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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**

W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)  
Contested Case No. **W1-00-000106**

**ORDER FOR BRIEFING AND  
SCHEDULING A STATUS CONFERENCE**

**CONTESTED CASE NAME:** *In re Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed*  
**HSR INVOLVED:** Lower Verde Valley Subwatershed, Little Chino Subwatershed, and **Big Chino Subwatershed**  
**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** This order requests response briefing from interested parties and schedules a status conference for **Monday, June 15, 2026, at 1:30pm.**  
**NUMBER OF PAGES:** 4

On April, 20, 2026, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) filed a “Request for Clarification and Status Conference” with the Office of the Special Master. ADWR requests guidance on the following issues:

1. Whether ADWR must complete a forfeiture analysis for when reporting on claims and uses in future Hydrographic Survey Reports (“HSR”).
2. Whether ADWR must report on unclaimed uses from wells located outside the subflow zone in future HSRs.
3. Whether the current boundaries of the Lower Verde Valley HSR should be redrawn.

- 1 4. How ADWR should handle Statements of Claimant (“SOCs”) filed by the  
2 United States Forest Service on unique forms.  
3 5. What the Court requires for an SOC and basis of right to be “complete” (as  
4 referenced on page 13 of the Court’s Dec. 9, 2025, Order Approving the  
5 Special Master’s Report Concerning Summary Adjudication Proceedings in  
6 the Verde River Watershed), and whether it is appropriate in the final HSR to  
7 include abstracts for PWRs that are not *de minimis*.  
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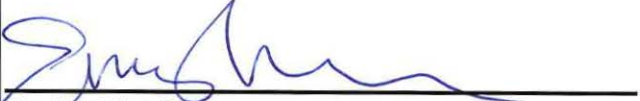
9 **IT IS ORDERED** requesting comments to ADWR’s questions no later than **June**  
10 **1, 2026**.

11 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** setting a virtual status conference for **Monday,**  
12 **June 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** The status conference will be held using the Court  
13 Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you  
14 receive this Order by email, click on the red box “Join Court Connect Hearing” on the  
15 attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email,  
16 log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing  
17 <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet, you  
18 may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the  
19 instructions for Court Connect.  
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22 Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026

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26 Sherri L. Zendri  
27 Special Master  
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1 The original of the foregoing was delivered to  
2 the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior  
3 Court on April 27, 2024 for  
4 filing and distributing a copy to all persons  
5 listed on the Court approved mailing list for  
6 this contested case.

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# Attachment A



## Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed

*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 Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed**

**Contested Case No. W1-00-000106**

**Start Date/Time: Monday, June 15, 2026, at 1:30pm**

**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#

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