

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

10/16/2025

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

In Re: *Ernest H. and Judith H. Dykes*
Contested Case No. W1-11-2617

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

9:31 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:

- Landowner Judith H. Dykes
- Kathryn M. Ust for the Salt River Project (SRP)
- Joe Sparks and Jana Sutton for the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- John Burnside for BHP Copper
- 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
- Karen Nielsen for Arizona Department of Water Resources
- Kaitlyn Smith for ASARCO LLC

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LET THE RECORD REFLECT the United States is not present.

Ms. Dykes provides the Special Master with an update regarding her meeting

with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”). Ms. Dykes states that she has two artesian wells on the property that both flow into a pond. Both wells are registered and used for irrigating the garden, livestock and residential. Ms. Dykes indicated she was a little unclear on how to properly fill out the statement of claimant (“SOC”) form for the ponds since they don’t meet the definition of a stockpond.

The Special Master suggests another meeting between Ms. Dykes and ADWR to complete the next steps in this process:

1. Ms. Dykes works with ADWR to ensure the Statements of Claimant are current and accurate.
2. ADWR shall assist Ms. Dykes with putting together the basis of right for her potential water right

9:57 a.m. Judith Dykes left the conference.

Ms. Dykes was unexpectedly dropped from the virtual hearing, and given the time, the Special Master ended the hearing and will provide additional instructions for all parties as a “LATER” in today’s Minute Entry.

No objections, questions or concerns are stated by the interested parties.

9:59 a.m. Matter concludes.

LATER:

IT IS ORDERED that ADWR contact Ms. Dykes and schedule another meeting to occur no later than **December 31, 2025**. ADWR can contact the Office of the Special Master for Ms. Dykes phone number if the agency does not have it. This meeting should include a discussion with Ms. Dykes regarding her options for a basis of right for her potential water rights.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ADWR shall file a meeting summary within 10 business days of the meeting Ms. Dykes. The summary shall include an estimated time frame for ADWR to complete processing of any filings from Ms. Dykes. Once the Special Master receives this summary, the parties will be notified of next steps through a separate order.