

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

April 10, 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: April 10, 2025

In re: George B. Gordon
Contested Case No. W1-11-3113

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:01 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference to discuss the joint briefing schedule before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Lindsay G. Leavitt on behalf of Heartquist Hollow Farms LLC
- Jay Lee observing on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Katrina Wilkinson on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- John Burnside on behalf of BHP Copper
- Merrill C. Godfrey on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Joe Sparks, Laurel Herrmann and Jana Sutton on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Susan Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Katya Lancero Norris observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation

- Mark Widerschein and Laura Boyer on behalf of the United States Department of Justice
- Karen Nielsen on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Carla Consoli on behalf of the Arizona Chapter of the Nature Conservancy

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The Court notes that it did not receive a joint schedule. Counsel Leavitt indicates that they are pivoting to pre-1919 continuous use claim and forgoing the subflow claim. The Court does not have a Statement of Claimant from the Heartquists and will need one filed in their name.

Counsel Leavitt has obtained an assignment from ADWR and will file an Amended Statement of Claim by the middle of next week. There is documentation for the pre-1919 water right.

Discussion is held. Counsel Sparks states that their office has not received anything from Counsel Leavitt or the Heartquists. Counsel Leavitt is directed to include the filings with his status report so the parties all have a copy.

Based on the discussion held,

IT IS ORDERED that Counsel Leavitt file an Amended Statement of Claim by **May 9, 2025**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Counsel Leavitt file a Status Report by **July 11, 2025**. Counsel Leavitt shall confer with ADWR prior to filing the report and include their anticipated timeframe for processing. The Status Report shall also include confirmation of the basis of right, how the Heartquists intend to handle the objections as well as copies of the filings.

LET THE RECORD REFLECT that Counsel Leavitt will also email Counsel Nielsen once the Amended Statement of Claimant is filed so she can notify staff to get it online for the objectors to review.

Once the Court receives the July Status Report a separate order will be issued regarding the next steps.

10:11 a.m. Matter concludes.

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