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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  
FIFTH 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 Fifth Status Report to the Court:

1. The Special Master submits this Fifth Status Report to the Court (this “Status Report”) in conjunction with the Status Conference scheduled before the Court on December 7, 2018.
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 Fourth Status Report to the Court on June 15, 2018. Between that date and November 30, 2018, the following has transpired in this case:

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

4. Since the Fourth Status Report, the Special Master has issued 25 Reports and Recommendations to the District Judge for the dismissal or disposition by settlement of Objection Proceedings, which includes eleven (11) Reports and Recommendations for removal of objections from Lists of Unclaimed Rights. *See Exhibit A.*<sup>1</sup>

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 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018, the Special Master and his team have logged approximately 252 hours on the case.

7. From June 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018, the Special Master and his counsel have requested and received the Court’s approval for \$68,959.18 for fees and costs related to the case.

**B. Material Developments in the Case**

8. From the Special Master’s appointment to November 30, 2018, he has filed 153 Reports and Recommendations, and 143 Objection Proceedings have been finally resolved—either through orders of dismissal, orders incorporating stipulations,

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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, 2018—in other words, they are cumulative. The figures provided for the Special Master’s progress since his Fourth Status Report were calculated by comparing the cumulative figures from Exhibit A to those provided in the Fourth Status Report.

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 eight (8) subdivisions:

- Spanish Fork Subdivision, Book 1 (51-1);
- Spanish Fork Subdivision, Book 2 (51-2);
- Palmyra-Lakeshore Subdivision (51-3);
- Cedar Valley Subdivision (54-1);
- Round Valley Subdivision (55-1);
- Salt Lake County Central Subdivision (59-2);
- Salt Lake County West Subdivision (59-3); and
- Salt Lake County Southwest Subdivision (59-4).

10. The Special Master believes that all, or substantially all, of the objections that pre-date his appointment will be the subject of a report and recommendation by mid-2019, with the exception of the Hobble Creek Subdivision (51-4), which the Special Master anticipates will be concluded by the end of 2020.

11. As previously reported, the State Engineer has followed through on his expressed intention to focus his efforts on issuing Proposed Determinations in the urbanized areas of Salt Lake County east of the Jordan River. Since the Fourth Status Report, all subdivisions in the Salt Lake County East Division have now been opened,<sup>2</sup> and initial Public Meeting dates have been set for two (2) other subdivisions: Dimple

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<sup>2</sup> *See Exhibit B*, which details the progress of the adjudication in the Salt Lake County Divisions.

Dell (57-24) and Willow Creek (57-25). The State Engineer has also opened the following subdivisions in the Provo River Division:

- Round Valley (55-1);
- American Fork Subdivision (55-2);
- Orem Subdivision (55-3);
- Lehi Subdivision (55-4);
- Provo City South Subdivision (55-5);
- Provo City North Subdivision (55-6);
- Provo Canyon (55-7); and
- Pleasant Grove (55-8).

The map attached as **Exhibit B** depicts the general adjudication area outlined in red, showing where each of the various subdivisions presently stands in the adjudication process.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2018.

*/s/ R. L. Knuth*

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R. L. Knuth,  
Special Master

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2018, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing SPECIAL MASTER'S FIFTH 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* \_\_\_\_\_

