

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
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W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)
Contested Case No. W1-11-2787

FILED: 11/2/2020

In Re The General Adjudication of
All Rights to Use Water in the Gila
River System and Source

Re: Status Conference *In re ALSD - Woodling*

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom CCB - 301

2:30 p.m. This is the time set for a telephonic Status Conference before Special Water Master Susan Ward Harris.

The following attorneys telephonically appear: Kimberly R. Parks on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”); John D. Burnside on behalf of BHP Copper; Joe Sparks and Laurel A. Herrmann on behalf of San Carlos Apache Tribe; Lucas Christian on behalf of Tonto Apache Tribe; Mark A. McGinnis on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”); Carla Consoli on behalf of the Nature Conservancy; Kevin Crestin on behalf of the Arizona State Land Department and Jay Tomkus on behalf of Yavapai-Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

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

Ms. Consoli states that the Nature Conservancy is a lessee of the land involved in this case. Mr. Crestin confirms that Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch is a lessee associated with irrigation right 003. Joseph Carasco is leasing the land associated with irrigation 002.

Mr. Crestin advises that the State Land Department is asserting irrigation rights with respect to proposed right irrigation 003 but is not asserting a claim with respect to irrigation 001.

The Nature Conservancy advises the Court it is asserting irrigation right PWR IR001.

Mr. Crestin states he can meet with lessees and objectors within six months.

He also notes that the WFR identified well #6 as having associated stock watering/wildlife uses but there is no proposed water rights in the WFR for them.

The Court notes that there is a related WFR # 113-14-004 and that case could be initiated by the Court, which has an extensive number of stock pond and stockwatering potential rights on the property.

Mr. Crestin confirms that it would be helpful to have the case involving WFR #113-14-004 initiated.

Ms. Consoli will work with Mr. Crestin. Ms. Consoli states that they have done some mapping of the irrigation uses to be asserted by the Nature Conservancy.

Mr. McGinnis notes there are some 1960's claims for water rights and there does not appear to be any claims for pre-1919 rights. So, this case may need to be pushed off until the Huachuca City issue is resolved which supports allowing the parties six months to address objections.

There are no objections to the suggestion that the parties be given six months to conduct the meeting with lessees and objectors.

IT IS ORDERED that counsel for the State Land Department will file a status report or stipulated abstracts by **April 5, 2021**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED adding David Brown of the Brown Law Office to the Court approved mailing list on behalf of Roger's Heaven Sent Ranch.

2:43 p.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for this matter.

