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4 **ARIZONA GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION**
5 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**
6 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

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8 IN RE THE GENERAL
9 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS
10 TO USE WATER IN THE GILA
11 RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. **W1-11-2399**

12 **ORDER SETTING DEADLINES**

13 **CONTESTED CASE NAME:** *In re Robert Allen and Angela Buzan*

14 **HSR INVOLVED:** San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

15 **DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** This order sets a deadline of **Monday, June 30, 2025**, for
16 Mr. Buzan to file all required documents and a deadline of **July 14, 2025**, to provide
notice of actions to the Court.

17 **NUMBER OF PAGES:** 7

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19 This contested case was initiated on November 25, 2024. During the initial status
20 conference, property owner Robert Allen Buzan Jr. indicated he was interested in
21 pursuing potential water rights; however, Mr. Buzan did not attend the March 6, 2025,
22 status conference. In response to an order from the Special Master filed in the minute
23 entry from the March 6, 2025, status conference, Mr. Buzan indicated he does wish to
24 pursue any potential water rights. It is unclear if the letter from Mr. Buzan was properly
25 filed and shared with all parties on the Court-approved mailing list therefore it is included
26 with this order as Attachment I.

27 To pursue water rights, a property owner must **both** file a Statement of Claimant
28 (“SOC”), and present to the Court evidence of a legal right to the water they claimed on

1 the SOC, also called a “basis of right.” There is currently no basis of right documents
2 associated with this contested case. Based upon the current information, the following
3 options are available to establish an appropriate basis of right:

4 **A.** Submit to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) a “Claim
5 of Water Right for a Stockpond and Application for Certification” if the pond
6 meets **ALL** the following requirements:

- 7 1. Less than or equal to fifteen acre-feet in volume.
- 8 2. Constructed before 1977.
- 9 3. Used solely for watering livestock or wildlife.
- 10 4. Not used primarily for fishing or culturing of fish.

11 **B.** For water uses that do not meet the stockpond definition, file an application
12 for permit to appropriate water. Please note that the priority date for a permit
13 filing is the date the application is received by ADWR.

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15 **IT IS ORDERED** that if Mr. Buzan intends to pursue potential water rights he
16 must file by **June 30, 2025**, an SOC for stockpond use, and for domestic use if
17 applicable, and appropriate basis of right documentation to substantiate his SOC claims.

18 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Mr. Buzan shall ensure his well is properly
19 registered with ADWR and file notice with the Court no later than **July 14, 2025**,
20 indicating the well is registered and that all documentation required by June 30th was
21 provided to ADWR.

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23 Mr. Buzan is encouraged to contact ADWR for general information and guidance
24 regarding the appropriate application forms. Please note that ADWR staff cannot
25 provide legal advice.

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1 **ADWR Contact Information:**

2 Statements of claimant application and processing - 1-866-246-1414

- 3 • Email: smitchell@azwater.gov
4 • website: <https://www.azwater.gov/adjudications>

5 Groundwater Well Registration - (602) 771-8527

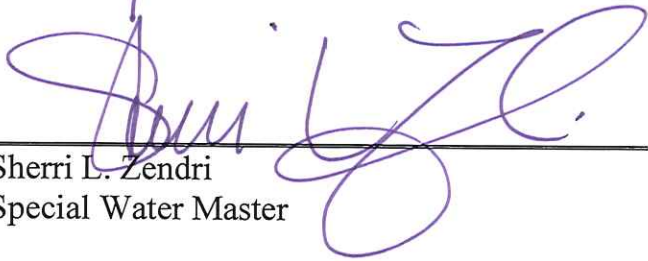
- 6 • Email: wells@azwater.gov
7 • website: <https://www.azwater.gov/permitting-wells>

8 Surface Water Permitting (Basis of Rights) - (602) 771-8621

- 9 • Email: surfacewater@azwater.gov
10 • website: <https://www.azwater.gov/surface-water/surface-water-overview>

11 For assistance regarding Court filing procedures, please contact the Office of the
12 Special Master at (602) 372-4115.

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15 Signed this 1st day of May 2025.

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20 Sherri L. Zendri
21 Special Water Master
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23 On _____, the original of
24 the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the
25 Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and
26 distributing a copy to all persons listed on the
27 Court-approved mailing list for this contested
28 case, a copy of which is attached.

Emily Natale

Court Approved Mailing List
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W1-11-2399 (16 Names)
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5/1/2025

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ATTACHMENT I

April 15, 2025

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Water Master of the
Superior Court
SHERRI ZENDRI

To Whom It May Concern:

I Martha Buzan am writing this letter as a follow-up to phone conversation with Emily on April 10th.

My Brother Robert Buzan Jr does intend to pursue water rights. Due to health issues he missed March 6, 2025 meeting. Neither of us are tech savvy and internet is spotty. Request future communication be by letter or phone.

Robert Buzan Jr - 520.497-8998
Martha Buzan - 520.490.8080.

Thank you -

x Robert A Buzan Jr