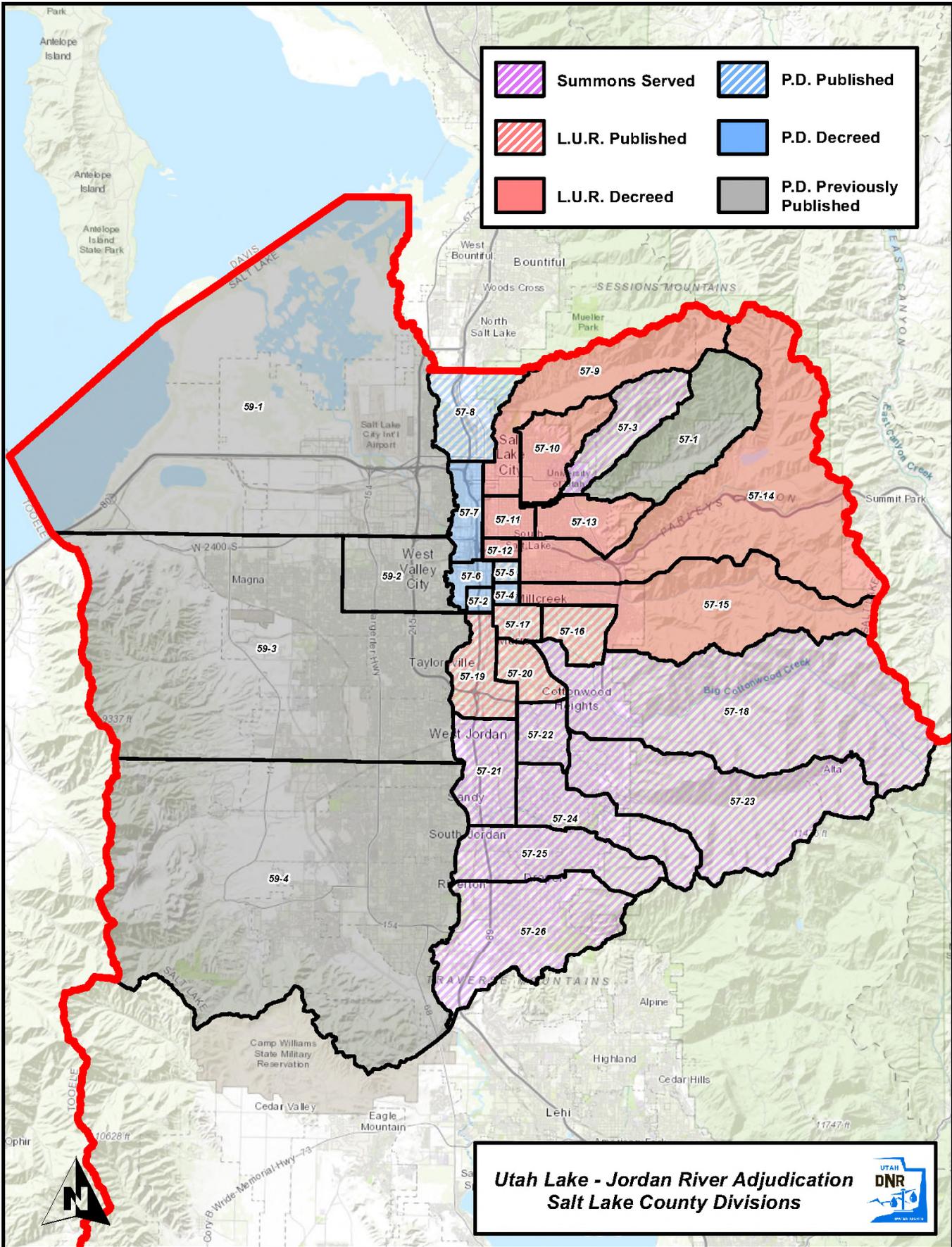
# EXHIBIT A

**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	11
Birdseye Subdivision (51-5), Civil No. 365729818	3	1	0
Goshen Valley Subdivision (53-1), Civil No. 365729806	3	2	1
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
SLC Northwest Subdivision (59-1), Civil No. 365729813	6	4	5
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	16	16
West Mill Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-6), Civil No. 365729821	3	3	3
Emigration Creek Subdivision (57-1), Civil No. 365729812	1	0	0
Nibley Park Subdivision (57-5), Civil No. 365729820	4	3	2
Foothill Village Subdivision (57-13), Civil No. 365729830	1	1	1
Rose Park Subdivision [LUR] (57-8), Civil No. 365729825	2	2	2
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	1
West Big Cottonwood Creek Subdivision [LUR] (57-17), 365729834	8	7	3
East Murray Subdivision [LUR] (57-20), 365729837	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>143</b>

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

# **EXHIBIT B**



	Summons Served		P.D. Published
	L.U.R. Published		P.D. Decreed
	L.U.R. Decreed		P.D. Previously Published

**Utah Lake - Jordan River Adjudication  
Salt Lake County Divisions**

