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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

W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. W1-11-1010

ORDER TO INITIATE CONTESTED CASE

AND

ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Mary S. Waltrip*
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Case initiated and status conference set for **October 21, 2021 at 1:50 p.m.**
NUMBER OF PAGES: 17
DATE OF FILING: August 20, 2021

General Explanation

This Order begins the process necessary to adjudicate claims made for rights to appropriable water for use on land that the Arizona Department of Water Resources identified as previously owned by Mary S. Waltrip that has since been subdivided. The Cochise County Assessor has identified several parties who now own portions of the subdivided tract of land.

1 This contested case is one of the many cases in the General Stream Adjudication for the San
2 Pedro River watershed to determine legal rights to water. Other cases in which claims have
3 been made for legal rights to water in the San Pedro River Watershed have been completed, are
4 in the process of determining water rights, or awaiting initiation. The purpose of the General
5 Adjudication is to determine the rights of those persons who filed statements of claimant for
6 rights to use appropriable water in the San Pedro River Watershed. The General Adjudication
7 will also determine water rights in the Upper Salt, Verde, Upper Gila, Lower Gila, Agua Fria,
8 and Upper Santa Cruz watersheds.

9 In this case, Jacob G. Goldberg (“Claimant”) filed Statement of Claimant 39-1018 on
10 July 6, 1979 for rights to water from a well on land in Section 31 Township 23S Range 22E.
11 The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claim, which it
12 characterized as a claim for irrigation use and prepared a report known as Watershed File
13 Report No. 111-23-DA-007 (“WFR”) published in the Final San Pedro River Watershed
14 Hydrographic Survey Report (1991). A copy of the WFR is attached as Attachment A.

15 The WFR found no irrigation use of water on the land described in the WFR. After
16 ADWR issued the WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the WFR. The purpose
17 of this case is to consider the claims made for water rights that are the subject of the WFR and
18 resolve the objections to the WFR.
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20 **Claimant & Landowners**

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22 The WFR identified one Statement of Claimant (“SOC”) relevant to the potential water
23 right: 39-1018. Jacob G. Goldberg filed the SOC claiming water for an irrigation use. The
24 WFR lists Mary S. Waltrip as the owner of the property described, located in the Section 31
25 Township 23S Range 22E. The public records maintained by ADWR do not include an
26 assignment of the SOC from the Claimant to the successor landowners.

27 The Cochise County Assessor lists numerous parties who own the land described in the
28 WFR shown in the table below.

Tax Parcel No.	Owner
104-44-015B	Robin F. Montgomery
104-44-015C	Cynthia M. Ferrara
104-44-015P	Andrea T. Diaz
104-44-015N	Billy Gene Brown Jr.
104-44-015L	Christopher J. & Lisa Ann Alder
104-44-015Q	Christopher J. Lynn & Sandra L. Nachtweih
104-44-015R	Gayle Armstrong
104-44-015K	Barney E. & Shelly J. Bowden
104-44-015H	William C. Schumacher & Soon Chong
104-44-015F	Ignacio Blanco III

A map of the land described in 111-23-DA-007, prepared by ADWR in August 2021, is attached as Attachment B. A copy of a map prepared by the Cochise County Assessor showing land containing the tax parcels listed above is attached as Attachment C.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Contested Case. This contested case shall be known as *In re Mary S. Waltrip* and it will determine appropriable water rights asserted in the Statement of Claimant and objections that were filed to Watershed File Report 111-23-DA-007 published in the Final San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (1991). Copies of objections can be found under the case name and number on the following website: <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp>

2. Litigants. The litigants in this contested case are the Claimant, the current landowners, all persons who filed objections to the WFR, who are included on Attachment D, and parties who are allowed to intervene by order.

3. Court-Approved Mailing List.

A. The initial Court-approved mailing list for this case shall include all persons listed on Attachment D to this order. The list may be modified

1 only by filing a motion with the Special Master to amend the Court-
2 approved mailing list. Litigants are responsible for using the current
3 Court-approved mailing list.

