

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

January 30, 2025

CLERK OF THE COURT
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Deputy

SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

In Re The General Adjudication of
All Rights to Use Water in the Gila
River System and Source
W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

FILED: February 7, 2025

In re: Forest Service – Umpire Ranch Partnership
Contested Case No. W1-11-0035

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for a virtual Status Conference regarding ADWR's
abstracts before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually:

- Maggie Woodward on behalf of the United States Forest Service
- Merrill Godfrey on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community
- Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe.
- Jay Lee observing on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Sue Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Katrina Wilkinson observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Brian Heiserman observing on behalf of the Babacomari Ranch
- Karen Nielsen on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Candace French observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation

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

Discussion is held regarding the abstracts that were submitted by ADWR.

Ms. Hermann addresses the Court regarding the maps and the difficulty presented when the maps are zoomed in so close. The Court recognizes that it can be difficult without a broader view, however the map must balance depicting the actual features of the proposed water right (ponds, springs, etc) with a broad enough view to include local landmarks.

Further discussion is held regarding whether current maps need to be reworked, or whether changes can be made in the process for future maps. Pursuant to the discussion held,

IT IS ORDERED approving SW001 and SW002 with the current maps.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED to add potential water rights 111-19-020-SW001 and 111-19-020-SW002 to the catalog of proposed rights. Copies of these abstracts are attached as Attachment A

Further discussion is held regarding future maps and creating a consistent presentation for points of diversion and points of use.

IT IS ORDERED that, **no later than February 28, 2025**, ADWR shall create and submit a template to posted on the Court's website for all parties when preparing drafts abstracts.

Discussion is held regarding potential water right 111-19-020-SP001 and it is not certificated. Pursuant to the discussion,

IT IS ORDERED that the United States shall coordinate with ADWR and send an update to the Court and parties **no later than February 10, 2025**, regarding the certificated status of the stockpond for potential water right 111-19-020-SP001 and a timeline for resolving any potential issues.

10:17 a.m. Matter concludes.

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

Attachment A

PROPOSED ABSTRACT OF POTENTIAL WATER RIGHT

1. Proposed Water Right	111-19-020-SW001
2. Owner of Right	United States Forest Service: Coronado
3. Landowner	United States Forest Service: Coronado
4. Statement of Claimant	39-8103
5. Lessee or Permittee	Mud Creek Ranch Trust (Post Canyon Allotment)
6. Basis of Right	36-11137
7. Beneficial Use	Stock and Wildlife Watering
8. Priority Date	07/02/1908
9. Quantity	Reasonable Use
10. Flow Rate	N/A
11. Place of Use	SENENW Section 32 Township 21 South, Range 18 East, of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona
12. Point of Diversion	S01-SENENW Section 32 Township 21 South, Range 18 East, of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona
13. Source of Water	Freeman Spring

Additional Information:

None



Beneficial Use

 Stock Watering

Point of Diversion

 Spring

111-19-020-SW001

San Pedro River Watershed

Sierra Vista Subwatershed



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PROPOSED ABSTRACT OF POTENTIAL WATER RIGHT

1. Proposed Water Right	111-19-020-SW002
2. Owner of Right	United States Forest Service: Coronado
3. Landowner	United States Forest Service: Coronado
4. Statement of Claimant	39-8050
5. Lessee or Permittee	Mud Creek Ranch Trust (Post Canyon Allotment)
6. Basis of Right	36-24095
7. Beneficial Use	Stock and Wildlife Watering
8. Priority Date	07/02/1908
9. Quantity	Reasonable Use
10. Flow Rate	N/A
11. Place of Use	SWNENW Section 33 Township 21 South, Range 18 East, of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona
12. Point of Diversion	SS02-SWNENW Section 33 Township 21 South, Range 18 East, of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Cochise County, Arizona
13. Source of Water	O'Donnell Creek

Additional Information:

None

