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

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

Contested Case No. W1-11-3301

ORDER SETTING STATUS
CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Instream Flow*
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Status Conference set for June 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. regarding report filed by Arizona Department of Water Resources.
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DATE OF FILING: June 14, 2018

The Nature Conservancy obtained four Certificates of Water Right for instream flow in four reaches of Aravaipa Creek from Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). In its Statement of Intent and Revised Consolidated Abstracts, filed February 15, 2018, The Nature Conservancy claimed instream flow rights based on the four Certificates of Water Right to

1 Reaches A, B, C, and D of Aravaipa Creek. Draft abstracts based on Watershed File Reports
2 115-04-011 and 115-05-054 have been prepared with quantities consistent with the Certificates of
3 Water Right. In its Report filed May 21, 2018 (ADWR Report), ADWR reviewed the draft
4 abstracts and mapped the locations of the instream water rights.

5 A separate proposed abstract was not prepared for an instream wildlife use included in
6 Watershed File Report 115-04-012. Proposed Water Right No. 115-04-011-WL001 appears to
7 encompass the potential water right listed in Watershed File Report 115-04-012, for which a draft
8 abstract has been prepared. Thus, at this point the unanswered question is whether The Nature
9 Conservancy regards 115-04-012-WL001 as a potential water right separate from 115-04-011-
10 WL001? If not, then The Nature Conservancy needs to determine whether it will seek dismissal
11 of Statements of Claimant 39-2116 and 39-11371.
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13 The second issue to be addressed has been raised by the ADWR Report that states that
14 additional information and further direction is required because the “location of the current flow
15 of Aravaipa Creek is not completely within land owned by The Nature Conservancy at all
16 locations.” Report at 1.
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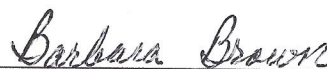
18 **IT IS ORDERED** setting a status conference to ascertain The Nature Conservancy’s
19 intent with respect to Statements of Claimant 39-2116 and 39-11371, to ascertain the additional
20 information and direction required by ADWR, and address any related procedural procedures
21 that ADWR’s request may entail. A status conference shall be held on **Wednesday, June 27,**
22 **2018, at 1:30 p.m.** before:
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24 Special Master Susan Ward Harris
25 Superior Court of Arizona
26 201 West Jefferson Street
27 Courtroom 301
28 Phoenix, AZ 85003-2202

1 Instructions for telephonic appearance:
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7 SUSAN WARD HARRIS
8 Special Master

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11 On June 14, 2018, the original of the
12 foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the
13 Maricopa County Superior Court for filing
14 and distributing a copy to all persons listed
15 on the Court-approved mailing list for this
16 contested case.

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