

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

May 28, 2026

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

M. R. Diaz
Deputy

In Re: Augustine E. & Mary B. Avechuco
Contested Case No. W1-11-002329

FILED: June 2, 2026

In Re: The General Adjudication
of All Rights to Use Water in the
Gila River System and Source

W1-00-001234

In Re: Status Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301-VC-CV

10:31 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following attorneys and parties appear virtually and/or telephonically:

- Property Owner Augustine E. Avechuco
- Henry Avechuco, representative son for Current Property Owners Augustine and Mary Avechuco
- Michael Carter on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Garrett Perkins observing for St. David Irrigation District
- Laurel Herrmann and Jana Sutton for San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Katrina Wilkinson observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Rachel Carroll-Farias observing on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Susan Montgomery for Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe
- Karen Nielsen and Dustin Rector on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)

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

There has been no interpreter requested. Mr. Avechuco’s son, Henry Avechuco, will be assisting Mr. Augustine E. Avechuco.

Discussion is held regarding the status of the case. Mr. Henry Avechuco informs the Court regarding the applications he has provided to the ADWR.

The Special Master explains what the Gila and Salt River Meridian is and how that differs from the Gila, Salt, and San Pedro Rivers. Discussion is held regarding the well on the property and the location within the San Pedro subflow zone.

Discussion is held regarding the forms and filings filled out by Mr. Avechuco.

Discussion is held regarding the Statement of Claimant.

The Court encourages Mr. Avechuco to contact Ms. Nielsen and meet with the ADWR. Ms. Nielsen can coordinate multiple staff members with ADWR into a single meeting. Discussion is held regarding communication methods for Mr. Avechuco to meet with Ms. Nielsen.

The Court addresses Mr. Avechuco regarding the two parts of the adjudication in this matter, the Statement of Claimant and the basis of right. Both parts are necessary for a final water right.

Based upon the matters discussed on the record,

IT IS ORDERED Mr. Avechuco shall contact **Ms. Nielsen at 602-771-8554 or knielsen@azwater.gov** to schedule a meeting with the ADWR by **July 31, 2026**, and determine the next steps forward.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Ms. Nielsen shall provide the Court with a status report no later than **10 days** after the meeting.

10:57 a.m. Matter concludes

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