ARIZONA GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF APACHE

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE	CV6417 Contested Case No. **CV6417-33-5038** **ORDER FOR CLAIMANT TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS** **and** **ADWR TO FILE DRAFT ABSTRACTS**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Vincent M. Flake*

HSR INVOLVED: Silver Creek Hydrographic Survey.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Flake Ranch LLC shall complete all assignments no later than **December 31, 2026.** ADWR shall file draft abstracts no later than **February 26, 2027**. Comments to the draft abstracts must be filed no later than **March 12, 2027**.

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This contested case was initiated on April 22, 2026. During the June 23, 2026, initial status conference, current landowner Flake Ranch LLC was ordered to complete assignment of adjudication documents no later than October 21, 2026. Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") records indicate Flake Ranch LLC submitted an application for the assignment of the surface water filings, 36-34931 and 36-34932, that referenced the statement of claimant numbers, 39-81278 and 39-81279. Processing of the assignments for the surface water filings was not yet completed at this time of this

order. It does not appear assignment for the statements of claimants (39-81278 and 39-81279) on the correct application has been filed. To pursue water rights, Flake Ranch LLC must file both a valid Statement of Claimant and evidence of a legal right to the water they claimed on the Statement of Claimant.

IT IS ORDERED that claimant Flake Ranch LLC file for assignment of all applicable adjudication documents no later than **December 31, 2026.** Within 10 business days of completing all filings, Flake Ranch LLC shall file notice with Special Master and copy all parties on the court approved mailing list.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that ADWR shall file draft abstracts no later than **February 26, 2027**. Comments to the draft abstracts must be filed no later than **March 12, 2027.**

Signed this 27th day of October 2026.

Sherri L. Zendri
Special Water Master

On October 27, 2026, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court Approved Mailing List for this contested case, a copy of which is attached.

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