

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

October 28, 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: October 29, 2025

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

In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Cherry Springs
Contested Case No. W1-11-2661

In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Cascabel
Contested Case No. W1-11-2683

In re: Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy – Hooker Hot Springs
Contested Case No. W1-11-2748

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:01 a.m. This is the time set for a virtual Status Conference to obtain an update from the Nature Conservancy and discuss how to proceed 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
- Michael Carter on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Karen J. Nielsen and Dustin Rector on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)

- Kathryn M. Ust observing on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- David Brown observing on behalf of C-Spear LLC, et al.
- Susan Montgomery for Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe

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LET THE RECORD REFLECT that the United States of America is not present at today’s hearing.

Ms. Consoli advises the Court that the Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy has reviewed its records, is in the process of communicating with the preserve managers, and has narrowed the number of statements of claim that it will pursue. Ms. Consoli further explains that there are two certificated in stream flow rights which the Conservancy will continue to pursue; Conservancy personnel are working with ADWR with respect to paperwork. Ms. Consoli states that it would be helpful for the landowners or their counsel to communicate in advance of the Conservancy sending drafts, abstracts, and maps to those involved in this matter to ensure that there are no conflicts.

Discussion is held regarding Ms. Consoli’s status update. Discussion is further held regarding the United States in this matter.

Mr. Brown states that his clients’ interests are minor and that counsel will confer. Ms. Consoli advises the Special Master that when the Conservancy has its maps and abstracts in draft form, which includes the two in stream flow rights, she can send those first to Mr. Brown and give him the opportunity to comment, and then send them out to the other objectors to comment before providing the finalized abstracts and maps that everyone has signed off on before deciding what to do with the United States in this matter. Procedural matters are discussed regarding the same.

For the reasons stated on the record,

IT IS ORDERED that by **January 30, 2026**, Ms. Consoli shall send to all the parties the Conservancy’s draft maps and abstracts. The parties shall have until **February 13, 2026**, to submit comments to the Special Master. The Special Master states a hearing may be set if needed after review of any comments.

10:14 a.m. Matter concludes.

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