

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

March 3, 2026

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: March 9, 2026

In re: James F. Maloney & Patricia M. Matrecito
Contested Case No. W1-11-0075

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:01 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference to discuss the changes that Mrs. Matrecito needs to make to her Statement of Claimant form before the Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Patricia Matrecito of the Matrecito Family Revocable Trust is present on her own behalf
- Michael Carter on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Laurel Herrmann, Jana Sutton, and Joe Sparks on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Susan 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”)
- Rhett Billingsley observing on behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”)

- John Burnside observing on behalf of BHP Copper
- Garrett Perkins on behalf of the St. David Irrigation District and C-Spear LLC
- Rachel Carroll-Farias on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe

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

The Special Master displays onscreen for these proceedings the draft abstract that ADWR has prepared. Mrs. Matrecito confirms that she has a hard copy of the document in front of her. A copy is attached to this minute entry for the convenience of all parties.

The Special Master explains that information in boxes #2, #4, and #6 of the draft abstract must all reflect the same ownership. It is acknowledged that Mrs Matrecito did get the statement of claim (“36-filing”) referenced in box #6 appropriately assigned. However, the Statement of Claimant (“39-filing”) referenced in box #4 must reflect the appropriate landowner, in this case, the Matrecito Family Revocable Living Trust.

Discussion is held with Mrs. Matrecito regarding which document must be assigned. Because Mrs. Matrecito has internet connectivity challenges, a copy of the assignment form is attached to this minute entry.

10:15 a.m. Counsel, Roger Decker, is now present on behalf of Santa Cruz County School District #25 and Sonoita Elementary School.

The Special Master will send resources and contact information as a “LATER” in today’s Minute Entry. The parties are instructed to read the information provided as it will contain relevant information to this proceeding and the next steps.

Based on the discussion held,

IT IS ORDERED that Mrs. Matrecito file the Statement of Claimant assignment with ADWR **no later than 30 days from this conference (April 3, 2025)**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ADWR file a status report with the Court **no later than 30 days from receipt of Mrs. Matrecito’s assignment filing**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any objector’s comments regarding the draft abstract may be filed **no later than 10 days** after ADWR’s status report.

10:19 a.m. Matter concludes.

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

To contact the Office of the Special Water Master please call (602) 372-4115.

LATER:

This contested case is to resolve objections regarding a stockpond located on Santa Cruz County parcel # 109-01-037 and owned by the Matrecito Family Revocable Living Trust.

Watershed file report #111-19-066 investigated an area that was subsequently subdivided, however none of the other parcels in the investigation area have identified surface water uses and all wells located on the properties are sufficiently far from any delineated subflow zone so that they will not be considered until after ADWR has completed the San Pedro Groundwater Model.

Attached to this Minute Entry is a copy of the draft abstract provided by ADWR and an **Application for Assignment of a Statement of Claimant in the Gila River Adjudication**

Contact information:

