

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

March 25, 2025

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

S. Ortega
Deputy

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

FILED: March 28, 2025

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

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for a virtual Status Conference before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

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

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

- Eric Wilkins and Kevin Crestin for Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”)
- Katrina Wilkinson for the Salt River Project (SRP)
- Katya L. Norris observing for Navajo Nation
- Karen Nielsen for the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)
- Joe Sparks and Laurel Herrmann for San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Susan Montgomery for Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe
- Merrill C. Godfrey for the Gila River Indian Community
- Brett Stavin for Tonto Apache Tribe

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

Discussion is held regarding the procedure for an issue of broad legal importance. All parties are in agreement to move forward with the process. The Court does not believe a trial pursuant to the rule is necessary and is certain the matter can be resolved through briefings. Without objection, the issue regarding what constitutes a sufficient basis of right is designated as an issue of broad legal importance.

Ms. Wilkinson agrees that this issue can be handled through briefing and requests that the briefing should also include the proposed ways in which ADWR can handle the certification of the 173 pending applications from the 1970s that have been approved in abstracts.

The Court addresses the ASLD claim # 38-88613. Mr. Wilkins agrees to move forward with the reactivation at this time. For the reasons set forth on the record,

IT IS ORDERED that ADWR will reactivate claim #38-88613 pursuant to ASLD's request.

Discussion is held regarding ASLD abstracts. Mr. Wilkins confirms that a redraft of the abstracts did go out to the parties recently, and no comments have been received yet from the other parties.

The Court will issue a separate order for both adjudications noticing this particular issue of broad legal importance along with a reasonable briefing schedule.

10:12 a.m. Matter concludes.