

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

12/02/2021

SPECIAL WATER MASTER SUSAN WARD HARRIS

In re: The General Adjudication of All Rights To Use Water in the Gila River System and Source  
Contested Case No. W1-11-1502  
Contested Case Name In Re: Riley West, Inc.

In Re: Status Conference

CLERK OF THE COURT

L. Brown

Deputy

FILED: 12/09/21

**MINUTE ENTRY**

Central Court Building- Courtroom 301

3:00 p.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference In Re: Riley West, Inc. before Special Master Susan Ward Harris.

The following attorneys and parties appear via Court Connect/ Microsoft Teams and via telephone:

- Mark McGinnis on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Kimberly Parks, on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Richard Palmer Jr. on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Joseph Sparks on behalf of San Carlos Apache Tribe
- David Brown on behalf of the Keith Family
- Brad Pew on behalf of ASARCO, LLC
- Rhett Billingsley on behalf of Cross Y, LLC
- Sue Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation (observing on behalf of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
- Thomas Murphy on behalf of Gila River Indian Community
- John Burnside on behalf of BHP Copper
- Carla Consoli on behalf of the Nature Conservancy

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Mr. David Alm was sent notice of today's hearing at his last known address and the mail was returned as undeliverable. Mr. Alm will therefore be removed from the mailing list.

Mr. Billingsley addresses the Court. Cross Y, LLC acquired all of the property that is covered by the watershed file report in this case earlier this year. It is in the process of having the water rights claims assigned into its name. He believes there are pre-1919 water rights associated with the property and will be pursuing documents from the National Archives and elsewhere to support priority dates for the property. He would like to request some time, similar to some of the other cases, where he will be able to provide a report to the Court as soon as he obtains those documents and to provide an update on the claims. He has not filed a request with the National Archives but will do so soon.

Mrs. Consoli addresses the Court. We are just monitoring this matter.

IT IS ORDERED granting Mr. Billingsley's request. Mr. Billingsley will provide notice once documents have been obtained from the National Archives and then an estimate of the amount of time needed to meet with other parties to resolve objections.

3:05 p.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all parties on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested case.

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