

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

02/04/2020

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SUSAN WARD HARRIS

T. DeRaddo
Deputy

In re: Magma Copper Company
Contested Case No. W1-11-2394

FILED: 2/11/2020

In Re: The General Adjudication
of all Rights to Use Water in the
Gila River System and Source
W-1, W-2, W-3 and W-4 (Consolidated)

In re: Status Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

2:26 p.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference before Special Water Master Susan Ward Harris.

The following attorneys appear in person: Mark McGinnis on behalf of Salt River Project; John Burnside on behalf of BHP Copper, Carlos Ronstadt on behalf of the Swift Current Land & Cattle, LLC.

The following attorneys appear telephonically: Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe; Kimberly Parks on behalf of ADWR; Brad Pew on behalf of Asarco and the LCR Coalition; Robin Interpreter on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe; Richard Palmer on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe; and Charles Cahoy on behalf of the City of Phoenix.

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

Mr. Ronstadt reports that he is working on getting an assignment of the Statements of Claimant (“SOCs”) from BHP Copper. Mr. Ronstadt states that he believes that he will be able to get them out within two or three weeks. He states that BHP Copper will obtain the signatures on the assignments, and he does not anticipate any problems.

Mr. Burnside states that BHP Copper will not be asserting any claim for water rights with regard to the SOCs. BHP will be assigning them.

Mr. Ronstadt states that he will need time to go the property and review the files as well. He is unsure whether “the big field” has been irrigated or not. He believes the “north end” has been irrigated, but is unsure if that area is on the property or off. Mr. Ronstadt believes that he will need a month or two to track down and decipher all of the information, and possibly file an amendment to the claim.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT that ADWR found that one well provides water for domestic use and irrigation use.

Mr. Ronstadt shall attempt to work out any objections with the objectors.

In order to review the aerial photos, make amendments, meet with the parties, and come up with stipulated abstracts, Mr. Ronstadt reports that he will need approximately four months to complete this process.

IT IS ORDERED by not later than May 29, 2020, Mr. Ronstadt shall either file the stipulated abstracts and a proposed form of order or file a status report.

Mr. Ronstadt has filed his notice of appearance. The Court has signed the order, which is sufficient; and the Court states that Mr. Ronstadt does not need to file a motion to intervene.

2:31 p.m. Matter concludes.