

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

10/16/2025

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

In Re: *Benny H. and Frances Clark*
Contested Case No. W1-11-2395

FILED: 10/21/2025

In Re: The General Adjudication
Of All Rights to Use Water in the
Gila River System and Source
W-1, W-2, W-3 and W-4 (Consolidated)

In Re: Initial Status Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

10:01 a.m. This is the time set for a virtual **Status Conference** before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri to discuss the general adjudication of all rights to use water in the Gila River System and source.

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

The following parties/counsel appear virtually and/or telephonically:

- Landowners Robert Carl Clark and his wife, Alicia F. Clark (Robert Clark is the son of Benny H. and Frances Clark, deceased)
- Katrina Wilkinson for the Salt River Project (SRP)
- Joe Sparks and Jana Sutton for the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- John Burnside for BHP Copper
- Kaitlyn Smith for ASARCO LLC
- Garrett Perkins observing for the St. David Irrigation District
- Sue Montgomery for the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe
- Michael Carter for Gila River Indian Community

- Kevin Crestin observing for the Arizona State Land Department
- Rosemary Avila for the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Karen Nielsen for Arizona Department of Water Resources

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LET THE RECORD REFLECT the United States is not present due to the federal government shutdown.

Mr. Clark provides the Special Master with an update regarding his statement of claimant (“SOC”) and his basis of right. He indicated contact the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) has been very helpful. ADWR has not yet completed processing of Mr. Clark’s basis of right, which is a water rights registration act statement of claim, or a “36 filing”). Once that process is complete, ADWR will provide Mr. Clark with the filing number so that any final amendments for the SOC regarding the irrigation and domestic uses can be completed.

The Court further explains to Mr. Clark what needs to happen to establish a water right and recommends that Mr. Clark contact the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) to do a final update to the Statement of Claim once the 36 filing is done.

For the reasons stated on the record,

IT IS ORDERED that ADWR will file a status report when the statement of claim (36 filing) is completed and issued, or no later than **April 16, 2026**. If the statement of claim is still not completed by April 16, 2025, the ADWR status report will include an estimated time for completion.

No objections or concerns are stated on the record.

10:16 a.m. Matter concludes.