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6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF APACHE
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9 IN RE THE GENERAL
10 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS
11 TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE
12 COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND
13 SOURCE

CV6417

Contested Case Nos. **CV6417-33-5512**
CV6417-33-5683

ORDER SETTING DEADLINES

14 **CONTESTED CASE NAMES:** *In re Forest Service-* (CV6417-33-5512); *In re Forest*
15 *Service-Carlisle* (CV6417-33-5683)

16 **REPORT INVOLVED:** Silver Creek Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”)

17 **DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The order sets deadlines regarding revised abstracts for
18 these contested cases.

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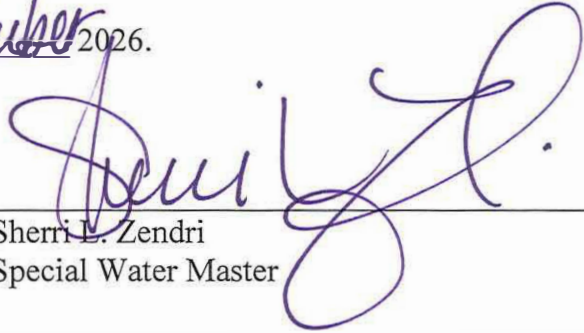
19 On July 31, 2026, the United States Forest Service (“USFS”) filed draft abstracts
20 for these contested cases. Comments were timely received by the Arizona Department
21 of Water Resources (“ADWR”) and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement
22 and Power District and the Salt River Valley Water Users’ Associations (collectively
23 “SRP”).

24 **IT IS ORDERED** that USFS shall confer with ADWR, and no later than
25 **December 21, 2026**, the USFS shall file a status report indicating how USFS intends to
26 resolve the various discrepancies between information on the draft abstracts, the
27 watershed file reports (“WFRs”), and the adjudication filings in ADWR’s records. The
28 report shall also provide a timeline of **no more than 90 days** for the USFS to complete

any new, additional, amended, or assigned filings. If amended WFRs will be necessary, the USFS shall include such a request in the report.

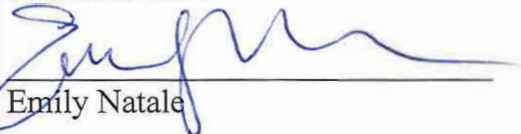
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no later than **June 21, 2027**, the USFS and ADWR shall file a joint status report on the progress of certification for the stockpond registrations applications associated with these contested cases.

Signed this 16th day of September 2026.



Sherri L. Zendri
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The original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court on September 16, 2026 for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for this contested case.



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