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6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA
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9 IN RE THE GENERAL
10 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS
11 TO USE WATER IN THE GILA
12 RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE
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W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. **W1-11-3109**

**ORDER TO MEET WITH THE
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES**

AND

SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE

16 CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Walterio G. and Teresita Romero*

17 HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

18 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order for claimant Ms. Romero-Simms to meet with the
19 Arizona Department of Water Resource no later than **October 1, 2025**, and setting a status
20 conference for **Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 11:00 am.**

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22 On Friday, June 20, 2025, claimant Maria Romero-Simms submitted to the Office
23 of the Special Master a letter expressing her desire to continuing pursuing whatever
24 potential water rights may be associated with Statement of Claimant 39-2402. It is
25 unclear if this letter was properly filed with all parties on the Court-approved mailing list
26 therefore it is attached to this order as Attachment I.

27 Ms. Romero-Simms is extracting water from a well located within the subflow
28 zone of the San Pedro River. For Ms. Romero-Simms to obtain a legal water right she

1 must first complete these two steps:

2 1. Statement of Claimant 39-2402 must claim current water use and property
3 ownership.

4 2. A valid basis of right must be paired with the Statement of Claimant.

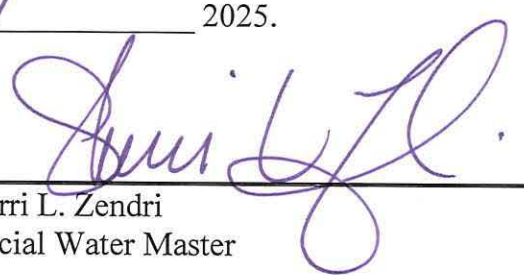
5 **IT IS ORDERED** that Ms. Romero-Sims will contact the Ariona Department of
6 Water Resources ("ADWR") Adjudications Section at (866)-246-1414 and schedule a
7 virtual meeting no later than **October 1, 2025**, for ADWR to help Ms. Simms update her
8 Statement of Claimant and understand her options for a valid basis of right.

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** setting a status conference for **Thursday,**
10 **October, 2, 2025, at 11:00 am** for Ms. Romero-Simms to tell the Special Master what
11 basis of right she intends to pursue and what steps she has taken to begin the process of
12 obtaining that basis of right.

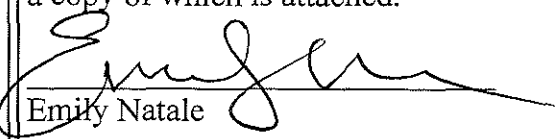
13 Should Ms. Romero-Simms fail to meet with ADWR, or attend the October 2,
14 2025, status conference, Statement of Claimant 39-2402 shall be dismissed and all
15 proceedings in this case terminated.

16 The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions
17 for Court Connect are attached. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box
18 "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If
19 you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the
20 internet by typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to
21 the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code
22 included in the instructions.

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24 Signed this 3rd day of July 2025.

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28 Sherri L. Zendri
Special Water Master

1 On July 3, 2025, the original of
2 the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the
3 Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and
4 distributing a copy to all persons listed on the
5 Court-approved mailing list for this contested case,
6 a copy of which is attached.

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3. Wait for the facilitator to admit you to the proceeding.

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Case Name: In re Walterio G. and Teresita Romero

Contested Case No. W1-11-3109

Start Date/Time: Thursday, October, 2, 2025, at 11:00 am

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ATTACHMENT I

Friday June 2025
Special Water Master
Superior CouRt ob
ARIZONA
Maricopa County
Sherri Zendri
Case no. W1-11-3109

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Water Master of the
Superior Court
SHERRI ZENDRI

I would title to move forward on this case I have failed to comply with A written update and I Am Asking to please excuse my failure to do so. I Am asking to be excused from my mistakes forgetting to do so dealing with other Issues. On Feb 2.2025 I sent Only one copy of my claim to special water master not knowing I was to send one to Each one on the mailing list I want to ask you All to please excuse me and I have enclosed one. I live in a rural place And have to travel miles for business I want to comply. Our Water wells have been registered since 1988 and would still appreciate if my family could still have water rights for surface water for irrigation.

Thank you sincerely,

Maria Elena R-Sims

Superior Court of Arizona
Maricopa County

February 2, 2025

Special Water Master
Sherri Zendi

Case No. W1-11-3109

To whom it may concern,

My name is Maria Romero-Sims personal representative of Walter C and Teresita A. Romero, I would like to assert a claim for water rights on 7066 North Valentine Road Dudleyville, Arizona.

Sincerely,
Maria Romero-Sims