

Certificate No. 658  
Issued September 17, 1936

\*Reservoir Permit No. S-247

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A RESERVOIR AND TO STORE  
FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE  
UNAPPROPRIATED WATERS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

I, James T. Sanford (Name of Applicant)  
of Klondyke, County of Graham  
(Post office)  
State of Arizona, do hereby make application for a permit to construct  
the following described reservoir and to store the unappropriated waters of the State of Arizona, subject to existing  
rights.

If applicant is a corporation, give date and place of incorporation

1. The name of the proposed reservoir is Tank Canyon Reservoir

2. The name of the stream from which the reservoir is to be filled and the appropriation made is Aravaipa  
Tank Canyon, tributary of Aravaipa Creek.  
Tank 3/27/93 ltr.

3. The amount of water to be stored is two (2) acre feet per annum.

4. The use to be made of the impounded water is Stock watering  
(Irrigation, power, domestic supply, etc.)

5. The location of the proposed reservoir will be in Sec. approximately one acre in the  
NW 3/27/92 ltr  
SW 1/4, Section 11, T. 6 S., R. 18 E. about 1/8 mile north and half mile  
east from the corner of Section 11.  
(Give sections or townships to be submerged)

(a) State whether situated in channel of running stream and give character of material at outlet.  
Dam to be constructed across bed of dry canyon. Construction to be  
of cement and rock.

(b) If not in channel of running stream, state how it is to be filled. If through a feed canal, give name and  
dimensions

6. The dam will be located in NW 3/27/92 ltr  
SW 1/4, (Smallest legal subdivision), Sec. 11

\*A different form of application should be used for the appropriation of stored water to beneficial use. Such forms can be secured without charge, together with instructions, by addressing the State Water Commissioner, Phoenix, Arizona.

Tp. 6 S., R. 18 E., G. and S. R. B. & M. It will be 13 feet in height, having a length on top of 40 feet; length on bottom 7 feet; width on top 1 feet; slope on front or water side None; slope on back one-half; height of dam above water line when full None.

7. The construction of dam, the material of which it is to be built, and method of protection from waves are as follows: Rock and cement. No protection from waves necessary account of small area and amount of water impounded.

8. The location of wasteway with dimensions are as follows: over dam with natural rock spill-way on back of dam.

9. The location of outlet from the proposed reservoir, with character of construction and dimensions, are as follows: None.

10. The area submerged by the proposed reservoir, when full, will be one acres, with a maximum depth of water of six feet, and approximate mean depth of water two feet.

11. The estimated cost of the proposed work is \$ 300.00

12. Construction work will begin on or before July 15th 1935

13. Construction work will be completed on or before September 15, 1935

Duplicate maps of the proposed reservoir and storage works, prepared in accordance with the rules of the Commissioner, accompany this application.

JAMES T. SANFORD (Name of Applicant)

Signed in the presence of us as witnesses:

(1) VERNON H. HOUSEHOLDER, Safford, Arizona (Address of Witness)
(2) E. D. HOUSEHOLDER, Safford, Arizona (Address of Witness)

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FIFE SYMINGTON  
Governor

RITA P. PEARSON  
Director

April 22, 1993

Mr. L. Fred Decker  
Decker Ranches  
P.O. Box 325  
Taylor, Arizona 85939

Re: Revised Certificates of Water Right Nos. 42 (App. No. R-68.0004), 658 (App. No. R-489.0001) and 667 (App. No. R-511.0001).

Dear Mr. Decker:

The Director of the Department of Water Resources is pleased to forward the enclosed Revised Certificates of Water Right for your records. Copies of the Revised Certificates have been mailed to the Bureau of Land Management, Safford District Office.

The Revised Certificates is evidence of your water right. A duplicate copy of the Revised Certificates is maintained in the official records of this Department.

Your patience in complying with the requirements of the Public Water Code in perfecting these water rights is appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Hutchinson".

Louise Hutchinson  
Surface Water Rights Specialist  
Operations Division

Enclosures

cc: Bureau of Land Management  
Safford District Office

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P.O. 325  
Taylor, Az 85939

Please issue to Decker Ranch only with <sup>SAP 00093</sup> names

CERTIFICATES OF WATER RIGHTS - DECKER RANCHES

L. Fred Decker  
NOT FRED T DECKER

<u>CWR No.</u>	<u>Applic. No.</u>	<u>Place of Use</u>
42	R-68	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3 T6S R18E
658	R-489	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11 T6S R18E
667	R-511	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7 T6S R19E
3808	R-1963	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35 T5S R18E
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25882	33-25882	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9 T6S R18E

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(Please see 3/19/93 ltr. for encl. to ltrs)

March 26, 1993

Mr. David G. Decker  
Decker Ranches  
P.O. Box 12  
Taylor, Arizona 85937

Re: Revised Certificates of Water Right - See Enclosure.

