

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

October 8, 2024

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
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S. Ortega
Deputy

In re: ASLD – Fred and Carol Telles
Contested Case No. W1-11-1511

FILED: October 10, 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: Initial Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom: CCB 301

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for an initial conference.

The following attorneys and parties appear virtually and/or telephonically:

- Eric Wilkins and Kevin P. Crestin for landowner Arizona State Land Department (ASLD)
- Michael Carter for the Gila River Indian Community
- Laurel A. Herrmann for San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Susan Montgomery for the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe
- Katrina Wilkinson for Salt River Project (SRP)
- Kimberly R. Parks for the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)
- Carla A. Consoli for the Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy
- Brett Stavin for Tonto Apache Tribe
- Brian Heiserman observing for the St. David Irrigation District
- Katya M. Lancero observing for the Navajo Nation
- Mark Widerschein observing for the United States

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

Eric Wilkins informs the Court that ASLD intends to pursue water rights in this matter, and discussion is held. ASLD has identified WRRRA filing #36-5271 for SP004 and stockpond registration filing # 38-88614 for SP003.

Mr. Wilkins also informs the Court that ASLD spoke to the lessee of the property, Scott Stratton with DOS S Land and Cattle LLC, and believes that the lessee has no issues with ASLD pursuing the water rights in this matter.

The Court directs ASLD to put together draft abstracts.

Further discussion is held regarding stockponds. Katrina Wilkinson states that SRP does not have any issues with proceeding with the draft abstracts and notes that many of the certificates that support some of the stockpond PWRs are still in the name of Bio Telles Ranch.

Mr. Wilkins states that ASLD intends to go forward with the pre-filing initially filed by ASLD relating to stockponds 1 through 5. The documents are in process relating to stockpond 6.

IT IS ORDERED that ASLD shall draft the abstracts and submit them to the Court on or before **December 9, 2024**. Objectors will have 30 days from December 9, 2024 to review the draft abstracts.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting a status conference on **January 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** for the purpose of discussing the draft abstracts.

10:12 a.m. Hearing concludes.

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