1 2 3 4 5 6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA 7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA 8 9 IN RE THE GENERAL W-1 (Salt) ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS W-2 (Verde) 10 TO USE WATER IN THE GILA W-3 (Upper Gila) W-4 (San Pedro) RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE 11 Consolidated 12 CONTESTED CASE NO. W1-11-232 13 14 ORDER CLARIFYING THE AUGUST 24, 2023, ORDER QUANTIFYING FEDERAL 15 RESERVED WATER RIGHTS FOR SAN PEDRO RIPARIAN NATIONAL 16 CONSERVATION AREA 17 CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area 18 19 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report. 20 NUMBER OF PAGES: 5 21 DATE OF FILING: December 12, 2024 22 23 Having reviewed the United States' "Amended Proposed Decree," filed 24 December 14, 2023, and Freeport Minerals Corporation's "Objection to the United 25 States' Amended Proposed Decree," filed January 22, 2024, the Court clarifies its 26 August 24, 2023 Order quantifying reserved rights for the San Pedro Riparian National 27

Conservation Area ("SPRNCA") by numerically describing the "monthly flows" and

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"annual flows" referenced in section X of that Order. W1-11-232, Order Quantifying Federal Reserved Water Rights for San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area at 54 (August 24, 2023). Further, this Order defines the priority date and purpose of use associated with those reserved rights as well as the procedural posture of this contested case.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The quantity of the reserved water is an amount sufficient to fulfill the purposes of SPRNCA as described below:

A. Stream flows.

The United States is granted a federal reserved water right to instream flows at the three San Pedro River USGS stream gages within the SPRNCA. The instream flows are the median rate of the mean daily flow for each month from 1981 to 2015, as set forth below:

| San Pedro River Gage | PALOMINAS (USGS #09470500) | CHARELSTON (USGS #09471000) | TOMBSTONE (USGS #09471550) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Monthly Flow in acre-feet and (cfs) | | |
| January | 141 (2.3) | 799 (13.0) | 781 (12.7) |
| February | 158 (2.8) | 735 (13.0) | 735 (13.0) |
| March | 135 (2.2) | 805 (13.1) | 775 (12.6) |
| April | 30 (0.5) | 535 (9.0) | 416 (7.0) |
| May | 6 (0.1) | 277 (4.5) | 74 (1.2) |
| June | 6 (0.1) | 131 (2.2) | 0 (0.0) |
| July | 6 (0.1) | 246 (4.0) | 0 (0.0) |
| August | 264 (4.3) | 1,230 (20.0) | 1,684 (27.4) |
| September | 18 (0.3) | 559 (9.4) | 464 (7.8) |
| October | 43 (0.7) | 326 (5.3) | 148 (2.4) |
| November | 12 (0.2) | 476 (8.0) | 256 (4.3) |
| December | 98 (1.6) | 707 (11.5) | 615(10.0) |
| Total | 917 | 6,826 | 5,948 |

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| Annual Un-impounded Flood Flow, in acre-feet | | |
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| 11,024 | 12,577 | 14,568 |
| Aı | nnual Flow, in acre-feet | |
| 11,941 | 19,403 | 20,516 |

The United States is granted a federal reserved water right to instream flows at the Babocomari River within the SPRNCA. The instream flows are the median rate of the mean daily flow for each month from 2001 to 2015, as set forth below:

| Babocomari Stream Gage | BABOCOMARI (USGS #09471400) |
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| | Monthly Flow, in acre-feet and (cfs) |
| January | 62 (1.0) |
| February | 57 (1.0) |
| March | 61 (0.99) |
| April | 47 (0.79) |
| May | 23 (0.38) |
| June | 1.2 (0.02) |
| July | 4.3 (0.07) |
| August | 36 (0.59) |
| September | 27 (0.46) |
| October | 25 (0.40) |
| November | 37 (0.62) |
| December | 50 (0.81) |
| Total: | 431 |
| | Annual Un-impounded Flood Flow, in acre-feet |
| | 764 |
| | Annual Flow, in acre-feet |
| | 1,195 |

B. Flood Flows

The United States is granted flood flows on an annual basis calculated as the difference between the sum of the median monthly flows and the median annual flows, in quantities expressed as Annual Un-impounded Flood Flow in the tables above and set forth below:

| LOCATION | USGS GAGE NUMBER | ACRE-FEET | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| San Pedro River - Palominas | 09470500 | 11,024 | |
| San Pedro River - Charleston | 09471000 | 12,577 | |
| San Pedro River - Tombstone | 09471550 | 14,568 | |
| Babocomari River | 09471400 | 764 | |

C. Groundwater Elevations

The United States is granted a federal reserved water right to the following groundwater elevations at nine monitoring wells within the SPRNCA:

| Well Name | Location | Elevation at Top of Casing (ft.) (Datum: NAD83, NAVD88, GEOID03) | Water Level Elevation (ft.) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Palominas Well #5 | 31°20'40.63704" -110°08'03 .50040" | 4267.6 | 4246.1 |
| Hereford South monitoring well | 31°26'23.09794" -110°06'29.80706" | 4153.4 | 4143.9 |
| Hereford North monitoring well | 31°26'38.29823" -110°06'26.63238" | 4155.1 | 4145.7 |
| Cottonwood monitoring well | 31°31'10.56285" -110°07'46.70368" | 4087.1 | 4070.7 |
| Lewis Springs monitoring well | 31°33'10.83449" -1 10°08'18.97124" | 4049.9 | 4040.9 |
| Moson Spring monitoring well | 31°36'42.38970" -110°10'03.33506" | 3989.25 | 3975.5 |
| Boquillas #2 monitoring well | 31°40'59.98193" -110°11'22.02455" | 3896.95 | 3879.05 |
| Boquillas #1 monitoring well | 31°41'23.56147" -110°11'11.74585" | 3878.0 | 3862.2 |
| Summers monitoring well | 31°47'34.61492" -110°13'03.70638" | N/A | 3717.3 |

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D. Priority Date

The priority date of the reserved water right is November 18, 1988.

E. Purpose of Use

The purpose of use of the reserved water right is the protection of the riparian area and the aquatic, wildlife, archeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, educational, and recreational resources of the SPRNCA.

F. Effect of this Order

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes section 45-257(A)(2) and the Rules for Proceedings Before the Special Master section 16.01, a notice and objection period must precede the entry of a decree. Therefore, at this stage, the quantification of reserved rights for SPRNCA described in this Order remains part of the Catalog of Proposed Water Rights for the General Stream Adjudication of the Gila River System and Source.

Dated: December 12, 2024

Hon. Mark H. Brain