Dear Mr. Decker:

This letter supersedes a letter to you from the Department dated April 30, 1992. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

The Department of Water Resources is prepared to issue Revised Certificates of Water Rights. The certification fee for each issued Revised Certificate is \$25.00. Please remit your check in the amount of \$250 to the Department of Water Resources for the certification of the 10 Revised Certificates on the enclosed list.

Revised Certificates of Water Right Nos. 42, 658 and 667, highlighted in yellow, will be issued solely to Decker Ranches because the original certificate were issued to an individual. The remainder of the Revised Certificates will be issued to the Decker Ranches, by and for the Bureau of Land Management.

Please call me at the above telephone number if you have further questions regarding the Revised Certificates.

Yours truly,

Louise Hutchinson  
Surface Water Rights Specialist  
Operations Division

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cc: Fred T. Decker

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March 26, 1993

Mr. Fred T. Decker  
Decker Ranches  
P.O. Box 325  
Snowflake, Arizona 85939

Re: Revised Certificates of Water Right - See Enclosure.

Dear Mr. Decker:

This letter supersedes a letter to David G. Decker from the Department dated April 30, 1992. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

The Department of Water Resources is prepared to issue Revised Certificates of Water Rights. The certification fee for each issued Revised Certificate is \$25.00. Please remit your check in the amount of \$250 to the Department of Water Resources for the certification of the 10 Revised Certificates on the enclosed list.

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Yours truly,

Louise Hutchinson  
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March 19, 1993

Mr. David G. Decker  
Decker Ranches  
P.O. Box 325  
Snowflake, Arizona 85939

Re: Revised Certificates of Water Right - See Enclosure.

Dear Mr. Decker:

This letter supersedes a letter to you from the Department dated April 30, 1992. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

The Department of Water Resources is prepared to issue Revised Certificates of Water Rights. The certification fee for each issued Revised Certificate is \$25.00. Please remit your check in the amount of \$250 to the Department of Water Resources for the certification of the 10 Revised Certificates on the enclosed list.

Revised Certificates of Water Right Nos. 42, 658 and 667, highlighted in yellow, will be issued solely to Decker Ranches because the original certificate were issued to an individual. The remainder of the Revised Certificates will be issued to the Decker Ranches, by and for the Bureau of Land Management.

Please call me at the above telephone number if you have further questions regarding the Revised Certificates.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Hutchinson".

Louise Hutchinson  
Surface Water Rights Specialist  
Operations Division

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cc: BLM, Safford District Office

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## REVISED CERTIFICATES OF WATER RIGHTS, DECKER RANCH

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42	R-68	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3 T6S R18E
658	R-489	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11 T6S R18E
667	R-511	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7 T6S R19E
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25882	33-25882	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9 T6S R18E

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April 30, 1992

Mr. David G. Decker  
 Decker Ranches  
 P.O. Box 325  
 Snowflake, Arizona 85939

FIFE SYMINGTON  
 Governor

Re: Issuance of Revised Certificates of Water Right; Completion of Assignment Action, Certificates of Water Right, Nos. 42, 658, 667, 3808, 3809, 3810, 3811, 25880, 25881, and 25882

ELIZABETH ANN RIEKE  
 Director

Dear Mr. Decker:

The original of certificated water rights number 3808, 3809, 3810, 3811, 25880, 25881, and 25882 were issued to either D.B. Sanford or the Flying W Ranch, respectively, by and for the State of Arizona. This specific designation of holder appears on the actual documents. The lands involved with these certificates were reconveyed from the State Trust to the Bureau of Land Management.

As a result of your completed assignment and the land reconveyance, the Department of Water Resources is prepared to issue revised versions of the seven certificated water rights above. The revised certificates are to be issued to the Decker Ranches, by and for the Bureau of Land Management. A processing fee of \$25.00 is required for each of the seven revised certificates. The revised certificates will be issued upon receipt of the \$175.00 fee payment made out to the Department of Water Resources. We are returning herewith the three checks for fee payments previously requested.

Certificates of water right numbers 42, 658, and 667 were previously issued solely to J.T. Sanford. The certificates do not indicate the landowner as co-holder of the water right. Given the location of each of these three water rights, they appear to have been located on State Trust lands, until reconveyed to the Federal government.

The Department's Director has recently tasked the agency Legal Division to issue a formal policy statement regarding the situation of apparent lessees solely holding previously-issued water rights on leased lands. The concepts of personal property rights versus stewardship by the landowner of the resources of the land bear weight upon the resolution of whether or not a lessee is entitled to hold water rights on leased lands. The Director places a high priority on issuing a formal statement of policy in the near future.

