

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)

Case Nos. W1-11-2081, W1-11-2089,

W1-11-2090, W1-11-2111, W1-11-2119, W1-11-2128; W1-11-2708; W1-11-2697

PROCEDURAL ORDER FOR ELECTRONIC AND MAILED FILINGS

CONTESTED CASE NAMES: In re Orie Alvin Owens, Sr., et al. (W1-11-2081); In Valley National Bank (W1-11-2089); In William & Esther Taylor (W1-11-2090); In re Ruth B. Singer (W1-11-2111); In re San Pedro Investments (W1-11-2119); In re Robin L. and Linda M. Richey (W1-11-2128); In re Norman G. and Barbara Y. Crawford (W1-11-2708); In re Hope Iselin Jones (W1-11-2697)

<u>HSR INVOLVED</u>: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report

SUMMARY: This clarifies acceptable methods for parties to meet filing deadlines.

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On March 14, 2025, the United States filed a procedural motion requesting the General Stream Adjudication Court approve filing with the Court for these contested cases through additional alternative means; specifically, by sending an email to the Office of the Special Water Master by the filing deadline and certifying that a hard copy of the filing was placed in the US mail or commercial delivery by the filing deadline.

Currently the General Stream Adjudication does not have the ability for electronic filing. Recognizing the amount of paper generated by any legal proceeding, the general email box for the Office of the Special Water Master was created specifically to reduce

the amount of paper needed all contested cases. However, that email address is only accessible by the employees of the office of the Special Water Master and not by the Clerk of Court. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED reiterating that parties must continue to file paper copies of all documents with the Clerk of Court. Any document that is postmarked by the due date of the filing will be considered timely filed. In addition to filing paper copies of pleadings/documents with the Clerk of Court, a copy of any document filed with the Clerk of Court must be delivered to all parties on the Court Approved Mailing List. If any party anticipates that the delay of documents being delivered may pose an issue for the Special Water Master, they may additionally email a courtesy copy of the document to the Office of the Special Water Master at water@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if parties on the Court-Approved Mailing List are interested is using email to serve courtesy copies of documents between each other, they may agree amongst themselves. If any party requests that paper copies of documents be served on them, the serving party must comply.

DATED this _____ day of ______

Sherri L. Zendri

Special Master

On March 19, 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 lists for this contested case.

Emily Natale