ADWR Adjudications Section - (866)-246-1414

Office of the Special Master – (602) 372-4115

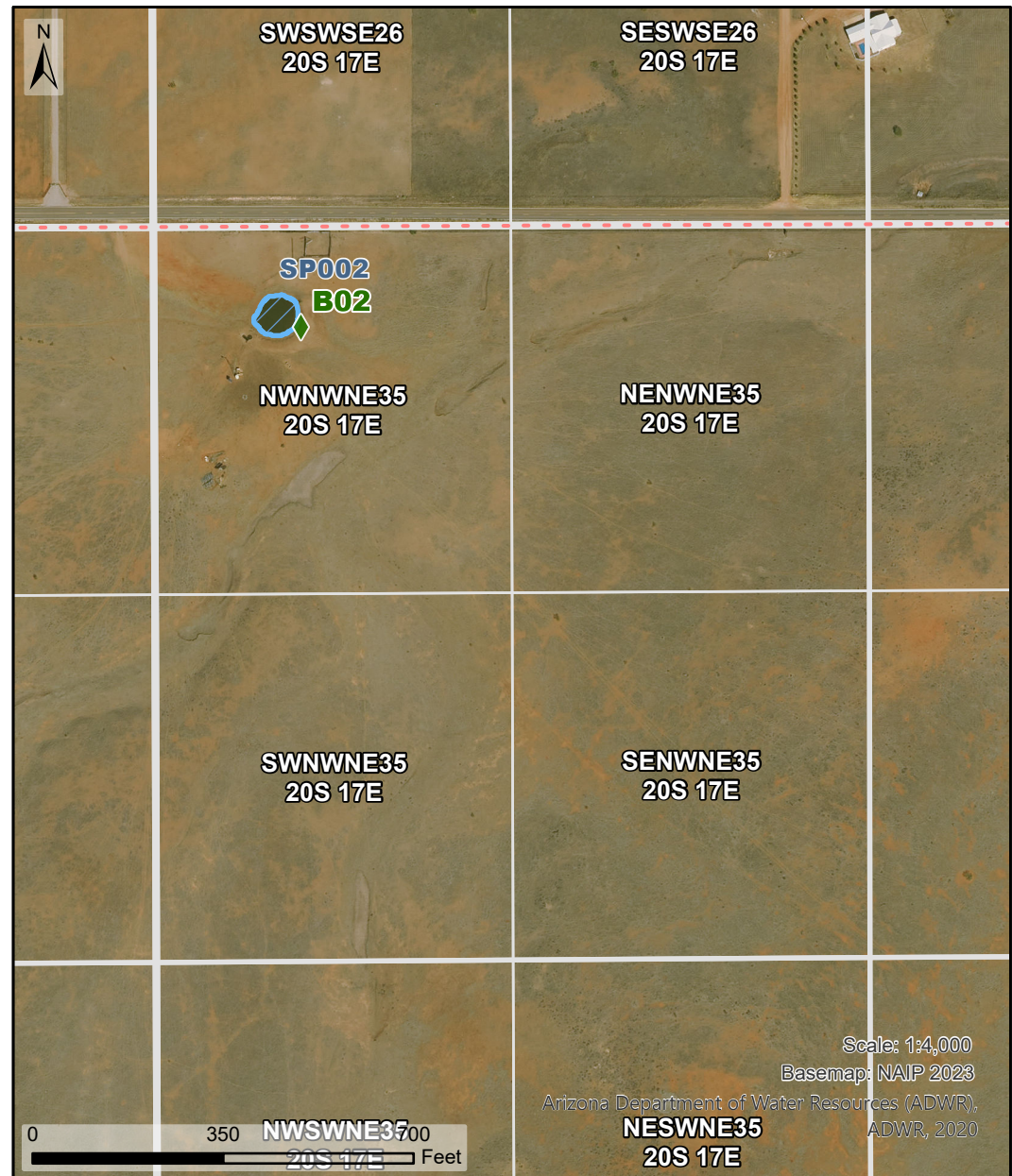
In the event that ADWR is still unable to provide an appropriate owner for the draft abstract despite Mrs. Matrecito's filings, the Special Master will determine the next steps for all parties through a separate order.

PROPOSED ABSTRACT OF POTENTIAL WATER RIGHT

1. Proposed Water Right	111-19-066-SP002
2. Owner of Right	
3. Landowner	Matrecito Family Revocable Living Trust
4. Statement of Claimant	39-1579
5. Lessee or Permittee	N/A
6. Basis of Right	36-14379
7. Beneficial Use	Stock and Wildlife Watering From a Stockpond
8. Priority Date	06/04/1915
9. Quantity	Not to Exceed (\leq) 4 Acre-Feet Annually with Continuous Fill.
10. Flow Rate	N/A
11. Place of Use	NWNWNE Section 35 Township 20 South, Range 17 East; of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Santa Cruz County, Arizona
12. Point of Diversion	B02-(-110.57845, 31.65845 WGS84) NWNWNE Section 35 Township 20 South, Range 17 East of the Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian, Santa Cruz County, Arizona
13. Source of Water	Unnamed Wash
14. Facility Name	Dalton