Given this situation, I will refrain from issuing any revised certificates for certificates 42, 658, and 667 until such time as a formal statement of policy has been issued by the Director.

Yours truly,

Joe B. Stuart  
 Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
 Operations Division  
 Telephone (602) 542-1581

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April 30, 1992



FIFE SYMINGTON  
 Governor

ELIZABETH ANN RIEKE  
 Director

Mr. Ray A. Brady  
 District Manager  
 Bureau of Land Management  
 Safford District Office  
 425 E. 4th Street  
 Safford, Arizona 85546

Re: Revised Certificates of Water Right, Decker Ranch

Dear Mr. Brady:

In response to your letter of March 27, 1992, with reference to the ten certificated water rights, the Department is prepared to issue seven revised certificates to the current lessee, by and for the Bureau of Land Management. These seven revised certificates are to be issued for certificates 3808, 3809, 3810, 3811, 25880, 25881, and 25882.

The seven referenced certificates were previously issued to Mr. Sanford, by and for the State of Arizona. Following established operational policy, these certificates, upon reconveyance of the land from the State of Arizona to the Federal government, are to be issued to the lessee, by and for BLM.

Three other certificates, 42, 658, and 667, were previously issued to the individual, without mention of the landowner. The Department assumes that the land was part of the State Trust at the time these water rights were certificated. However, the certificates were issued solely to the individual.

The Department's Legal Division has been tasked by the Director to issue a formal policy statement regarding this very situation in which a water right was awarded to an individual on leased property. Over the past several years, discussions concerning this issue have been fruitless. The seemingly conflicting ideas of property rights versus stewardship of the natural resource have affected whether or not a lessee is or is not entitled to holdership of the water right. The Director, however, has placed the resolution of this matter as a very high priority on her agenda. I do expect some formal decision within several weeks.

Given this situation, I will refrain from issuing any revised certificate for certificates 42, 658, and 667 until such time as I have a formal, recognized statement of policy from the Director.

Yours truly,

Joe B. Stuart  
 Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
 Operations Division  
 Telephone (602) 542-1581

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# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SAFFORD DISTRICT OFFICE  
425 E. 4TH STREET  
SAFFORD, ARIZONA 85546  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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March 27, 1992

*HEAD FILE  
CWR 42*

Mr. Joe B. Stuart  
Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
Operations Division  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
15 South 15th Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Stuart:

In your letter, dated February 24, 1992, you stated that your office was prepared to issue revised Certificates of Water Right for ten water sources. You asked us to confirm name and address of current lessee and verify places of use, as given in the list.

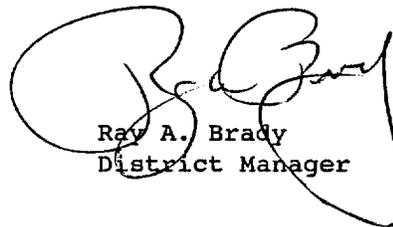
The current lessee is the Decker Ranches (Fred Decker), P.O. Box 325, Taylor, Arizona 85939. The following waters have incomplete or incorrect legal descriptions. They are given by certificate number, corrected Place of Use, and name (by our records). The locations were verified with aerial photos and maps.

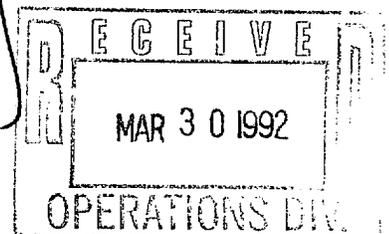
<u>CWR No.</u>	<u>Place of Use</u>	<u>Name</u>
42	NENE03, T. 6 S., R. 18 E.	Trap Tank
658	SWNW11, T. 6 S., R. 18 E.	Tank Canyon Tank
667	NENE07, T. 6 S., R. 19 E.	Gardenhire Reservoir
3811	NENW06 T. 6 S., R. 19 E.	Jack's Tank

Your letter also stated that the revised Certificates would be issued to the lessee. We respectfully request the Certificates be issued to the Bureau of Land Management, Safford District, for and in behalf of current and future permittees or lessees.

If there are questions about our request or the information provided, please contact Delbert Molitor, District Hydrologist.

Sincerely,

  
Ray A. Brady  
District Manager



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ELIZABETH ANN RIEKE  
Director

February 24, 1992

Mr. Delbert Molitar  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
Safford District Office  
425 East Fourth Street  
Safford, Arizona 85546

Re: Ten Revised Certificates of Water Right for Decker Ranches

Dear Mr. Molitar:

The Department of Water Resources is prepared to issue Revised Certificates of Water Right. According to information available to the Department, these water rights appear to be located on Bureau of Land Management lands reconveyed from the State of Arizona.

