Case: CV6417-33-6784
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14		ORDER RESUMING CONTESTED CASE AND SETTING STATUS
15		CONFERENCE
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17	CONTESTED CASE NAMES: In re Transa	america Title Insurance Co.
19	HSR INVOLVED: Silver Creek Hydrograph	ic Survey.
20	DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Clerk of 33-6784. Initial conference set for Wedness	f Apache County is directed to initiate CV6417- day, September 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.
21	NUMBER OF PAGES: 18	
22 23	General Explanation	
24		y pause in adjudication, a case to determine
25	This order resumes, after a lengthy pause in adjudication, a case to determine rights to use water on land that the Navajo County Assessor has identified as owned by	
26	the individuals and entities listed on Attachment A. The first step in this case is an initial	
27	conference with the Court, scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 11:00	
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a.m.to determine if each landowner is interested in pursuing water rights claims. Each
 current landowner MUST attend the scheduled initial conference if they plan to pursue
 water rights claims. Failure to appear at the initial conference could result in the
 dismissal of the case and the loss of potential appropriative water rights.

During the initial conference, each current landowner must state whether he or she intends to pursue water rights claims.

Additional background information on the process for determining water rights

in Arizona can be found on Attachment B.

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# 11 Details of the Case

In this case, the United States Forest Service ("Claimant") filed Statement of
Claimant ("SOC") 39-89984 in 1985. Statement of Claimant ("SOC") 39-89984
contains a claim for a stockpond located in northwest-southeast section 25, Township 10
North Range 21 East.

The Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") investigated the claims made by the Claimant and prepared Watershed File Report ("WFR") 33-56-077, published in the Final Silver Creek Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (1991) ("Silver Creek HSR"). The WFR recorded that water was being used for a stockpond within southeast-northwest-southeast Section 25, Township 10 North Range 21 East. A copy of the WFR is attached as Attachment C. A map, prepared by ADWR, showing the area investigated is attached as Attachment D.

After ADWR issued the WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the WFR by the Salt River Project and the United States joined by the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. The purpose of this case is to

consider the claim in SOC 39-89984 and to resolve the objections to WFR No. 33-56 077.

## 3 Claimant and Landowners

WFR 33-56-077 lists Transamerica Title Insurance Company as the owner of the property investigated in 1991. According to maps obtained from the Navajo County Assessor's ("Assessor") website, the land investigated appears to comprise the tax parcels listed on Attachment A to this order.

8 A copy of the map showing the relevant tax parcels and current ownership is 9 included as part of Attachment A. The public records of ADWR do not contain any 10 assignments of the SOC listed in the WFRs, and landowners do not appear to have filed 11 any additional SOCs since the issuance of the 1991 HSR.

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## 13 **Objections**

Objections to WFR 33-56-077 concern the absence of a basis of right supporting
the relevant water right claim. Additionally, the SOC in question is not assigned to any
of the current property owners.

In order to obtain a decreed water right, a property owner must present to the
Court both an appropriate SOC claiming a water right in the name of the property owner
and evidence of that right. This evidence may include the relevant WFRs. Alternatively,
the property owners may settle with objectors. If either the property owner proves to the
Court the existence of a water right on their property or enters into a valid settlement
approved by the Court, the court will recognize enforceable water rights in a "Final
Decree." Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 45-257(B).

This is an order from the Court, and all parties must comply with the following instructions. The failure to obey this, or any, court order may result in the dismissal of this case and the loss of any potential surface water rights associated with the property mentioned in this order. If you have questions regarding this Order or any of the

1 attachments, please contact the General Stream Adjudication, Office of the Special 2 Water Master, at (602) 372-4115. Please note that staff can only answer administrative 3 questions and cannot provide legal advice.

#### 5 **IT IS ORDERED:**

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1. Case Initiation. This order initiates contested case CV6417-33-6784. This case will resolve claims to use appropriable water asserted in Statement of Claimant 39-89984 and objections that were filed to Watershed File Report No. 33-56-077.

10 2. Initial Conference. An initial conference shall be held on Wednesday, 11 September 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. to determine whether each current 12 landowner intends to pursue claims for water rights. The conference will be 13 held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are 14 attached as Attachment E. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an 15 appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court 16 17 Connect program the internet by typing on 18 https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster. If you do not have access to the 19 internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access 20 code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

3. Parties. The litigants in this contested case are the claimant, the current 22 landowners, and all parties who filed objections to the Watershed File Report. 23 The objectors in this case are the United States, the San Juan Southern Paiute 24 Tribe, the Hopi Tribe, and the Navajo Nation.

