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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE
GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

W-1 (Salt)
W-2 (Verde)
W-3 (Upper Gila)
W-4 (San Pedro)

Consolidated

Contested Case No. W1-11-19

(Consolidated)

ORDER TO SEPARATE CONTESTED
CASES

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Sands Group of Cases*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order to remove and separate W1-11-2401 from the cases consolidated under this W1-11-19.

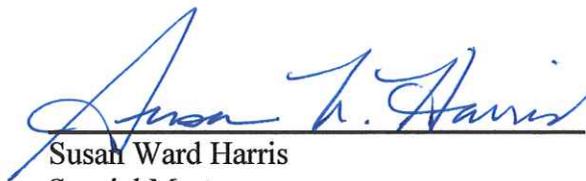
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1 This consolidated case consists of the Group 1 test cases involving water claims for stock
2 watering, stockponds and domestic use. By order dated December 3, 1993, *In re Mercer Group of*
3 *Cases*, contested case W1-11-2401¹, was consolidated into this contested case. Under current law,
4 a claimant who has asserted claims for irrigation use and Small Water Use Claims shall have the
5 Small Water Uses Claims determined in conjunction with the claims for water for irrigation use.
6 A.R.S. §45-257(A)(1). The term “Small Water Use Claims” includes claims for stock watering and
7 stockponds with a capacity of not more than 15 acre feet. A.R.S. §45-251(9).
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9 The contested case *In re Virgil E. Mercer*, Contested Case No. W1-11-2444, initiated on May
10 4, 2020, will adjudicate the claims asserted by for water rights for irrigation use. In accordance with
11 A.R.S. §45-257(A)(1), the claims for Small Water Use made by the successors in interest to Virgil
12 E. Mercer asserting rights to water for irrigation use shall be determined in conjunction with those
13 irrigation claims. Accordingly,
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15 **IT IS ORDERED** that contested cases W1-11-2401 shall be severed from this contested case.
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19 Susan Ward Harris
20 Special Master
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23 On May 4, 2020, the original of the foregoing was
24 delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior
25 Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons
26 listed on the Court approved mailing list for Contested
27 Case No. W1-11-19.
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¹ *In re Mercer Group of Cases* is a consolidation of eight separate cases: W1-11-2401, W1-11-2405, W1-11-2408, W1-11-2438, W1-11-2442, W1-11-2444, W1-11-2576, W1-11-2577, and W1-11-3355.