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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. **W1-11-003236**

**ORDER TO AMEND DOCUMENTATION  
AND REVISE ABSTRACT**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Stanley & Betty C. Baron*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Claimant is ordered to amend filings no later than **June 15, 2026**. The Arizona Department of Water Resources is ordered to amend the watershed file report for this contested case and file a revised draft abstract no later than **August 31, 2026**.

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On April 1, 2026, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) filed a draft abstract for potential water right 114-04-DBC-003-DM001. Comments received from ADWR, the San Carlos Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) and Claimant’s counsel revolve around Claimant’s statements regarding the beneficial use of the water on the Statement of Claim of Right to use Public Waters of the State of Arizona (“36-filing”). Mr. Barron asserts a *de minimis* domestic claim, not to exceed 1 acre-foot/year, related to his property

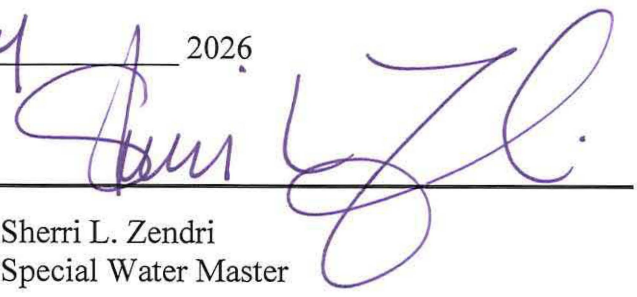
1 with a priority of March 7, 1916. The claimed priority date matches a Pinal County  
2 recorded document giving notice of irrigation use (“1916 Record”). ADWR and the Tribe  
3 note that the document submitted as evidence of use for Mr. Barron’s 36-filing identifies  
4 only an irrigation use.

5 Domestic use claims of less than 1 acre-foot/year qualify as *de minimis* claims in  
6 the San Pedro River Basin. The assertion of a domestic use based upon a priority date of  
7 1916 has been argued as lacking credible evidence. Nonetheless, where a claim is subject  
8 to summary adjudication procedures, the “*De Minimis Decision*” requires the Court to  
9 determine priority dates according to “the earliest date set forth in a judicial decree or  
10 Water Rights Registration filing.” W1-11-19, Memorandum Decision, Findings of Fact,  
11 and Conclusions of Law for Group 1 Cases Involving Stockwatering, Stockponds, and  
12 Domestic Uses at 42, (Nov. 14, 1994).

13 Where a use is eligible for summary adjudication, as in this case, the watershed  
14 file report, the statement of claimant, and the basis of right must all be consistent with  
15 each other.

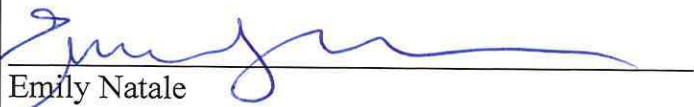
16 **IT IS ORDERED** that **no later than June 15, 2026**, Mr. Barron must amend his  
17 statement of claimant #39-180888, to include the well registration number for his well  
18 and the number of his Claim of Right to use Public Waters of the State of Arizona #36-  
19 200133.

20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that ADWR shall file **no later than August 31,**  
21 **2026**, an amended watershed file report #114-04-DBC-026 and a revised abstract that  
22 includes #36-200133 as a basis of right and the appropriate well registration number.

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24 Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026  
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28 Sherri L. Zendri  
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On May 5 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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