

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

May 1, 2025

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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: Jose Luis Garcia
Contested Case No. W1-11-3077

In re Pat V. and Nancy L. Chester
Contested Case No. W1-11-3083

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

11:00 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference to determine if the landowners are interested in pursuing potential water rights before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Brette Pena on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Jana Sutton on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Jay Lee on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Laura Boyer and Mark Widerschein on behalf of the United States Department of Justice
- J. Albert Brown on behalf of the St. David Irrigation District
- Katya Lancero Norris observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation

- Denise Riden observing on behalf of Cochise County
- Kaitlyn Smith observing on behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”)
- Karen Nielsen on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)

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

LET THE RECORD REFLECT that this proceeding is concurrently hearing contested cases nos. W1-11-3077 and W1-11-3083.

These contested cases are being heard concurrently because they are both currently owned by Jose Garcia. Mr. Garcia failed to attend today’s conference. Mr. Garcia was informed of the initiation of both cases and the initial status conference via U.S. mail. The Office of the Special Master has not received any returned mail from Mr. Garcia.

The Court does believe there is surface water use in these two matters and will include a deadline for the property owners to provide written notice of interest.

11:03 a.m. Kathryn Ust appears telephonically on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”).

No objections or concerns are stated to the Court’s proposal.

11:05 a.m. Matter concludes.

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

LATER:

If Mr. Garcia remains interested in pursuing whatever potential water rights he may have on his property, he must file documentation with the Court in writing by **5:00 p.m., Friday, June 6, 2025.**

If the Court receives no notice by that date, both contested cases will be dismissed and any potential water rights associated with these contested cases may be forfeit.

For assistance with filing documents with the Court, please contact the Office of the Special Master at (602) 372-4115