4 B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County
5 Superior Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the
6 Court-approved mailing list.

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8 C. Claimants wishing to be added or removed from the mailing list shall file
9 a motion with the Special Master. Parties allowed to intervene will be
10 automatically added to the Court-approved mailing list.

11 D. The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders
12 issued in this case to the parties listed on the Court-approved mailing
13 list. Upon request, the Clerk of the Court will provide copies by email.
14 Parties may request emailed copies of minute entries and orders by
15 completing and submitting a CONSENT FOR ELECTRONIC RECEIPT
16 OF WATER CASE DOCUMENTS, which is attached as Attachment E.
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18 4. Status Conference. An initial status conference shall be held to determine
19 whether any of the current landowners intend to pursue claims for rights to appropriable water
20 for irrigation use. If no person appears at the Status Conference, then Statement of Claimant
21 39-1018 and this case will be dismissed and no further action will be taken with respect to the
22 WFR or the objections filed to the WFR.
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24 The Status Conference shall be held on **October 21, 2021 at 1:50 p.m.** The Status
25 Conference shall be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are
26 attached as Attachment F. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box "Join Court
27 Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive
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1 this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing
2 <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may
3 attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions
4 for Court Connect. You may also attend telephonically using the following numbers:

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6 Instructions for telephonic participation:

7 Dial: 602-506-9695 (local)

8 1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance)

9 Dial Collaboration (conference) Code 357264#

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13 SUSAN WARD HARRIS
14 Special Master

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17 On August 20, 2021, the original of the foregoing was
18 delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior
19 Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons
20 listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this
21 contested case, a copy of which is attached hereto as
22 Attachment D, and to all persons listed on the Court-
23 approved mailing list for W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4
24 (Consolidated).

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ATTACHMENT A

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE
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WALTRIP, MARY S.	111-23-DA-007

A P P L I C A B L E F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES

FILING NUMBER	FILING STATUS	USES	QUANTITY IN AFA	USE LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	CLAIM DATE	DIVERSION LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE
39-0001018		IRRIGATION	17.65	31	230S	220E	1960	31	230S	220E

D W R A N A L Y S I S O F F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

FILING NUMBER	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR	APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS
39-0001018	IRRIGATION	NONE		

P W R S U M M A R Y

PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	*APPARENT FIRST USE DATE*	DATE BASIS FOR DATE	WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS
NONE	39-0001018	NONE			

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FILINGS AND DECREES
 FILING 39-1018 - CLAIMS AN IRRIGATION WATER USE. NO IRRIGATION WAS FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

