

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN RE GENERAL ADJUDICATION) Arizona Supreme Court
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN) Nos. WC-79-0001
THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND) WC-79-0006
SOURCE)
IN RE GENERAL ADJUDICATION) Maricopa County Superior
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN) Court Case Nos. W-1, W-2
THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER) W-3 and W-4
SYSTEM AND SOURCE) (Consolidated) (Gila)
) Apache County Superior
) Court Case No. 6417 (LCR)
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) **FILED 01/17/2023**

O R D E R

Judge Mark Brain, the Maricopa County Superior Court trial judge assigned to the adjudications of the Gila River System and Source and the Little Colorado River System and Source, will be rotating off his assignment as the water judge. As provided by A.R.S. § 45-252(C), this Court must assign the cases to another superior court judge. This Court requested the Maricopa County Superior Court to propose a judge for consideration in both cases. The superior court proposed the Honorable Scott Blaney for assignment as the water judge. Notice of the proposed assignment was sent to all claimants in both cases, informing them that once the assignment is made, no change of judge under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42.1 will be permitted. Claimants were also invited to file written comments with this Court no later than

January 3, 2023, regarding the proposed assignment. After considering those comments,

IT IS ORDERED that effective February 4, 2023, the Honorable Scott Blaney is assigned as judge in all matters related to both general stream adjudications until such time as the matters are finally resolved, or until further order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Brain retains authority to resolve matters that have been taken under advisement as of the date of this order for resolution in due course.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no change of judge under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42.1 will be permitted.

DATED this ___17th day of January, 2023.

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ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

TO:

Gila River Court Approved Mailing List
Little Colorado Court Approved Mailing List
Hon. Scott Blaney
Susan Harris