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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. W1-11-1983

ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re Rancho Rio Vista Inc.

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: This order schedules a status conference for **Tuesday**, **March 4**, **2025**, **at 10:00 a.m**.

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On November 21, 2024, the Special Master held a status conference in this contested case and determined that property owners in the northern portion of investigation area of Watershed File Report ("WFR") #112-17-BDA-004 with recently installed wells area are not part of the water uses included in the WFR that is the subject of this contested case and were dismissed from the case. Property owners remaining in this case are The Marm LLC, and Seth Wilson and Chelsey Hinton Wilson. Neither of these parties attended the November 21, 2024, status conference and were therefore ordered to provide the Court written confirmation if they intended to pursue any potential

water rights. Both parties provided such confirmation. Copies appear to have been sent to everyone on the Court-approved mailing list, including the Maricopa County Clerk of Court, which is included on the list. Nonetheless, a copy of the letter from both parties is attached to this order as Attachment A to ensure a complete record.

This contested case relates specifically to wells 55-236293 ("W1" on the WFR) and 55-628288 ("W4" on the WFR). However, there are two additional recently installed wells located within the area of identified on the WFR as the "Point of Use." Well 55-562512 is located in the southeast corner of the WFR investigation area, and well 55-236293 is located approximately ½ mile northwest of the well 55-562512.

All of these wells are located within the "subflow zone" of the San Pedro River and are therefore presumed to be pumping surface water from the San Pedro. Parties who wish to pursue water rights in a subflow zone must comply with all requirements for appropriable waters and present to the Court a Statement of Claimant ("SOC") claiming a water right as well as legal evidence of that right, or "basis or right." Both Marm LLC, and the Wilsons have indicated they have updated applicable SOC filings. No information has been provided regarding the status of the basis of right for either claim. All water rights claims must be paired with the appropriate basis of right, e.g. a statement of claim, decree, stockpond registration, or water rights certificate.

IT IS ORDERED setting a status conference for Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. for the property owners and ADWR to present the Court with updates regarding the application and processing of updated SOC and basis of right documents.

The conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached as Attachment B. 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.

Both parties have requested the Court to add them to the General Stream Adjudication courtesy email list. However, neither party provided the Court with an email address or a phone number for follow-up. Claimants who would like to receive courtesy copies of minute entries and orders may request inclusion on an email list by sending a request, from the email account they wish to be included on the list, to <a href="mailto:emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov">emily.natale@jbazmc.maricopa.gov</a>.

Signed this 30 day of

2025.

Sherri L. Zendri

Special Water Master

On <u>January</u> 20,2025, 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.

Emily Natale

# **Attachment A**



Seth Wilson & Chelsey Hinton Wilson Case Number W1-11-1983 December 6, 2024

Special Water Master
Sherri Zendri
In re: Rancho Rio Vista Inc.
Contested Case No. W1-11-1983
Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County

Water Master of the Superior Court SHERRI ZENDRI

Re: Case No. W1-11-1983 – Water Rights Pursuit and Non-Attendance on November 21, 2024 Status Conference

Please accept this letter as written confirmation of our ongoing interest in pursuing water rights in connection with case number W1-11-1983. Additionally, we would like to provide an explanation for our absence at the November 21, 2024, status conference.

There are two parties that were absent who share the mailing address of 1050 S Dill Road, Benson, AZ 85602, did not receive notice of the conference (other party at address is Marm, LLC). It is important to note that we have been present at all prior conferences and meetings, including traveling to Phoenix to meet in person with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). We request that our consistent attendance at previous meetings and our efforts to comply with all court requests be acknowledged. Furthermore, we respectfully ask the court to accept that had we received notice of the conference, we would have been in attendance on November 21, 2024.

As an update regarding our efforts to file the appropriate Statement of Claimant (SOC) and Basis of Rights with ADWR, Seth Wilson attended the September 5, 2024, meeting with ADWR and submitted the necessary documents at that time. To our understanding, as of September 5, 2024, all applicable claims and Basis of Rights have been filed. If any additional items or documentation are required, we kindly request that those be made known to us.

Furthermore, to avoid future issues with non-receipt of mailed notifications, I have requested to be added to the courtesy email list for any future communications, ensuring that notices will be received by email moving forward.

This statement is being mailed to each person on the court-approved mailing list on December 6, 2024, as required.

We appreciate the Court's attention to this matter and request that our previous efforts, attendance history, and the circumstances surrounding our absence on November 21, 2024, be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Seth
Digitally signed by Seth Wilson
Date: 2024.12.06
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Tim Wilson on Behalf of The Marm LLC Case Number W1-11-1983 December 6, 2024

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As an update regarding my efforts to file the appropriate Statement of Claimant (SOC) and Basis of Rights with ADWR, I attended the September 5, 2024, meeting with ADWR and received the necessary paperwork to file. I had a few additional steps in-order to complete the process so I was not able to file documents at the time of the meeting. The estimated time to complete the appropriate filings is December 31, 2024.

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Sincerely,

Timothy Wilson on behalf of The Marm LLC

#### **ATTACHMENT B**



## Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Rancho Rio Vista

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 Rancho Rio Vista Contested Case No. W1-11-1983

Start Date/Time: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

### JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING

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

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dialing \*67 +1 917-781-4590

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: **Here** 

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