1 2 3 4 5 ARIZONA GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION 6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA 7 8 9 IN RE THE GENERAL W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated) ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS 10 TO USE WATER IN THE GILA Contested Case No. W1-11-1538 RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE 11 12 ORDER SCHEDULING STATUS **CONFERENCE HEARING** 13 14 CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re F.J. Muhlfeld III 15 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey. 16 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: A status conference hearing is scheduled for Thursday, 17 August 21, 2025, at 10:30 am. 18 NUMBER OF PAGES: 6 19 This case was initiated March 26, 2025, with an initial status conference scheduled 20 for May 1, 2025. None of the property owners attended the initial conference as ordered. 21 The minute entry for the conference, filed May 6, 2025, ordered any property owners who 22 are interested in whatever potential water rights they may have to file statements of 23 interest with the court by June 6, 2025. The court received communications from the 24 following property owners: 25 Tracy S. Bays R Family Ranch Julius M. Redey Steven C. and Dorothy M. Castagno 26 Jesse G. and Catherine Ochoa 27

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IT IS ORDERED scheduling a status conference hearing for Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 10:30 am. This conference will be held concurrently with contested case W1-11-1540 as many of the documents and issues are the same. Property owners who fail to attend this second status conference will be dismissed from the case and any potential water rights associated with this contested case may be forfeit.

The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing <a href="https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster">https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster</a>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the following property owners are dismissed from this case and removed from the mailing list for lack of interest:

Michael W. and Gregory Jon Stephens Alicia Bell Mendoza Separate Property Trust Augustine E. Vargas and Amy Sue Eagerton Terry Louis and Pamela Gillespie Michael C. & Esperanza D. Hynes Ruben Z. Castaneda Stanley C. Chaffin Alex A. and Judit E. Sedillos Equity Trust Company

Signed this 17 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

Sherri L. Zendri Special Master

On <u>Jone 14, 2025</u>, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested case, a copy of which is attached. Emily Natale 

## **ATTACHMENT A**



# Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re F.J. Muhlfeld III

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 F.J. Muhlfeld III
Contested Case No. W1-11-1538

Start Date/Time: Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 10:30 am.

## 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

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- 24 | Dial-in Access Code: 688 970 203#
- 25 Tiny URL: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster">https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster</a>
- To ensure an optimal experience, please review the brief Court Connect training prior to the hearing: <u>Here</u>

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#### Court Approved Mailing List In re F.J. Muhlfeld III W1-11-1538 (23 Names) Prepared by the Special Master 6/17/2025

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