Information available to the Department indicates that the lessee of the land where the proposed appropriations are located is Decker Ranches. The following is a list of the Certificates of Water Right to be revised and the location of the place of use for each listed right:

<u>CWR No.</u>	<u>Applic. No.</u>	<u>Place of Use</u>	<u>County</u>
42	R-68	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3 T6S R18E	Pinal
658	R-489	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11 T6S R18E	Pinal
667	R-511	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7 T6S R19E	Graham
3808	R-1963	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35 T5S R18E	Pinal
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25882	33-25882	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9 T6S R18E	Pinal

Please confirm the name and address of the current lessee and verify all places of use shown in the list above. The Revised Certificates will be issued to lessee, by and for BLM, per Arizona Administrative Code Rule 12-15-301.

If you have any questions in this matter, please feel free to contact Louise Hutchinson in the Operations Division.

Yours truly,

Joe B. Stuart  
Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
Operations Division  
Telephone (602) 542-1581

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ELIZABETH ANN RIEKE  
Director

February 6, 1992

Mr. David G. Decker  
Decker Ranches  
P.O. Box 325  
Snowflake, Arizona 85939

Re: Request for Certification Fee for Certificates of Water Right Nos. 42  
(Applic. No. R-68.0001), 658 (Applic. No. R-489.0001), 667 (Applic. No.  
R-511.0001), 3808 (Applic. No. R-1963.0001), 3809 (Applic. No. R-  
1964.0001), 3810 (Applic. No. R-1965.0001), 3811 (Applic. No. R-  
1966.0001), 33-25880.0001, 33-25881.0001 and 33-25882.0001.

Dear Mr. Decker:

Revised Certificates of Water Right may not be issued for the referenced certificates because the certification fees have not been paid.

The fees were previously requested on September 16, 1991. A copy of that request is enclosed for your reference.

If the Department does not receive payment for the required fees within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of this letter, I will recommend that the referenced certificates be cancelled for failure to proceed with due diligence.

Please contact Louise Hutchinson if you have any questions regarding the certification fees.

Yours truly,

Joe B. Stuart  
Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
Operations Division  
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Enclosure

Certified Mail No. 509 415 884

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ELIZABETH ANN RIEKE  
 Director

September 16, 1991

*Lead file is  
 CWR 42*

Mr. David G. Decker  
 Decker Ranches  
 P.O. Box 325  
 Snowflake, Arizona 85939

Re: Assignment (Conveyance) of Certificates of Water Right Nos. 42 (Applic. No. R-68.0001), 658 (Applic. No. R-489.0001), 667 (Applic. No. R-511.0001), 3808 (Applic. No. R-1963.0001), 3809, (Applic. No. R-1964.0001), 3810 (Applic. No. R-1965.0001), 3811 (Applic. No. R-1966.0001), 33-25880.0001, 33-25881.0001 and 33-25882.0001.

From: Flying W Cattle Company and Duard Sanford  
 To: Decker Ranches

Dear Mr. Decker:

The referenced assignment action has been completed as required by Arizona Revised Statutes, 45-163 and -164. The official records of the Department have been revised to indicate the name and address of the current holder of the referenced certificates.

Enclosed please find a receipt for the previously submitted payment of the assignment processing fee.

The Department of Water Resources is prepared to issue Revised Certificates of Water Right for the ten referenced certificates. Enclosed for your files are copies of the original certificates. The certification fee requires a payment of \$25.00 for each Revised Certificate, which includes \$9.00 each for the recording fee. Please remit to the Department three separate checks made payable as follows:

**\$116.00 payable to the Department of Water Resources;**  
**\$63.00 payable to the Pinal County Recorder;**  
**\$21.00 payable to the Graham County Recorder.**

Please contact Louise Hutchinson in the Operations Division if you have further questions regarding the assignment process or the Revised Certificates.

Yours truly,

Joe B. Stuart  
 Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
 Operations Division  
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cc: Bureau of Land Management  
 Safford District Office

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April 11, 1991

Mr. Delbert Molitor  
Bureau of Land Management  
Safford District Office  
425 East Fourth Street  
Safford, Arizona 85546

Re: Assignment (Conveyance) of Certificates of Water Right Nos. 658 and 171 -  
Deed of Reconveyance No. 96-93117

Dear Mr. Molitor:

Thanks for sending the requested Deed of Reconveyance from the State of Arizona reflecting the transfer of the two referenced water right claims that are now located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. However, in order to complete the assignment the Department requests the following:

1. An Application for Assignment form must be filled out showing conveyance of water rights from one entity to the other. The assignment form must have signatures of both the assignor and assignee. A representative of either party may sign on their behalf. Each water right or claim being assigned must be listed on the form or on an attachment to the form. Since the water rights are located on BLM lands, please confirm if there are any current allottees and advise our office on how the assignment should be recorded and to whom the revised certificates should be issued.
2. The current examination fee schedule requires the submission of \$5.00 for each water right or claim being assigned.

