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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
Contested Case No. **W1-11-002212**
**ORDER TO SET STATUS
CONFERENCE**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re Max J. and Donna L. Kartchner
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: This order sets a status conference for **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 10:00 am.**
NUMBER OF PAGES: 10

On May 15, 2026, the Special Master received a letter from Kevin Kartchner, the newly acquired owner of Dragoon Ranch, LLC, property at issue for this contested case. It is unclear if the letter was provided to all parties on the court-approved mailing list, therefore a copy of the letter is included with this order as Attachment A.

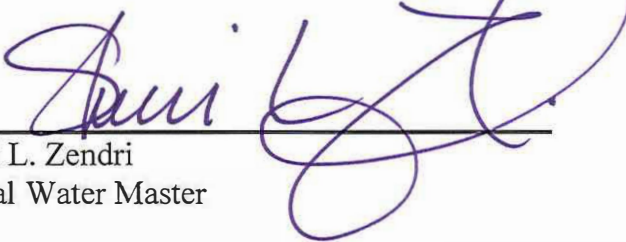
IT IS ORDERED setting a status conference for **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 10:00 am.** During the conference Mr. Kartchner will need to inform the court of whether he intends to pursue any potential water rights that may be associated with the Dragoon Ranch property.

Mr. Kartchner is encouraged to reach out the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) and review documents related to these proceedings by searching for case number W1-11-002212 at the General Stream Adjudication website:

1 www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp

2 The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions
3 for Court Connect are attached as Attachment B. If you receive this Order by email,
4 click on the red box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make
5 an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect
6 program on the internet by typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not
7 have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number
8 and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

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10 Signed this 4th day of June 2026.

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15 Sherri L. Zendri
16 Special Water Master

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

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Court Approved Mailing List
In re Max J. Kartchner et al II
W1-11-002212 (10 Names)
Prepared by the Special Master
6/4/2026

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ATTACHMENT A

WI-11-002212

MAY 15 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.

A. Marrufo, Deputy

I am writing this to inform the court why Dragoon Ranch LLC has not responded to ADWR's request for information. The original owner of Dragoon Ranch LLC, Mark Kartchner, passed away 11/29/2025. I, Kevin Kartchner, Mark's son, have inherited the Dragoon Ranch. As Mark's 3040 Bear Canyon mailing address is checked infrequently the court notice(s) have not been handled timely. Please address future correspondence to my address:

Dragoon Ranch LLC
1660 N. King St
Tucson, AZ 85749

My contact information:
Kevin Kartchner
Phone: 520-289-6622
Email: KevinK3141@gmail.com

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**CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
MARICOPA COUNTY**

Customer Service Center
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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

April 9, 2026

CLERK OF THE COURT
B. Powell
Deputy

SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

In Re The General Adjudication of
All Rights to Use Water in the Gila
River System and Source
W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

FILED: April 14, 2026

In re: Max J. Kartchner et al. II.
Contested Case No. W1-11-002212

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference to receive an update from the property owners before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

~~The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:~~

- Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Karen Nielsen on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Katrina Wilkinson observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Brad Pew observing for St. David Irrigation District
- Rachel Carroll-Farias observing on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT that no claimants nor their representatives have appeared today.

Counsel Nielsen updates the Court regarding priority dates and that an amendment may need to be made. She also clarifies that there are only 36 filings not 38.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT that the Court strongly encourages the claimants to contact ADWR and let them know their intentions.

10:10 a.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list.

LATER:

Property owner Dragoon Ranch LLC ("Ranch") has been an active participant in this contested case since initiation. However, there was no representation from the Ranch during this status conference. If the Ranch remains interested in pursuing whatever potential water rights are available, the Ranch must continue to participate.

IT IS ORDERED that Dragoon Ranch shall file a statement with the Court no later than **May 1, 2026**, if the Ranch remains interested in pursuing potential water rights. The statement shall also include an explanation why the Ranch has not yet responded to ADWR's request for additional information, and when the Ranch intends to respond.

Failure to comply with the above order may result in the removal of Dragoon Ranch from these the proceedings and the dismissal of this contested case.

