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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**

**CV 6417-400
ORDER DISMISSING OBJECTIONS
And
SETTING A STATUS CONFERENCE**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Lower Little Colorado River Subwatershed*
REPORT INVOLVED: Arizona Department of Water Resources, *Subflow Zone Delineation Report for the Lower Little Colorado River*, September 2025
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Objections filed by Sonia Garcia, David Ramirez , and Deborah Shimek are dismissed and a status conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 10:00 am.**
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On September 4, 2025, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) filed the report *Subflow Zone Delineation Report for the Lower Little Colorado River*. (“LLCR Subflow Report”). Objections to the report could be filed through March 4, 2026. Objections were timely filed by the following parties:

- Arizona Public Service Company
- Arizona State Land Department
- City of Flagstaff
- Sonia Garcia
- Little Colorado River (“LCR”) Coalition¹
- David Ramirez
- Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District (“SRP”)
- Deborah Shimek
- United States of America

¹ See Attachment I for the full list of LCR Coalition members

1 Under Arizona Revised Statutes Section 45-256(B) law, an objection to an ADWR
2 technical report must meet two requirements:

- 3 1) The person or entity who has filed the objection must have a Statement of
4 Claimant filed in the adjudication addressed by the ADWR report;
- 5 2) The objection filed must address specific technical recommendations to the
6 ADWR report.

7 The objections filed by following parties failed to meet either requirement:

8 Sonia Garcia David Ramirez Deborah Shimek
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10 **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** the objections filed by these individuals will be
11 dismissed and their names will not added to the Court approved mailing list (“CAML”).
12 These parties will receive a courtesy copy of this order and may continue to follow this
13 case by checking the General Stream Adjudication website at
14 <https://tinyurl.com/ArizonaGSA>, or requesting to be added to the courtesy email list by
15 sending an email to water@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.

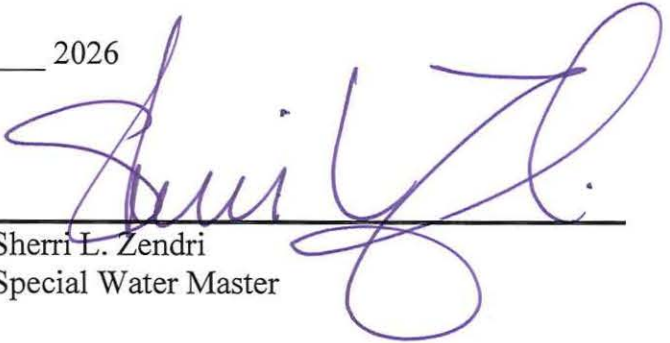
16 All remaining objections meet both requirements. All remaining parties are already
17 included on the CAML therefore no changes will be made at this time.

18 All remaining objections will be posted to the General Stream Adjudication website
19 within 10 days. A status conference is scheduled to discuss these remaining objections and
20 determine if further evidentiary proceedings will be necessary.

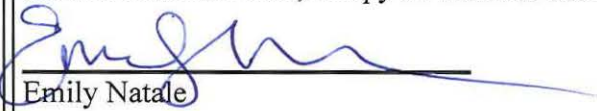
21 **IT IS ORDERD** setting a status conference for **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at**
22 **10:00 am**. The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program.
23 Instructions for Court Connect are attached as Attachment II. If you receive this Order by
24 email, click on the red box “Join Court Connect Hearing” on the attached instructions to
25 make an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court
26 Connect program on the internet by typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you
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1 do not have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone
2 number and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

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4 Signed this 31st day of March 2026

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8 Sherri L. Zendri
9 Special Water Master

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11 On March 31, 2026, the original of the
12 foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Apache
13 County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy
14 to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list
15 for this contested case, a copy of which is attached.

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ATTACHMENT I

LCR Coalition Members	
Town of Eagar	City of Holbrook
City of Show Low	Town of Springerville
Town of Snowflake	Town of Taylor
City of Winslow	City of St. Johns
Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District	Show Low/Pinetop-Woodland Irrigation Company
Silver Creek Irrigation District	Lakeside Irrigation Company
Little Colorado Water Conservation District	Round Valley Water Users Association (now Pioneer Irrigation Company)
Grover's Hill Irrigation District	Bar T Bar Ranch, Inc.
Flying M Ranch	Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District
Aztec Land & Cattle Company Ltd.; Aztec Land Company LLC	

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1 **Attachment II**



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

7 *This hearing will be conducted through the new Court Connect program offered by the Superior
8 Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This new and innovative program allows Court participants
9 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.*

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

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

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

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

17 **Case Name: In re Lower Little Colorado River Subwatershed**

18 **Contested Case No. CV6417-400**

19 **Start Date/Time: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 10:00 am.**

20 **JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING**

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

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

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

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

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

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