Enclosed for your convenience is an Application for Assignment form. Please complete as soon as possible and return with the proper fee to the attention of Louise Hutchinson.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe B. Stuart".

Joe B. Stuart  
Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
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Telephone (602) 542-1581

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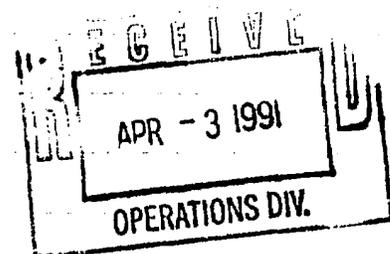
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Louise-

Enclosed is a copy of the Deed of Reconveyance that transferred lands from the ASLD to BLM in the Aravaipa Canyon area, as we discussed on the phone Friday. This document contains those particular lands that we discussed.

Della Melton



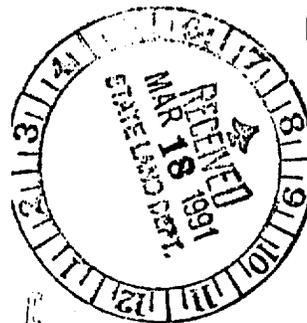
Joe,

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these are on BLM lands, as a result of an ASCD to BLM exchange. In the future, we'll welcome the opportunity for such assignments; however, as we had discussed, actual time required for SLD/lessee coordination may exceed a DWR 30 day deadline. Thanks - Tim

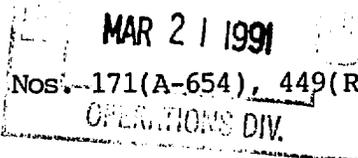
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FIFE SYMINGTON Governor

N.W. PLUMMER Director

Phoenix, Arizona 85007



Re: Certificate of Water Right Nos. 171(A-654), 449(R-381) and 658(R-489)

Dear Tim:

The Department of Water Resources has received information indicating that the land on which the referenced water rights are located is State Trust Land.

Pursuant to the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §45-163 and §45-164, the enclosed Assignment form must be completed in order for us to reflect the change in the holder of the water right. The assignment action requires that you submit evidence of the change in landownership by including a recorded deed, title, or other official documentation of the transaction.

A description of the land involved in the transaction must accompany or be included in the evidence of change of ownership or lease. The assignment action must be signed by the assignees/buyers and the assignors/sellers. There is a five dollar (\$5.00) examination fee required for each water right, application or claim being assigned.

Copies of the referenced Certificates are enclosed for your reference.

Please respond to this request within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,

*Joe B. Stuart*

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Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
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15 South 15th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Telephone (602) 542-1553

Fax (602) 256-0506



March 15, 1991

FIFE SYMINGTON  
GovernorN.W. PLUMMER  
DirectorArizona State Land Department  
Attn: Tim Erwin  
1616 W. Adams St.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Certificate of Water Right Nos. 171(A-654), 449(R-381) and 658(R-489)

Dear Tim:

The Department of Water Resources has received information indicating that the land on which the referenced water rights are located is State Trust Land.

Pursuant to the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §45-163 and §45-164, the enclosed Assignment form must be completed in order for us to reflect the change in the holder of the water right. The assignment action requires that you submit evidence of the change in landownership by including a recorded deed, title, or other official documentation of the transaction.

A description of the land involved in the transaction must accompany or be included in the evidence of change of ownership or lease. The assignment action must be signed by the assignees/buyers and the assignors/sellers. There is a five dollar (\$5.00) examination fee required for each water right, application or claim being assigned.

Copies of the referenced Certificates are enclosed for your reference.

Please respond to this request within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe B. Stuart".

Joe B. Stuart  
Manager, Surface Water Rights Systems  
Operations Division  
Telephone (602) 542-1581

JBS:je

Enclosures

Certified Mail No.

**RECEIPT**N<sup>o</sup> **4746**

STATE OF ARIZONA  
 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
 OPERATIONS DIVISION  
 15 SOUTH 15TH AVENUE  
 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007  
 (602) 542-1581

Mr. L. Fred Decker  
 Decker Ranches  
 P.O. Box 325  
 Taylor, Arizona 85939

ENTRY CODE 33's

FILE NO.

