

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
APACHE COUNTY

February 12, 2025

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

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In re: Vincent F. and Elaine N. Acri
Contested Case No. CV6417-33-6757

In re: the General Adjudication
of All Rights to Use Water in the
Little Colorado River System and Source

In re: Status Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom: CCB 301

10:01 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference before Special Water Master, Sherri Zendri.

The following attorneys and parties appear virtually:

- Property owner, Amber L. Perry, is present on her own behalf
- Jared Crum and Maggie Woodward on behalf of the United States Department of Justice
- Candace French on behalf of the Navajo Nation
- Payslie Bowman on behalf of the Hopi Tribe
- Garrett Perkins observing on behalf of the LCR Coalition
- Mark McGinnis observing on behalf of Salt River Project (SRP)
- Lucas Bennett and Karen Nielsen on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)

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

The Court presents a summary of the case – ADWR filed a report in Jan 2025 that included a revised watershed file report (WFR) and draft abstracts

The Court addresses Ms. Perry who gives a summary of the ADWR field visit to inspect her stockpond.

Discussion is held thereon. Because of the very small size and the ability for water to flow through the water feature it does not meet the statutory definition of a stockpond.

Ms. Perry expressed concern that the revised WFR and draft abstracts did not include the small spring on the property. She does want to pursue potential water rights for the (unnamed) spring.

Ms. Nielsen addresses the Court, requesting clarification regarding the coordinates for the spring at issue.

There is also a well on the property. The subflow zone delineation for the Silver Creek watershed is not due from ADWR until September 2026. The Court would like to adjudicate all the potential right on this property at a single time.

IT IS ORDERED staying this contested case until after the Silver Creek subflow zone delineation report is published.

Once the Silver Creek subflow zone delineation report is published the Court will reevaluate this contested case and determine if it can proceed without the well, or if the stay will continue until the subflow zone delineation is complete.

Discussion is held regarding The Arizona Adjudications Project. The Arizona Adjudications Project provides free, limited legal representation in the adjudication. The team can help claimants who are not already represented by an attorney. You can apply for assistance here: <https://law.arizona.edu/academics/clinical-programs/natural-resource-use-management-clinic/arizona-adjudications-clinic>.

To contact the University of Arizona Adjudications Project call (520) 621 6722 or via email at: law-azadjudicationsproject@arizona.edu.

There are no further comments or concerns from any parties.

10:22 a.m. Matter concludes.

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