

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
APACHE COUNTY

July 7, 2026

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER  
SHERRI ZENDRI

A. Villela  
Deputy

FILED: July 15, 2026

In re: the General Adjudication  
Of All Rights to Use Water in the  
Little Colorado River System and Source  
Contested Case No. CV6417-33-5678

In Re: Louis Petersen

**MINUTE ENTRY**

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

10:04 a.m. This is the time set for a virtual **Status Conference** before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following attorneys and parties appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Mike Foy on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Alexa Penalosa on behalf of the United States Department of Justice
- Garrett Perkins observing on behalf of the Little Colorado River Coalition (“LCRC”)
- Dustin Rector on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Property Owner, Ray Speakman, is neither present nor represented by counsel
- Property Owner, Raymond Shumway and Laura Shumway, are neither present nor represented by counsel

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

Discussion is held regarding the property owners who are not present for the status conference. Discussion is held regarding the status of the case.

Counsel Rector advises the claim was returned to the Speakmans in February after a courtesy review was completed by water resources specialists in the surface water section

with no response as of June 24, 2026.

The Court advises they shall set forth deadlines and provide written instructions in the Minute Entry.

10:09 a.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this minute entry is provided to all parties on the Court approved mailing list.

**LATER:**

The Office of the Special Master received no indication from any of the claimants they would be unable to attend the conference at the scheduled time.

On October 7, 2024, Raymond and Carolyn Speakman were removed from this contested case for lack of participation. On December 2, the Speakmans submitted a letter to the Special Master explaining their failure to appear and requesting to remain a part of the contested case and pursue any potential water rights they may have. On January 28, 2025, the Speakmans were restored to this case with the express instructions that should they “fail to appear at another conference, or miss another deadline, they will be removed from this case and the CAML.”

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** removing Raymond and Carolyn Speakman from the Court-approved mailing list. A copy of this minute entry will be sent to the Speakmans as a courtesy.

Claimants Raymond and Laura Shumway’s documents state the following:

1. Water Rights Registration Act Statement of Claim #36-37876.0001
  - a. Total water use of 216,000 gallons/year (0.66 acre-feet)
  - b. Includes a 2,000 gal “concrete utility tank”
  - c. priority date of 12/31/1897 for all uses
2. Water Rights Registration Act Statement of Claim #36-37877.0001
  - a. Stockpond water use of 400,000 gallons/year (1.23 acre-feet)
3. Statement of Claimant for Irrigation Use and Domestic Use #39-88650
  - a. Estimated 1.25 acre-feet
  - b. priority date of 1897
  - c. basis of right #36-37877.0001
4. Statement of Claimant for Stockpond Use #39-88651
  - a. Estimated .038 acre-feet
  - b. priority date of 1983
  - c. no basis of right provided
5. Statement of Claimant for Stockpond Use and Other Use #39-88652
  - a. Estimated 1.25 acre-feet
  - b. priority date of 1897

c. basis of right #36-37877.0001

A full list of objections filed to WFR No. 033-50-DDC-001 can be found under the case number CV6417-33-5678 on the following website:

<http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp>.

**IT IS ORDERED** that no later than **October 9, 2026**, claimant Claimants Raymond and Laura Shumway's must file a status report with the court that includes the following:

1. An explanation for their failure to attend the July 7, 2026, status conference.
2. Clarification of the specific quantity of water claimed for each individual water use claimed.
3. Stockpond claim #39-88651 requires a basis of right. A claim without an appropriate basis of right will be dismissed. Claimants shall file a Basis of Right with ADWR for this claim on or before October 9, 2026. Claimants shall include in their October 9, 2026 status report information regarding the Basis of Right that has been filed.

Should the Shumways fail to meet this, or any future deadlines or conferences without prior notice to the Special Master, they may be removed from the contested case and any potential water rights may be forfeited.