4. Objections. Copies of objections filed to this case can be found under the respective names and numbers the following website: case on

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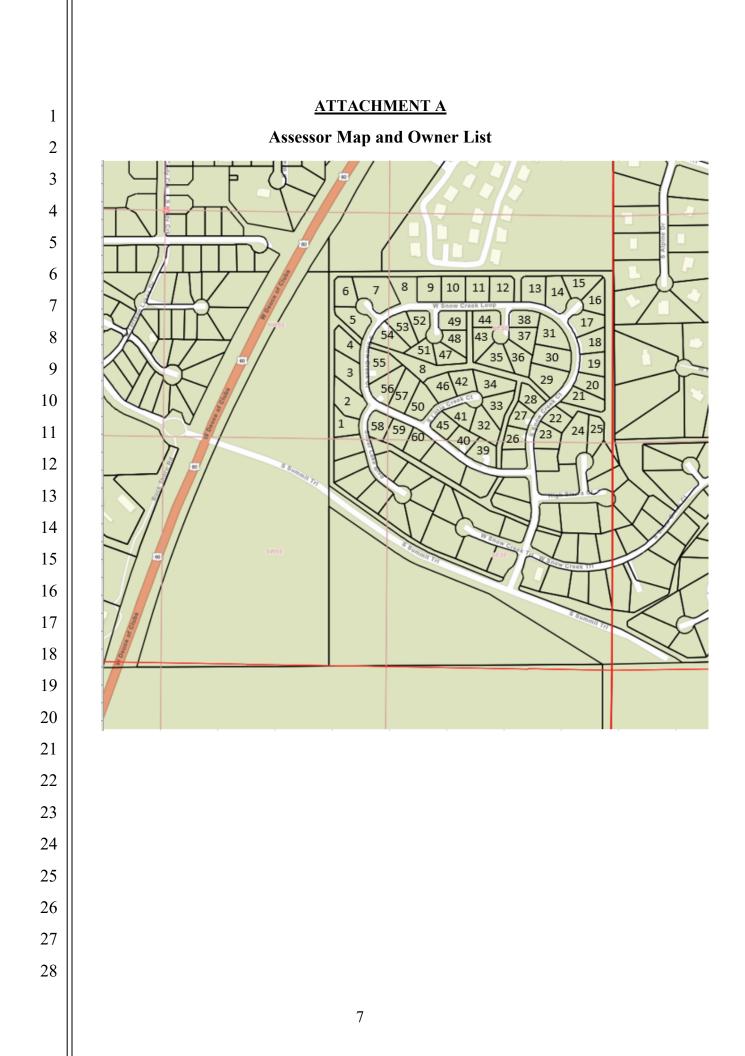
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3	5. <u>Court-A</u>	pproved Mailing List.		
4	A.	The initial Court-approved mailing list for this case shall include all		
5		persons listed on Attachment F to this order. The list may be		
6		modified only by filing a motion with the Special Master to amend		
7		the Court-approved mailing list. Litigants are responsible for using		
8		the current Court-approved mailing list.		
9	B.	A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Apache County		
10		Superior Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed		
11		on the Court-approved mailing list.		
12	C.	Claimants wishing to be added or removed from the mailing list		
13		shall file a motion with the Special Master. Parties allowed to		
14		intervene will be automatically added to the Court-approved		
15		mailing list.		
16	D.	The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and		
17		orders issued in this case to the parties listed on the Court-approved		
18		mailing list.		
19	E.	Claimants who would like to receive courtesy copies of minute		
20		entries and orders may request inclusion on an email list by sending		
21		a request to emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.		
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6	Attachment F, and to all persons listed on the Court- approved mailing list for CV6417.
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25		36	30990052	Judith A Nordburg
		37	30990051	John R & Julia A Barton
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## ATTACHMENT B

### General Background on the Water Rights Determination Process in Arizona

A general stream adjudication is a judicial proceeding to determine the quantity and priority of all water rights in a river system. Arizona is undertaking general stream adjudications of both the Gila River and the Little Colorado River systems. A river system includes surface water flowing "in streams or other natural channels", groundwater sufficiently connected to that surface water, and water subject to claims by the federal government. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 45-251(7). Recognizing and respecting water rights and the priority of such rights is important in Arizona where times of drought or water scarcity can occur.