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ATTACHMENT B



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Mary Waltrip

Watershed File Report 111-23-DA-007

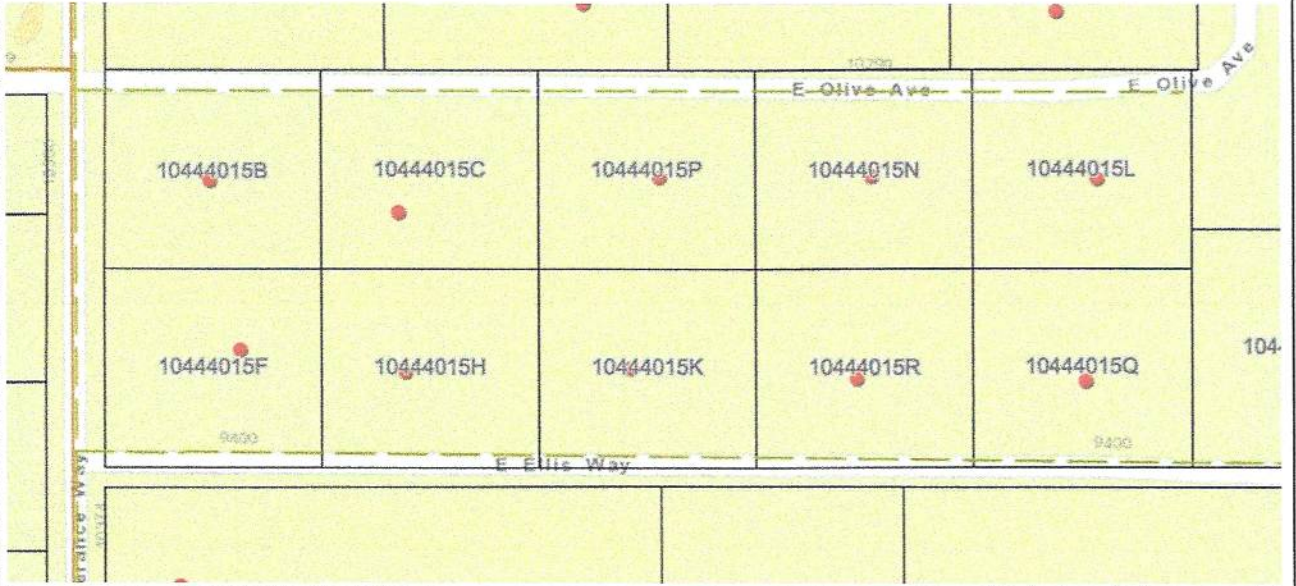
**Township 23S Range 22E
Section 31**



ADWR August 2021

ATTACHMENT C

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ATTACHMENT E

**CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA**

Jeff Fine
Clerk

**MARICOPA COUNTY
Customer Service Center
601 West Jackson
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602 372-4115
Water Case Clerk

CONSENT FOR ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OF WATER CASE DOCUMENTS

In an effort to provide more timely and cost effective distribution of copies of filed Water Case documents, the Clerk of the Superior Court would like implement electronic distribution via email. To do so, we require your consent to receive copies of documents electronically at an email address provided to our office.

This consent is voluntary and can be rescinded if you so choose. If you no longer wish to receive Water Case documents from the Clerk of Superior Court electronically, please send written notification to the Clerk of the Superior Court Water Case Specialist at the email address below requesting that all future records be sent in paper form.

Please note that if you consent to receive documents via email, you must notify the Clerk's Office of any change to your email address to avoid delay in receiving future filings. In the event there is no valid email address on file with the Clerk of the Superior Court Water Case Specialist, documents will be mailed to the address provided.

If you wish to consent to receive future documents via email, please either fill out the information below and mail to our office or provide the below information to Mayra.Antelo@Maricopa.Gov.

Preferred email address:

Alternate email address:

Physical address:

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Thank you,

Mayra Antelo
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Water Case Specialist
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ATTACHMENT F



Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Mary S Waltrip

This hearing will be conducted through the new Court Connect program offered by the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This new and innovative program allows Court participants to appear online, rather than in a physical courtroom. Hearings are preferably conducted by videoconference but can also be conducted by phone. Lawyers (and self-representing litigants) are responsible for distributing this notice to anyone who will be appearing on their behalf.

All participants must use the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button or the dial in information below to participate.

Participants: Please follow the steps below to participate in the remote proceeding.

1. Click the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button below.
2. Enter your full name and role in name field.
3. Wait for the facilitator to admit you to the proceeding.

Remember to keep this email handy so you can use it to participate in the following proceeding.

Case Name: In re Mary S. Waltrip, Contested Case No. W1-11-1010

Start Date/Time: October 21, 2021 at 1:50 p.m.

JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING

Dial-in Information: +1 917-781-4590

Private Dial-in Information: for privacy purposes, you can block your phone number by dialing *67 +1 917-781-4590

Dial-in Access Code: 688 970 203#

Tiny URL: <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>

To ensure an optimal experience, please review the brief Court Connect training prior to the hearing: [Here](#)

