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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. **W1-11-000040**

**ORDER LIFTING STAY AND SETTING  
DEADLINE FOR JOINT STATUS  
REPORT**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re BLM – National Audubon Society*  
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.  
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: This order lifts the May 27, 2025, stay on this contested case. The BLM and ADWR shall file a joint status report no later than **July 31, 2026**.  
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On May 27, 2025, this contested case was stayed pending the resolution whether the Adjudication Court may recognize a stockpond application under A.R.S. § 45-273 as a basis of right.<sup>1</sup> On September 16, 2025, the Special Master ordered that a stockpond application under A.R.S. § 45-273 cannot serve as a basis of right, and all stockponds must be certificated pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-275.

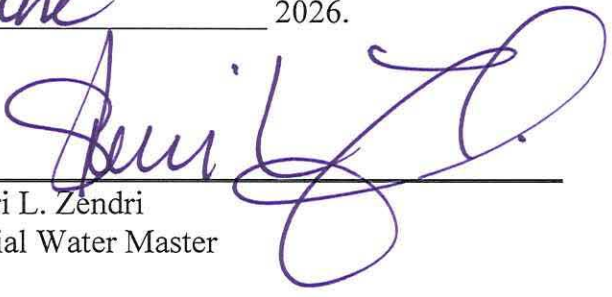
**IT IS ORDERED** lifting the May 27, 2025, stay on this contested case.

<sup>1</sup> An “issue of broad legal importance” in both the Gila River and Little Colorado River Adjudications was designated on March 28, 2025. On May 19, 2025, the Special Master narrowed the issue whether a stockpond application under A.R.S. § 45-273 a sufficient basis of right for a de minimis stockpond or is a stockpond certificate under A.R.S. § 45-275 necessary.

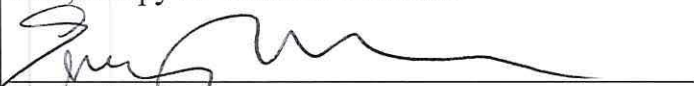
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**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the United States Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) and the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) shall file a joint status report no later than **July 31, 2026**, regarding which stockponds the BLM intends to pursue for water rights and the approximate timeframe for ADWR to certificate those stockponds.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

  
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Sherri L. Zendri  
Special Water Master

On June 4, 2026, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested case, a copy of which is attached.

  
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