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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

In the Matter of the General
Determination of All the Rights to the Use
of Water, Both Surface and Underground,
Within the Drainage Area of the Utah
Lake and Jordan River in Utah, Salt Lake,
Davis, Summit, Wasatch, Sanpete and
Juab Counties in Utah

General Case File

**SPECIAL MASTER’S
EIGHTH STATUS REPORT
TO THE COURT**

Civil No. 360057298

Hon. Laura S. Scott

(Rick L. Knuth, Special Master)

RICK L. KNUTH, the duly-appointed and acting Special Master in this general determination of water rights, submits his Eighth Status Report to the Court:

1. The Special Master submits this Eighth Status Report to the Court (this “Status Report”) in conjunction with the Status Conference scheduled before the Court on June 19, 2020.

2. A numeric and graphic summary of the Special Master's work, by subdivision, is attached to this Status Report as **Exhibit A**.

3. The Special Master issued his Seventh Status Report to the Court on December 16, 2019. Between that date and June 1, 2020, the following has transpired in this case:

A. The Special Master's Actions Since His Last Status Report

4. The Covid-19 pandemic has markedly impeded progress in the case since the Court issued its Administrative Order for Court Operations During Pandemic, dated March 21, 2020, and those restrictions remain in place as of the date of this report.

5. Since the Seventh Status Report, the Special Master has issued two (2) Reports and Recommendations to the District Judge for the dismissal or disposition by settlement of Objection Proceedings. *See Exhibit A*.¹

6. From December 16, 2019 to May 31, 2020, the Special Master and his team logged approximately 77.7 hours on the case.

7. From December 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020, the Special Master and his counsel have requested and received the Court's approval for \$22,914.20 for fees and costs related to the case.

¹ Exhibit A provides data representing the Special Master's work from the date of his appointment (June 28, 2016) through May 31, 2020—in other words, they are cumulative. The figures provided for the Special Master's progress since his Seventh Status Report were calculated by comparing the cumulative figures from Exhibit A to those provided in the Seventh Status Report.

B. Material Developments in the Case

8. The Special Master assisted the Court in the drafting of the Court's Procedural Order on Region-Wide Issues, issued by the Court on February 10, 2020. This order provides the procedural framework for identifying and designating issues of law that affect multiple objectors or multiple subdivisions in the case, and which qualify as such under the order.

9. From the date of the Special Master's appointment to May 31, 2020, he has filed 188 Reports and Recommendations, and 191 Objection Proceedings have been finally resolved—either through orders of dismissal, orders incorporating stipulations, voluntary withdrawals of Objections, or voluntary withdrawals of all Notices of Intent to Proceed in an Objection Proceeding. *See Exhibit A.*

10. All Objections have now been finally resolved in the following subdivisions:

- Spanish Fork Subdivision, Book 1 (51-1);
- Spanish Fork Subdivision, Book 2 (51-2);
- Palmyra-Lakeshore Subdivision (51-3);
- Birdseye Subdivision (51-5);
- Cedar Valley Subdivision (54-1);
- Round Valley Subdivision (55-1);
- Pleasant Grove Subdivision (55-8);
- Nibley Park Subdivision (57-5);
- Foothill Village Subdivision (57-13);
- Salt Lake County Northwest (59-1);

- Salt Lake County Central Subdivision (59-2);
- Salt Lake County West Subdivision (59-3);
- Salt Lake County Southwest Subdivision (59-4);
- Salt Lake County Supplement (59-5);
- Lehi Subdivision [LUR] (55-4);
- West Mill Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-6);
- Rose Park Subdivision [LUR] (57-8);
- Liberty Park Subdivision [LUR] (57-11);
- Oakland Place Subdivision [LUR] (57-12);
- Foothill Village Subdivision [LUR] (57-13);
- Parleys Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-14);
- Holladay Subdivision [LUR] (57-16);
- West Big Cottonwood Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-17);
- Big Cottonwood Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-18);
- West Murray Subdivision [LUR] (57-19);
- East Murray Subdivision [LUR] (57-20);
- Sandy/Midvale Subdivision [LUR] (57-21);
- Fort Union Subdivision [LUR] (57-22);
- Little Cottonwood Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-23);
- Willow Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-25);
- Draper Subdivision [LUR] (57-26).

