

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

May 1, 2025

CLERK OF THE COURT
A. Parmar
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: May 6, 2025

In re: Elizabeth Muhlfeld
Contested Case No. W1-11-1540

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:01 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference to determine if the landowners are interested in pursuing potential water rights before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Brette Pena on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Jay Lee on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Alex Corcoran-Shannon (paralegal for Susan Montgomery) on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Karen J. Nielsen on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- J. Albert Brown observing on behalf of the St. David Irrigation District
- Kaitlyn Smith on observing behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”)

- Denise Riden on behalf of Cochise County Attorney's Office
- Katya Lancero Norris observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation
- Katrina Wilkinson observing on behalf of Salt River Project ("SRP")

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The Court addresses the parties regarding this matter. The Court notes that Gerald and Phyllis Nelson contacted this office and informed the Court that they were unable to attend today's hearing but are interested in participating. Based on the questions asked of staff, the Court does not believe there is water use at the Nelson's property but will include a deadline and some questions as a "LATER" so they can provide more information.

The Court has not heard from Mr. Madsen and will provide a deadline for him to submit a written notice of interest.

The original claimant, Elizabeth Muhlfeld Romney, no longer owns the property and has not appeared or expressed any interest in this matter. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED removing Elizabeth Muhlfeld Romney from the Court Approved Mailing List in this matter.

No objections or concerns are stated to the Court's proposal.

10:07 a.m. Matter concludes.

LATER:

Based upon documentation from the San Pedro Hydrographic Survey Report, it is unclear if any surface water uses are occurring in the area. It is understood that domestic water for the area is provided by Mescal Lakes Water Company.

IT IS ORDERD if property owners Gerald and Phyllis Nelson or Jared Madsen are interested in pursuing whatever potential water rights they may have on their property, if any, they must notify this Court in writing by **5:00pm, Friday, June 6, 2025**.

If the Court receives no notice by that date, property owners will be removed from the court approved mailing list. The failure to participate in this proceeding may result in the forfeiture of potential water rights.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERD Property owners who provide notice to the Court that they are interested in pursuing potential water rights must include the following information:

1. Ponds or surface water storage on the property
2. Groundwater wells on the property

3. Use on the property of any water not provided by Mescal Lakes Water Company

For assistance with filing documents with the Court, please contact the Office of the Special Master at (602) 372-4115

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court-Approved Mailing List.