SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY

April 29, 2025

CLERK OF THE COURT
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Deputy

SPECIAL WATER MASTER SHERRI ZENDRI

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) FILED: May 6, 2025

In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Double R Canyon Contested Case No. W1-11-2755

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference to determine if the current landowners wish to pursue potential water rights before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Carla Consoli on behalf of the Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy
- Jana Sutton on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Brette Pena on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community ("GRIC")
- Karen J. Nielsen on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR")
- Kathryn Ust observing on behalf of Salt River Project ("SRP")
- David Brown observing on behalf of C-Spear LLC
- Jay Lee observing on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Katya Lancero Norris observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation

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

Counsel Consoli addresses the Court. She explains that this case deals with a 5200 acre preserve, "Mule Shoe Preserve" with a myriad of water assets such as 30 Statements of Claimant, 10 registered wells, etc. This property appears to be across four additional Watershed File Reports. She requests six months to get through all of the documentation and provide a Status Report as to the scope and characteristics of the claims. She prefers and requests to adjudicate all of the WFRs related to Mule Shoe Preserve in one consolidated case for judicial economy.

Discussion is held regarding the requests. The Court is amenable to the requests. The Court will initially start cases for each WFR and then run the cases concurrently in place of consolidating them.

Counsel Consoli provides the following additional WFRs to the Court: 113-12-006, 113-12-004, 113-12-034 and 113-13-015.

The Court calls for any comments or concerns. No objections are stated.

The Court will initiate the cases for each WFR listed above and hold initial status conferences to determine if there are any other landowners are interested in participating.

The Court also provide a deadline for any additional landowners to provide a written notice of interest in this matter.

Based on the matters presented,

IT IS ORDERED setting a Status Conference to obtain an update from the Nature Conservancy and discuss how to proceed on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 28</u>, <u>2025 at 10:00 a.m.</u> (1 hour allotted) before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The Status Conference shall be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached to this Order. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster. If you do not have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

10:16 a.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list.



Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Double R Canyon

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Contested Case No. W1-11-2755

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