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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

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*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*

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

Civil No. 360057298

Hon. Laura S. Scott

(Rick L. Knuth, Special Master)

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

1. The Special Master submits this Ninth Status Report to the Court (this “Status Report”) in conjunction with the Status Conference scheduled before the Court on December 11, 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 Eighth Status Report to the Court on June 1, 2020. Between that date and November 30, 2020, the following has transpired in this case:

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

4. The restrictions imposed by the Court's Administrative Order for Court Operations During Pandemic, dated March 21, 2020, remain in place as of the date of this report. Though the Covid-19 pandemic continues to slow progress in the case, circumstances have improved and the pace of work in the case has increased substantially since the summer.

5. Since the June 1, 2020, the Special Master has issued thirteen (13) Reports and Recommendations to the District Judge for the dismissal or disposition by settlement of Objection Proceedings. *See Exhibit A*.<sup>1</sup>

6. From June 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020, the Special Master has logged approximately 73 hours on the case, and his counsel, Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough, has logged approximately 18.6 hours.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit A provides data representing the Special Master's work from the date of his appointment (June 28, 2016) through November 30, 2020—in other words, they are cumulative. The figures provided for the Special Master's progress since his Eighth Status Report were calculated by comparing the cumulative figures from Exhibit A to those provided in the Eighth Status Report.

7. From June 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020, the Special Master and his counsel have requested and received the Court's approval for \$20,008.60 for fees and costs related to the case.

**B. Material Developments in the Case**

8. From the date of the Special Master's appointment to November 30, 2020, he has filed 201 Reports and Recommendations, and 200 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.*

9. 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);
- Dry Creek Subdivision (57-10);
- 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);
- Provo City North Subdivision [LUR] (55-7);
- Provo Canyon Subdivision [LUR] (55-9);
- 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); and

- Draper Subdivision [LUR] (57-26).

10. 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). Only a single objection now remains pending in the Goshen Valley Subdivision. The objections remaining in the Hobble Creek Subdivision are proceeding to resolution, and trial dates in 2021 have been reserved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of December, 2020.

*/s/ R. L. Knuth* \_\_\_\_\_  
R. L. Knuth,  
Special Master

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing SPECIAL MASTER'S NINTH 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 June 1, 2020 to November 30, 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                 |
| Birsdye 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          | 1    | 1                  |
| 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                  |
| American Fork South Subdivision [LUR] (55-5), Civil No. 365729845 | 8          | 5    | 3                  |
| Provo City South Subdivision [LUR] (55-6), Civil No. 365729846    | 7          | 3    | 1                  |
| Provo City North Subdivision [LUR] (55-7), Civil No. 365729847    | 1          | 1    | 1                  |
| Provo Canyon Subdivision [LUR] (55-9), Civil No. 365729848        | 3          | 3    | 3                  |
| 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                  |

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| 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          |
| 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          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>234</b> | <b>201</b> | <b>200</b> |

| <b>Key</b>                |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>LUR</b>                | Objections to List of Unclaimed Rights  |
| <b>R&amp;Rs</b>           | Reports and Recommendations   |
| <b>Final dispositions</b> | 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 |