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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
SEVENTH 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 Seventh Status Report to the Court:

1. The Special Master submits this Seventh Status Report to the Court (this “Status Report”) in conjunction with the Status Conference scheduled before the Court on December 20, 2019.

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 Sixth Status Report to the Court on June 6, 2019. Between that date and December 16, 2019, the following has transpired in this case:

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

4. Since the Sixth Status Report, the Special Master has issued 14 Reports and Recommendations to the District Judge for the dismissal or disposition by settlement of Objection Proceedings. *See Exhibit A*.¹

5. The Special Master has met with Judge Scott, on at least a monthly basis, to discuss procedural and administrative issues in the case.

6. From June 6, 2019 to December 16, 2019, the Special Master and his team logged approximately 183.8 hours on the case.

7. From June 6, 2019 to December 16, 2019, the Special Master and his counsel have requested and received the Court's approval for \$44,035 for fees and costs related to the case.

B. Material Developments in the Case

8. From the Special Master's appointment to December 16, 2019, he has filed 187 Reports and Recommendations, and 190 Objection Proceedings have been finally

¹ Exhibit A provides data representing the Special Master's work from the date of his appointment (June 28, 2016) through December 16, 2019—in other words, they are cumulative. The figures provided for the Special Master's progress since his Sixth Status Report were calculated by comparing the cumulative figures from Exhibit A to those provided in the Sixth Status Report.

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);
- Goshen Valley Subdivision (53-1);
- 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).

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), 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 in a deliberate and satisfactory manner.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16th day of December, 2019.

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 16th day of December, 2019, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing SPECIAL MASTER'S SEVENTH 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, 2018 to November 30, 2018**

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	3	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	1	1
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	214	187	190

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