All cases begin with the filing of a "Statement of Claimant," ("SOC") in which a property owner makes a claim for a right to use surface water on their property. Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 45-254(A). This person is the "claimant." The SOCs contain, among other characteristics, a description of the source and quantity of the water used, the location of use, the location from which the water was diverted, and the date when the water was first put to use. *Id.* § 45-254(C).

After the property owner files the SOCs, the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") prepares a "Watershed File Report," ("WFR") in which ADWR investigates the claims in the SOCs and recommends water rights associated with the property. *Id.* § 45-256(B). ADWR compiles all WFRs for a watershed into a comprehensive Hydrographic Survey Report ("HSR") and publishes the report for public review and comment. In response, other claimants in the Adjudication may file "objections" disputing the information or recommendations in the WFR. The individuals who file objections are called "objectors."

This "contested case", one of thousands in the Little Colorado River System, will evaluate claims asserted in specific Statements of Claimant while considering objections to the WFR that reported ADWR's initial inspection of those claims.

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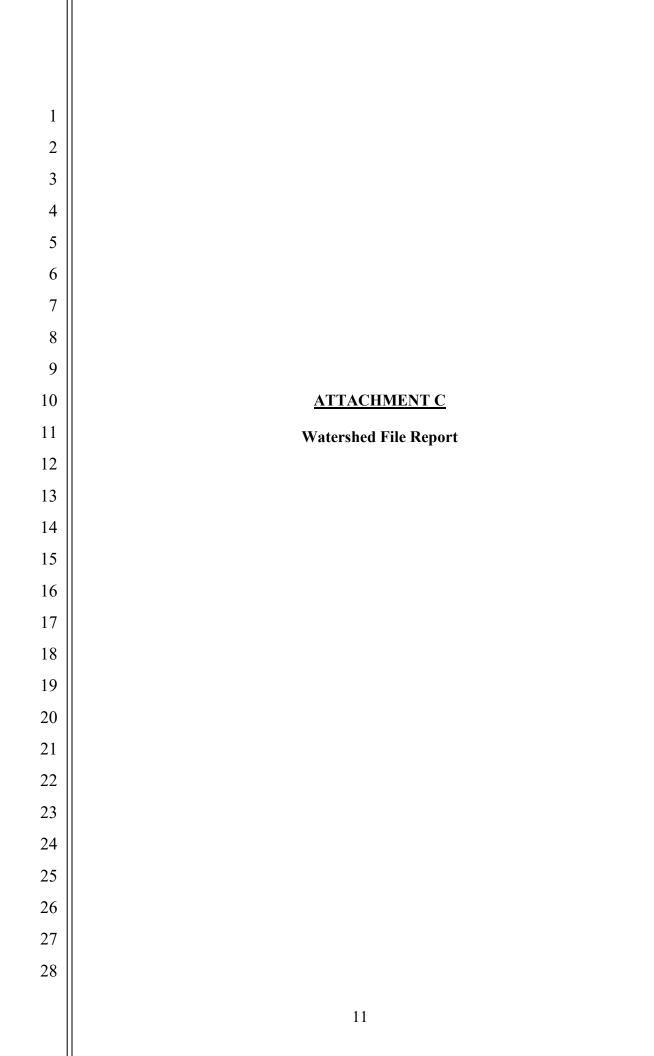
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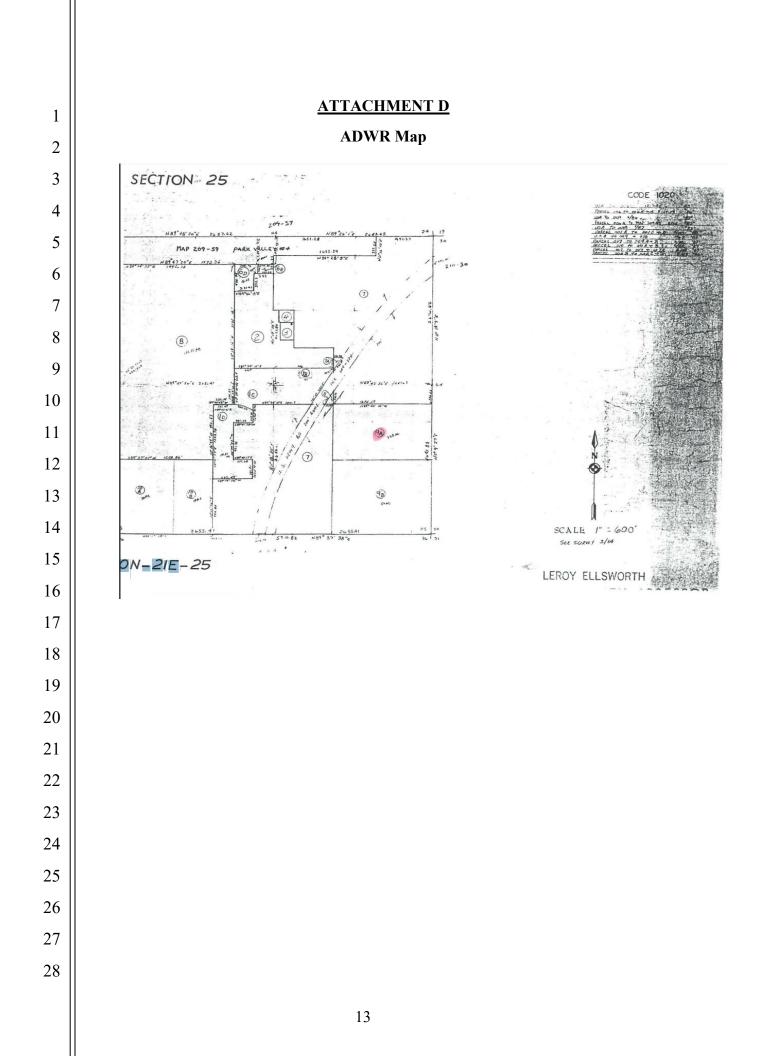
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6	<b>Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Transamerica Title</b>		
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8	This hearing will be conducted through the new Court Connect program offered by the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This new and innovative program allows Court participants to appear		
9	online, rather than in a physical courtroom. Hearings are preferably conducted by videoconference but can also be conducted by phone. Lawyers (and self-representing litigants) are responsible for		
10	distributing this notice to anyone who will be appearing on their behalf.		
11	All participants must use the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button or the dial in information below to participate.		
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13	<b>Participants:</b> Please follow the steps below to participate in the remote proceeding.		