11. All of the Objections that pre-date the Special Master's appointment have been disposed of, with the exception of those in the following subdivisions: Hobble Creek (51-4), Goshen Valley (53-1), and Emigration Creek (57-1). The Special Master anticipates that all of the Objections in the Goshen Valley Subdivision will be finally resolved by the end of 2020. The objections remaining in the Hobble Creek Subdivision are proceeding to resolution.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of June, 2020.

/s/ R. L. Knuth
R. L. Knuth,
Special Master

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 12th day of June, 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing SPECIAL MASTER'S EIGHTH STATUS REPORT TO COURT to be served on the same date, via electronic filing notification, on all parties requesting such notification in the above-captioned case.

/s/ R. L. Knuth _____

EXHIBIT A

**General Adjudication of Water Rights for the Utah Lake and Jordan River Drainage
Status Report for December 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020**

Subdivision	Objections	R&Rs	Final Dispositions
Spanish Fork Subdivision (51-1), Civil No. 365729801	13	13	13
Spanish Fork Subdivision (51-2), Civil No. 365729802	17	17	17
Palmyra-Lakeshore Subdivision (51-3), Civil No. 365729803	1	1	1
Hobble Creek Subdivision (51-4), Civil No. 365729804	36	16	16
Birdseye Subdivision (51-5), Civil No. 365729818	3	3	3
Goshen Valley Subdivision (53-1), Civil No. 365729806	4	3	3
Cedar Valley Subdivision (54-1), Civil No. 365729807	18	17	18
Round Valley Subdivision (55-1), Civil No. 365729808	4	4	4
Pleasant Grove Subdivision (55-8), Civil No. 365729811	6	6	7
Emigration Creek Subdivision (57-1), Civil No. 3657298012	1	0	0
Nibley Park Subdivision (57-5), Civil No. 365729820	4	4	4
Rose Park Subdivision (57-8), Civil No. 365729825	2	2	2
City Creek Subdivision (57-9), Civil No. 365729826	2	1	1
Dry Creek Subdivision (57-10), Civil No. 365729827	1	0	0
Oakland Place Subdivision (57-12), Civil No. 365729829	2	1	1
Foothill Village Subdivision (57-13), Civil No. 365729830	1	1	1
SLC Northwest Subdivision (59-1), Civil No. 365729813	6	5	6
SLC Central Subdivision (59-2), Civil No. 365729814	13	13	13
SLC West Subdivision (59-3), Civil No. 365729815	9	9	9
SLC Southwest Subdivision (59-4), Civil No. 365729816	9	9	9
SLC Supplement Subdivision (59-5), Civil No. 365729817	17	17	17
Lehi Subdivision [LUR] (55-4), Civil No. 365729844	6	6	6
West Mill Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-6), Civil No. 365729821	3	3	3
Rose Park Subdivision [LUR] (57-8), Civil No. 365729825	1	1	1
Liberty Park Subdivision [LUR] (57-11), Civ. No. 365729828	1	1	1
Oakland Place Subdivision [LUR] (57-12), Civ. No. 365729829	2	2	2
Foothill Village Subdivision [LUR] (57-13), Civil No. 365729830	1	1	1
Parleys Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-14), 365729831	3	3	3
Holladay Subdivision [LUR] (57-16), 365729833	2	2	2
West Big Cottonwood Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-17), 365729834	8	8	8
Big Cottonwood Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-18), Civil No. 365729835	3	3	3
West Murray Subdivision [LUR] (57-19), Civil No. 365729836	1	1	1

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East Murray Subdivision [LUR] (57-20), Civil No. 365729837	4	4	4
Sandy/Midvale Subdivision [LUR] (57-21), Civil No. 365729838	1	1	1
Fort Union Subdivision [LUR] (57-22), Civil No. 365729839	3	3	3
Little Cottonwood Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-23), Civil No. 365729840	1	1	1
Willow Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-25), Civil No. 365729842	5	5	5
Draper Subdivision [LUR] (57-26), Civil No. 365729843	1	1	1
Totals	215	188	191

Key	
LUR	Objections to List of Unclaimed Rights
R&Rs	Reports and Recommendations
Final dispositions	Final resolutions, including orders of dismissal, orders entering a stipulation, voluntary withdrawals of Objection, or voluntary withdrawals of all Notices of Intent in an Objection Proceeding