Additional Information:

None



- Beneficial Use**
- Stock Watering from a Stockpond
- Point of Diversion**
- Berm/Dam

--- PLSS Sections

111-19-066-SP002
San Pedro River Watershed
 Sierra Vista Subwatershed



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SAN PEDRO RIVER Watershed

Sierra Vista Subwatershed

*** De Minimus Use:**

De minimis water rights are approved in summary fashion and with less initial scrutiny than larger water rights due to their minimal impact on downstream uses. De minimis water rights will be subject to enforcement by owners of senior water rights in the same manner as all other water rights. If the owner of a de minimis right seeks to change the purpose for which the water is used or to change the place of use or point of diversion, the owner of the water right must first request the Adjudication Court to adjudicate the actual quantity and priority date of the right prior to filing an application for such change(s) with ADWR.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-185 and the Final Report of the Special Master Concerning Summary Adjudication Proceedings in the Verde River Watershed, the information included in this abstract is based solely on the information provided in the applicable Statement of Claim of Right, included above in the “Basis of Right” section. ADWR has only evaluated the accuracy of the claimed location of the Place of Use and Point of Diversion but has not evaluated the accuracy of the other information herein.

Additional Information:

None

STATEMENT OF CLAIMANT
"39"
ASSIGNMENT
Gila River Adjudication
SUPERIOR COURT OF MARICOPA COUNTY

By court order, a statement of claimant must be assigned whenever there is a change in ownership of land for which the claim for a water right was made, or there is a change in ownership of the water right that is either not appurtenant to land or that has been transferred from one parcel of land to another. This form is to be used to assign statements of claimant ("39s") filed in the general adjudication of the Gila River System and Source, which includes the Salt River, San Pedro River, Upper Gila River, Verde River, Agua Fria River, Lower Gila River and Upper Santa Cruz River watersheds. After the assignment is completed, the new owner will be substituted as a party in the Gila River adjudication.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Each side of this form must be completed, signed by each buyer and seller, and notarized. The name, address and phone number for each buyer and seller must also be provided. If necessary, additional copies of this form may be attached.

A copy of a legal document that establishes that a change of ownership has occurred must be submitted with this form. This requirement may be satisfied by providing either a copy of a duly recorded deed, a copy of the county assessor's tax parcel notice, or other similar document.

More than one statement of claimant may be assigned on a single form if the assignors (sellers) and assignees (buyers) are identical. Otherwise, a separate form must be submitted. For example, if the ownership of the land or the water right is subdivided and conveyed to different buyers, then a separate form must be completed for each of the different buyers.

After this form is completed, please submit it to the **Arizona Department of Water Resources, Attention: Adjudications, 1802 W. Jackson St., Box 79, Phoenix, AZ 85007**. The Department will record the assignment and forward this form to the Superior Court of Maricopa County. If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the Arizona Department of Water Resources at (866) 246-1414.

ASSIGNMENT

The undersigned parties hereby notify the Superior Court of Maricopa County of the assignment of the following statements of claimant:

- 39-_____ filed in the _____ watershed.
- 39-_____ filed in the _____ watershed.
- 39-_____ filed in the _____ watershed.
- 39-_____ filed in the _____ watershed.
- 39-_____ filed in the _____ watershed.

Type of legal document enclosed to establish a change of ownership:

Recorded Deed (date, file number, county) _____

Tax Parcel Notice (date, county) _____

Other (date, description) _____

ASSIGNOR (seller):

ASSIGNEE (buyer):

Name (printed or typed)

Name (printed or typed)

Address

Address

Telephone

Telephone

Signature

Signature

STATE OF ARIZONA)
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The foregoing instrument was
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this day of me this _____ day of
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acknowledged and signed before me
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Notary Public

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

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