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6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF APACHE  
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9 IN RE THE GENERAL  
10 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS  
11 TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE  
12 COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND  
13 SOURCE

CV6417

Case: CV6417-33-5704

**ORDER TO REOPEN CASE**

14 CONTESTED CASE NAMES: *In re First American Title Insurance Co. of Arizona*

15 HSR INVOLVED: Silver Creek Hydrographic Survey.

16 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Case number CV6417-33-5704 is reopened and a status  
17 conference set for **Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** to give Timothy Jeffries a  
18 final opportunity to pursue water rights.

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19 On November 30, 2024, landowner Timothy Jeffries was ordered to provide  
20 written notice to this court of his interest in pursuing a potential water right by January  
21 30, 2025, because of his failure to attend the September 24, 2024, status conference.  
22 Mr. Jeffries is the only remaining landowner in this contested case. On February 7,  
23 2025, the court had not yet received any correspondence from Mr. Jeffries and  
24 dismissed the case. On February 12, the Office of the Special Master received a copy of  
25 correspondence from Mr. Jeffries submitted to the Apache County Clerk of the Court on  
26 January 14, 2025.

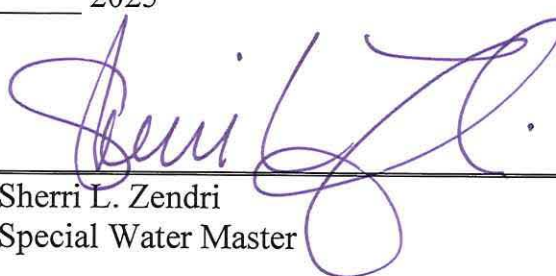
27 **IT IS ORDRED** that because Mr. Jeffries did comply with the November 30,  
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1 2024, order, contested case CV6417-33-5704 will be REOPENED to give Mr. Jeffries  
2 one more opportunity to adjudicate any potential water claims.

3 Mr. Jeffries filed Statement of Claimant ("SOC") #39-93683 on October 19,  
4 2004. That SOC however, did not indicate an appropriate basis of right. Mr. Jeffries  
5 claims 1.22 acre-feet of water for a stockpond, garden irrigation and animal watering.  
6 No stockpond registration or other basis or right appears to have been filed.  
7 Additionally, it is unclear if the stockpond is filled with groundwater or from a well. To  
8 pursue water rights, a property owner must file **both** a Statement of Claimant, and  
9 present to the Court evidence of a legal right, known as the 'basis of right', for the water  
10 they claimed on the Statement of Claimant. Only if the property owner proves to the  
11 Court the existence of a legal water right on their property, can the Court recognize  
12 enforceable water rights in a "Final Decree." ARS § 45-257(B).

13 **IT IS ORDERED** scheduling a status conference for **Thursday, July 24, 2025,**  
14 **at 11:00 a.m.** for Mr. Jeffries to discuss with the Court his stockpond, irrigation, and  
15 animal watering uses and determine a path forward for his potential claims. The status  
16 conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court  
17 Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on the  
18 red box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an  
19 appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect  
20 program on the internet by typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not  
21 have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number  
22 and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

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24 Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025

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28 Sherri L. Zendri  
Special Water Master

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5 On April 22, 2025, the original of the  
6 foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Apache County  
7 Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all  
8 persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this  
9 contested case, a copy of which is attached to this Order.

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## Attachment A



### **Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re First American Title Insurance Co. of Arizona**

*This hearing will be conducted through the new Court Connect program offered by the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This new and innovative program allows Court participants to appear online, rather than in a physical courtroom. Hearings are preferably conducted by video conference but can also be conducted by phone. Lawyers (and self-representing litigants) are responsible for distributing this notice to anyone who will be appearing on their behalf.*

*All participants must use the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button or the dial in information below to participate.*

**Participants:** Please follow the steps below to participate in the remote proceeding.

1. Click the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button below.
2. Enter your full name and role in name field.
3. Wait for the facilitator to admit you to the proceeding.

Remember to keep this email handy so you can use it to participate in the following proceeding.

**Case Name:** In re In re First American Title Insurance Co. of Arizona

**Contested Case No.** CV6417-33-5704

**Start Date/Time:** Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

**JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING**

**Dial-in Information:** +1 917-781-4590

**Private Dial-in Information:** for privacy purposes, you can block your phone number by dialing \*67 +1 917-781-4590

**Dial-in Access Code:** 688 970 203#

Tiny URL: <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>

*To ensure an optimal experience, please review the brief Court Connect training prior to the hearing: [Here](#)*

Court Approved Mailing List  
In re First American Title Insurance Co.  
CV6417-33-5704 (7 Names)  
Prepared by the Special Master  
4/22/2025

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