THRU

ITEM DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
Certification Fees for Ten (10) Revised Certifi-	25.00	250.00
cates of Water Right Nos. 42 (R-68.0004), 658		
(R-489.0001), 667 (R-511.0001), 3808 (R-1963.0001),		
3809 (R-1964.0001), 3810 (R-1965.0001), 3811		
(R-1966.0001) 25880 (33-25880.0001), 25881		
(33-25881.0001) and 25882 (33-25882.0001).		

CHECK NO. 3205 FEE ACCOUNT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ 250.00CHIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY lh DATE 4/21/93

# RECEIPT

Mr. David G. Decker  
 Decker Ranches  
 P.O. Box 325  
 Snowflake, Arizona 85939

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 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
 OPERATIONS DIVISION  
 15 SOUTH 15TH AVENUE  
 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007  
 (602) 542-1581

ENTRY CODE 33

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ THRU \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
Assignment (Conveyance) of Certificates of Water Right	5.00	50.00
Nos. 42 (Applic. No. <sup>R-</sup> 68.0001), 658 (Applic. No. <sup>R-</sup> 489.0001),		
667 (Applic. No. <sup>R-</sup> 511.0001), 3808 (Applic. No. <sup>R-</sup> 1963.0001),		
3809 (Applic. No. <sup>R-</sup> 1964.0001), 3810 (Applic. No. <sup>R-</sup> 1965.0001),		
3811 (Applic. No. <sup>R-</sup> 1966.0001), 33-25880.0001, 33-25881.0001		
and 33-25882.0001.		
FROM: Flying W Cattle Company and Duard Sanford		
TO: Decker Ranches		

**PAID**

CHECK NO. 4068

FEE ACCOUNT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ 50.00

CHIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY lh

DATE 9/13/91

Remarks: at least number of Cattle to be watered is about 200 Hd

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County of Maricopa. } ss.

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In order to retain its priority, this application must be returned to the State Water Commissioner, with corrections on or before October 23, 1935.

WITNESS my hand this 24th day of August, 1935.

( S E A L )

EDWIN T. STEWART  
State Water Commissioner.

STATE OF ARIZONA, }  
County of Maricopa. } ss.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing application and do hereby grant the same, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

Actual construction work shall begin on or before September 27, 1936, and shall thereafter be prosecuted with reasonable diligence and be completed on or before November 27, 1936.

WITNESS my hand this 28th day of September, 1935.

( S E A L )

EDWIN T. STEWART  
State Water Commissioner.

COMPLETED

Certificate No. 658  
Issued 9-17-36.

Application No. R-489

Reservoir Permit No. R-347

PERMIT

To construct a reservoir and store for beneficial  
use the Unappropriated waters of  
the State of Arizona

Division No. District No.

*This instrument was first received in the office of  
the State Water Commissioner at Phoenix, Arizona, on*

the 27th day of June

1935, at 9:10 o'clock A. M.

Returned to applicant for correction:

August 24, 1935.

Corrected application received:

September 4, 1935.

Approved September 23, 1935.

Recorded in Book No. 3 of Reservoirs on Page

489

(SEAL) EDW. H. T. STEWART  
State Water Commissioner.

Certificate Record No. 658

Page No. 658

STATE OF ARIZONA

WATER DISTRICT NO.

COUNTY OF PINAL

CERTIFICATE OF WATER RIGHT

(For rights perfected under original, enlargement or secondary permits)

This is to Certify, That James T. Sanford,

of Klondyke, State of Arizona, has made proof to the satisfaction of the STATE WATER COMMISSIONER of Arizona, of a right to the use of the waters of ~~the~~ Tank Canyon <sup>Jank</sup>, a tributary of Arivaipa Creek,

for the purpose of Stockwatering  
R-489,

under Application No. / Permit No. R-247 of the State Water Commission, and that said right to the use of said waters has been perfected in accordance with the laws of Arizona, and made and entered of record

in the Records of the State Water Commissioner at Phoenix, Arizona, in Volume 2, at page 658,

on the 17th day of September, 1936; that the priority of the right hereby confirmed dates

from June 27, 1935; that the amount of water to which such right is entitled and hereby confirmed, for the purposes aforesaid, is limited to an amount actually beneficially used for said purposes, and shall per annum.

not exceed 651,657.60 gallons. ~~= cubic feet per second =~~

A description of the lands under such right, and to which the water hereby confirmed is appurtenant, or if for other purposes, the place where such water is put to beneficial use, is as follows:

At Tank Canyon Reservoir, located in Tank Canyon, about One Eighth (1/8) mile North and One Half (1/2) mile East from the Southwest Corner of Section Eleven (11), Township Six (6) South, Range Eighteen (18) East, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 11.

