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

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

CV6417

Cases: CV6417-33-6735
CV6417-33-6893

**DENIAL OF YAVAPAI-APACHE
NATION and PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE'S
REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE
COURT APPROVED MAILING LIST**

CONTESTED CASE NAMES: *In re Jack G. and V. Scott Peterson (CV6417-33-6735)*
AND *Kenneth L. and Joy Abrams (CV6417-33-6893)*

HSR INVOLVED: Silver Creek Hydrographic Survey.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: This order denies the request by the Yavapai-Apache Nation's and Pascua Yaqui Tribe's request to be added to the Court Approved Mailing List.

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On February 19, 2026, counsel for the Yavapai-Apache Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe filed a motion requesting both entities be added to the Court approved mailing list for these two contested cases. Counsel reasoning was because, the "cases present issues regarding evapotranspiration methodologies and their appropriateness for use for the entire Little Colorado River basin."¹

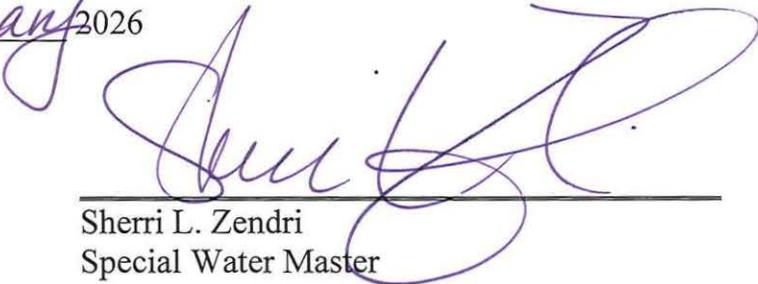
In July 2025, as part of the proceedings for these contested cases, the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") was ordered, by the Special Master to

¹ CV6417-33-6735 & CV6417-33-6893, *Yavapai-Apache Nation's and Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Request to Added to the Court Approved Mailing List*, At 2 (February 19, 2026).

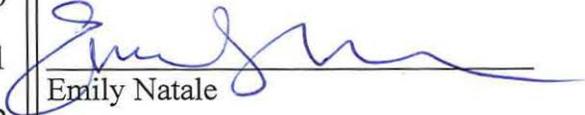
1 consider if the Penman-Monteith methodology for establishing evapotranspiration rates
2 may be appropriate for use in the entire Little Colorado River basin (LCR).² ADWR
3 clearly indicated in their report that a single methodology for the entire basin was **not**
4 appropriate.³ Since there will be no discussion regarding evapotranspiration rates beyond
5 the boundaries of the properties included in these two contested cases, there is no need to
6 expand the list of parties involved in these contested cases.⁴

7 **IT IS ORDERED DENYING** the request by the Yavapai-Apache Nation and
8 Pascua Yaqui Tribe to be added to the Court approved mailing list.

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10 Signed this 26th day of February, 2026

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16 Sherri L. Zendri
17 Special Water Master

18 On February 26, 2026, the original
19 of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the
20 Apache County Superior Court for filing and
21 distributing a copy to all persons listed on the
22 Court-approved mailing list for these contested
23 cases.

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26 Emily Natale

27 ² CV6417-33-6735 - *In re Jack G. and V. Scott Peterson*, Minute Entry filed on July 8, 2025.

28 ³ ADWR Notice of filing Report and Recommendation Regarding the Penman-Monteith
Methodology at 2-3, September 9, 2025.

⁴ If ADWR had indicated a single methodology may be appropriate, the Special Master would
initiate the procedures for an “issue of broad legal importance” in accordance with Section 12 of
the Rules for Proceedings Before the Special Master so that all interested parties would be
properly notified and could participate.