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**ARIZONA GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION**  
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. **W1-11-002395**  
**ORDER SETTING STATUS  
CONFERENCE**


CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Benny H. and Frances Clark*  
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.  
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: This order sets a status conference for **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**  
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On February 3, 2026, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) filed a status report with the court indicating the agency had completed processing of claimant Robert C. Clark’s Statement of Claim of Right #36-200136.

**IT IS ORDERED** setting a status conference for **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** to discuss the priority date and quantities of water claimed by Mr. Clark. Objecting parties should be prepared to discuss their objections. The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box “Join Court Connect Hearing” on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by

1 typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet,  
2 you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in  
3 the instructions for Court Connect.

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5 Signed this 8th day of May 2026.

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13 On May 8, 2026, the original of the foregoing was  
14 delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County  
15 Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy  
16 to all persons listed on the Court-approved  
17 mailing list for this contested case, a copy of  
18 which is attached.

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**ATTACHMENT A**



**Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Benny H. and Frances Clark**

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 videoconference 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 Benny H. and Frances Clark**

**Contested Case No. W1-11-002395**

**Start Date/Time: Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**

**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](#)