*For correction  
see 3/27/92 ltr.  
SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 11  
T6S R18E.  
Tank Canyon Tank*

The right to the use of the water aforesaid hereby confirmed is restricted to the lands or place of use herein described, and subject to all prior existing rights.

Rights to the use of water for power purposes are limited to a period of forty years from the date of priority of the right, as herein set forth, subject to a preference right of renewal under the laws existing at the date of the expiration of the right for power purposes, as hereby confirmed and limited.

Witness the seal and signature of the STATE

WATER COMMISSIONER affixed this

17th day of September, 19 36.

(SEAL)

By EDWIN T. STEWART  
State Water Commissioner.

Attest: TESSIE L. FLYNN  
Secretary.

Recorded in State Record of Water Right Certificates, Volume 2, Page 658.



DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
CONVEYANCE TRACKING SHEET

CWR #658.0000

App. #R-489.0000  
651,657,60 gpa  
stockwatering  
James T. Sanford

Klondyke, AZ 6/27/35

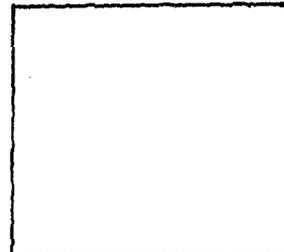
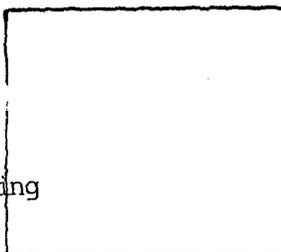
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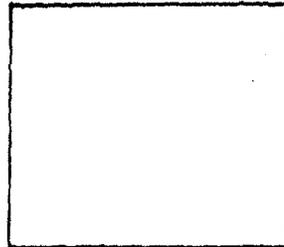
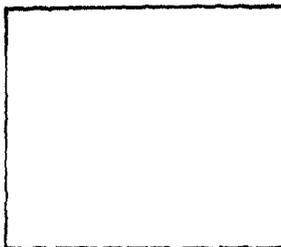
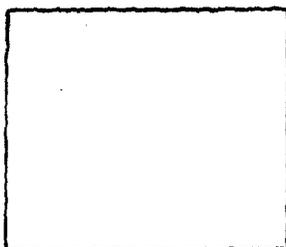
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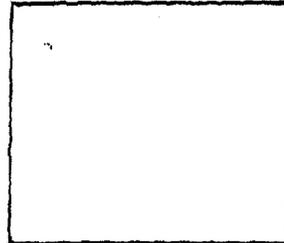
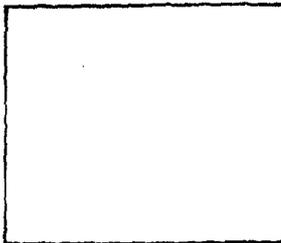
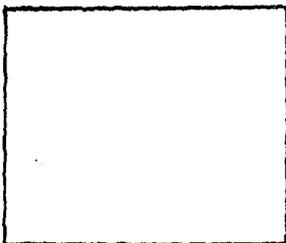
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Sept. 16, 1991



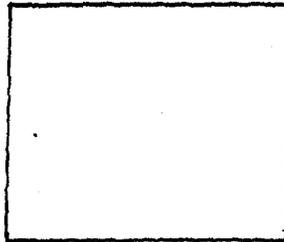
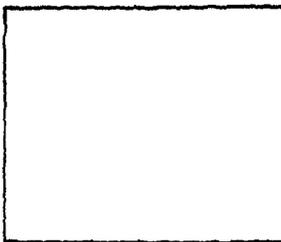
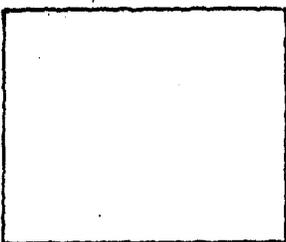
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**This is to Certify, That Decker Ranches, P.O. Box 325, Taylor, Arizona, 85939,**

**(hereafter referred to as "transferee," whether one or more) has made proof to the satisfaction of the Arizona Department of Water Resources that the interest of James T. Sanford, Klondyke, Arizona,**

**in a right to the use of the water of Tank Canyon, a tributary of Aravaipa Creek, a tributary of the San Pedro River,**

**under Certificate of Water Right Number 658.0000, issued pursuant to Title 45, Chapter 1, Article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, for the purpose or uses of stockwatering,**

**with a date of priority of June 27, 1935, has been conveyed to transferee.**

**The amount of water to which transferee is entitled is limited to an amount beneficially used, but shall not exceed 651,657.60 gallons per annum.**

