

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

September 26, 2024

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER  
SHERRI ZENDRI

M. Pritchard

Deputy

In re: ASLD – Susan S. Clyne  
Contested Case No. W1-11-0067

FILED: 10/01/2024

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

In re: Status Conference

**MINUTE ENTRY**

**Courtroom: CCB 301**

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 telephonically:

- Eric Wilkins and Kevin Crestin on behalf of the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD)
  - Merrill Godfrey 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
  - Susan Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
  - Kathryn Ust observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (SRP)
  - Kimberly Parks on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)
  - Katya Lancero observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation
  - Brian Heiserman on behalf of Babacomari Ranch
- A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

The Court has received the draft abstract for this matter. The Court inquires if there are any comments regarding the abstract?

Mr. Wilkins states that the date of construction of the stockpond, according to the documentation, is prior to 1973. He notes the WFR references 1884, however he believes the date should be properly changed to December 31, 1972.

The Court inquires if there are further objections from ASLD? There were further objections filed by ASLD.

Mr. Wilkins has no further objections and would recommend that the abstract be approved. All other objections were resolved.

The Court inquires if there are comments from any other party.

Ms. Herrmann states that she would generally recommend that legal descriptions are written out in full and more explanatory. The map is also zoomed in to the point where the section lines are not visible.

The Court inquires if ASLD has any issue with making the requested changes to the abstract?

Mr. Wilkins states that there is no issue.

The Court inquires if there are any further comments or objections?

There are no further comments or objections from any parties.

The Court states that ADWR will need to provide an amended abstract and map that includes expanded descriptions of the place of use and point of divergence and a zoomed out map. The Court inquires how long ADWR will need for the amended abstract and map?

Ms. Parks states that two weeks should be sufficient.

The Court notes that ADWR may get a courtesy copy of the Minute Entry before that time, but the official Minute Entry may not be received in that timeframe. Based on the discussion and for reasons stated on the record,

**IT IS ORDERED** that ADWR shall file the updated abstract no later than **October 11, 2024**, that includes the following:

- Remove flow rate
- Expand the legal description to include “section,” “township,” and “range;” and reference to the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian
- The priority date is December 31, 1972
- Zoom out on the map so that there is more context with respect to the location of the point of diversion.

10:38 a.m. Matter concludes.

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