STATE OF ARIZONA

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

ORIGINAL
STATE COPY

STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES-BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File Number
102-2025-063873

1. DECEDENT'S LEGAL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX) MARK, MARTINEAU, KARTCHNER		2. AKA'S (IF ANY)		3. DATE OF DEATH 11/29/2025	
4. SEX MALE		5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 526-42-8999		6. DATE OF BIRTH 06/13/1931	
7. AGE 94 YEARS					
8. CITY/TOWN, COUNTY AND ZIP OR LOCATION OF DEATH TUCSON, PIMA, 85749					
9. PLACE OF DEATH (TYPE OF PLACE OF DEATH AND FACILITY NAME/ADDRESS) RESIDENCE - 3040 N BEAR CANYON ROAD					
10. BIRTHPLACE (CITY AND STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) POMERENE, ARIZONA		11. MARITAL STATUS MARRIED		12. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX) MARION, BEAN	
13. DECEDENT'S USUAL RESIDENCE ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, COUNTY, STATE, ZIP) 3040 N BEAR CANYON ROAD, TUCSON, PIMA, AZ, 85749					
14. DECEDENT'S HISPANIC ORIGIN(S) NO, NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO		15. DECEDENT'S RACE(S) WHITE		16. EVER IN ARMED FORCES NO	
17. OCCUPATION GENERAL SURGEON					
18. FATHER'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX) JAMES, ANDERSON, KARTCHNER			19. MOTHER'S NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX) LOIS, MARTINEAU		
20. INFORMANT'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX) MARION, KARTCHNER				21. RELATIONSHIP SPOUSE	
22. INFORMANT'S MAILING ADDRESS 3040 N BEAR CANYON ROAD, TUCSON, AZ, 85749					
23. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL FACILITY OR RESPONSIBLE PERSON BRING'S BROADWAY CHAPEL 6910 E BROADWAY BOULEVARD, TUCSON, AZ, 85710			24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S NAME OR RESPONSIBLE PERSON JOSEPH, STONE		25. LICENSE NUMBER FDL-001329
26. METHOD(S) OF DISPOSITION CREMATION		27. NAME AND LOCATION OF 1ST DISPOSITION FACILITY MONARCH CREMATORY - DODGE-TUCSON, TUCSON, AZ, US		28. NAME AND LOCATION OF 2ND DISPOSITION FACILITY	
29. A. IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH ACUTE ON CHRONIC HEART FAILURE WITH MODERATELY REDUCED EJECTION FRACTION				30. APPROXIMATE INTERVAL DAYS	
31. B. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:				32. APPROXIMATE INTERVAL	
33. C. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:				34. APPROXIMATE INTERVAL	
35. D. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:				36. APPROXIMATE INTERVAL	
37. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEATH BUT NOT RESULTING IN THE UNDERLYING CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I: SMALL BOWEL OBSTRUCTION, CHOLECYSTITIS, PNEUMONIA			38. INJURY? NO	39. INJURY AT WORK? NO	40. MANNER OF DEATH NATURAL DEATH
			41. TIME OF DEATH 04:30 PM	42. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? NO	43. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE THE CAUSE OF DEATH?
TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS CORRECT AND THE DEATH OCCURRED DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) AND MANNER		44. NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING CAUSE OF DEATH KAREN, CHANDLER			45. DATE CERTIFIED 12/01/2025
46. CERTIFIER'S ADDRESS 2715 N WYATT, TUCSON, AZ, 85712					

Date Registered: 12/02/2025

Date Issued: 12/03/2025

VS-49 Rev. 12/2017



This is a true certification of the facts on file with the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Vital Records, PHOENIX, ARIZONA.
Revised 07/2025

K. M. Lugo
KATINA M. LUGO
ASSISTANT STATE REGISTRAR

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

This copy not valid unless prepared on a form displaying the Date Seal and impressed with the raised seal of the issuing agency.

Attachment B



Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Max J. and Donna L. Kartchner

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 Max J. and Donna L. Kartchner

Contested Case No. W1-11-002212

Start Date/Time: Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 10:00 am

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#

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

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