

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

October 3, 2024

CLERK OF THE COURT
S. Motzer
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: October 7, 2024

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 whether the landowners are pursuing water rights and any comments or objections thereto before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually:

- Maggie Woodward on behalf of the United States Forest Service
- Michael Carter on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community
- Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe.
- Jay Lee on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Alexandra Corcoran 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
- Kimberly Parks on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)

- Katya Lancero observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation

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

Ms. Woodward addresses the Court.

Discussion is held thereon.

It is determined that Ms. Parks and Ms. Woodward will confer to reach an agreement.

The Court asked ADWR if 30 days would be appropriate to draft abstracts; however, after further discussion it was determined that ADWR and the US would confer first therefore,

IT IS ORDERED vacating the 30-day deadline, noting that the United States shall provide the information at issue to ADWR **no later than January 3, 2025**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ADWR shall submit the abstracts **no later than January 17, 2025**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting a Status Conference on **January 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached. 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 typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

10:13 a.m. Matter concludes.

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



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