14	<ol> <li>Click the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button below.</li> <li>Enter your full name and role in name field.</li> </ol>		
15	3. Wait for the facilitator to admit you to the proceeding.		
16	Remember to keep this email handy so you can use it to participate in the following		
17	proceeding.		
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26 27	<i>To ensure an optimal experience, please review the brief Court Connect training prior to the hearing:</i> <u><i>Here</i></u>		
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1	<u>ATTACHMENT F</u>			
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5	Phoenix, AZ 85007	1850 N. Central Avenue, Ste 1600 Phoenix, AZ 85004-4633		
6	Clerk of the Superior Court			
7	Apache County	Navajo Nation		
8	P.O. Box 365 St Johns, AZ 85936	Evan Hiller, Candace French, Jeffrey Leonard, Judith Dworkin and Kathryn Hoover		
	Mark J. Widerschein	SACKS TIERNEY P.A.		
9	Maggie Woodward	4250 N. Drinkwater Blvd., 4th Floor		
10	Alexa Penalosa	Scottsdale, AZ 85251		
	US Dept of Justice – ENRD	<i>,</i>		
11	Natural Resources Section	Navajo Nation Department of Justice		
12	PO Box 7611	Ethel Branch & G. Michelle Brown-Yazzie		
12	Washington, DC 20044	PO Drawer 2010		
13	Special Master Sherri Zendri	Window Rock, AZ 86515		
14	Superior Court of Arizona	Hayden Boyett LLC		
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15	Courtroom 301	48 N Macdonald		
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17	Vanessa Boyd Willard	Carl Miller		
18	U. S. Department of Justice	6854 Queens High Rd		
	999 18 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 370 Denver, CO 80202	Show Low, AZ 85901		
19		Paula J Delatorre		
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21	General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe P. O. Box 123	Phoenix, AZ 85048-4203		
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4	Show Low, AZ 85902-2949	Scottsdale, AZ 85255
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6	6751 W Ramocita Tucson, AZ 85743	27334 N 109th Way Scottsdale, AZ 85262
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11	9542 E Juanita Ave Mesa, AZ 85209-4684	37803 W Santa Monica Ave Maricopa, AZ 85138-4286
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22	Bill Brown	Joshua & Melissa Rutherfor 2639 N Power Rd Apt 2025
23	1801 S Outback Cir.	Mesa, AZ 85215
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Rhonda Holleran 1462 Lodge Pole Dr

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