**The amount of water transferee is entitled to store is limited to 2.0 acre-feet per annum stored in Tank Canyon Tank.**

**The land to which a right for an irrigation purpose is appurtenant, in whole or in part, or on which a right for other purposes shall be used and the point of diversion, are described as being within the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 18 East, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Pinal County, Arizona.**

**The right to the use of the water whose conveyance to transferee is hereby acknowledged is restricted to the purpose and to the land described in this certificate and is subject to all prior existing water rights. If the right assigned was perfected under Title 45, Chapter 1, Article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, the right is also subject to all water rights described in Section 45-272, Subsection B, Arizona Revised Statutes. Transferee takes the right subject to any forfeiture or abandonment of the water right, in whole or in part, by previous holders of the water right.**

**Certificate No. 658.0001**

**is granted this 23rd day of April, 1993.**



**Rita P. Pearson, Director**

The Department of Water Resources must be notified if a change of address is made by the above named person(s) or if ownership of the land or of the water right is conveyed to another person(s), A.R.S. §45-164,B.

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DATA ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

To: Ursula

Date: 9-16-91

From Louise

File No.s: R - 68 . 0001

STATUS OF PREVIOUS FILES:

Inactive/ full assignment

489 . 0001

511 . 0001

1963 . 0001

STATUS OF NEW FILES:

Active/Active -----

1964 . 0001

1965 . 0001

1966 . 0001

ACTION CODE FOR PREVIOUS FILES:

Code 58 Dates: 9-16-91

ACTION CODE FOR NEW FILES:

Code 83 Dates: 9-16-91

LAND OWNERSHIP CHANGE  
to: BLM, Safford District etc.

FOR 38's ONLY:

Last Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Next Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW HOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS:

Decker Ranches  
P.O. Box 325  
Snowflake, AZ 85939  
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ENTERED SEP 18 1991

COMMENTS:

RCBI - Please return to Louise.  
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Thanks,

Arizona Department of Water Resources  
15 South 15th Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF WATER RIGHT

*For further  
reference see Lead  
File CWR No. 42.*

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

(Note: General and special instructions are on the reverse of this form.)

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-164.B, the undersigned parties hereby notify the Arizona Department of Water Resources of the assignment of the following water rights or claims, in whole, or in part:

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Registry Number</u>
	See Attached Addendum Hereto
\$5.00 Application For Permit to Appropriate Public Water No.	33(A & R)- _____
\$5.00 Permit to Appropriate Public Water No.	33(A & R)- _____
\$5.00 Certificate of Water Right No.	33(A, R & BB)- _____
\$5.00 Statement of Claim of Right-Registration No.	36- _____
\$5.00 Claim for Stockpond Water Rights Application No.	38- _____
\$5.00 Stockpond Water Right Certificate No.	38- _____

(Note: Use attachment for additional listing of rights of claims)

SELLER(S)/ASSIGNOR(S)

BUYER(S)/ASSIGNEE(S)

Name Duard Sanford  
(Print or Type)

Name Decker Ranches  
(Print or Type)

Address RT 2 Box 1008  
Sanford 85548

Address P.O. Box 325  
Taylor, AZ 85939

Phone No. (602) 428-1168

Phone No. (602) 536-9419

D. B. Sanford  
SIGNATURE

[Signature]  
Please Print or Type Name  
SIGNATURE

FILED  
SEP 13 1991

RECEIVED  
MAY 31 1991  
OPERATIONS DIV

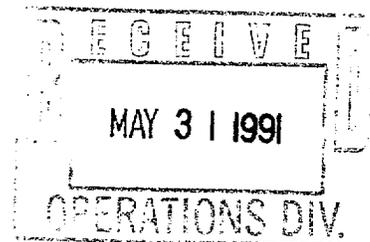
ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION  
FOR ASSIGNMENT  
OF WATER RIGHTS

Assignor        D. B. Sanford

Assignee        Decker Ranches

<u>Places of Use</u>	<u>Application #</u>	<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Certificate #</u>
NE 3 6S 18E	3R-0000068	0000045	0000042
SW SW 11 6S 18E	3R-0000489	0000247	0000658
SE NE 7 6S 19E	3R-0000511	0000265	0000667
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SE NW 2 6S 18E	3R-0001964	0002039	0003809
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MAY 13 1991



Remarks: Maximum number of Cattle to be watered is about 200 Hd

STATE OF ARIZONA, } ss.  
County of Maricopa.

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State Water Commissioner.

Certificate No. 658  
Issued 9-17-36.

R-489

Application No. R-489

Reservoir Permit No. R-247

**PERMIT**

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*Recorded in Book No. 3 of Reservoirs on Page*

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*State Water Commissioner.*