IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE W-1 (Salt) W-2 (Verde) W-3 (Upper Gila)

W-4 (San Pedro) (Consolidated)

Contested Case No. W1-106

ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed

REPORT INVOLVED: Arizona Department of Water Resource's Technical Report on *De Minimis* Domestic, Stockpond, and Stock and Wildlife Watering Uses in the Verde River Watershed.

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Status conference set for February 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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This proceeding is part of a general adjudication of legal rights to take and use water on land in the Verde River Watershed. The purpose of this specific phase of the proceeding is to determine whether expedited procedures can be adopted to determine rights claimed by people for appropriable water for domestic uses, stockponds, and stock and wildlife watering. A hearing on objections to Arizona Department of Water Resource's ("ADWR") Technical Report on *De Minimis* Domestic, Stockpond, and Stock and Wildlife Watering Uses in the Verde River Watershed ("*De Minimis* Report") is scheduled to begin

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July 17, 2024. This status conference is to provide the Court with the number of witnesses expected for each party so that an appropriate amount of time may be scheduled for the hearing. The Court has received valid objections from the following parties:

- City of Phoenix
- Brandon & Natasha Pacheco
- Salt River Project
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- Town of Chino Valley
- United States
- Yavapai Apache Nation

Additionally, ADWR will be permitted to defend the De Minmnis Report.

a.m. for objecting parties and ADWR to provide the number of witnesses expected and discuss an appropriate length of time for the hearing. The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster. If you do not have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

Signed this 14th day of February, 202

Sherri L. Zendri

Special Master

On <u>February 14, 2024</u> the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for this contested case.

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Court Connect Hearing Notice for In In re Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed

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Contested Case No. W1-106

Start Date/Time: February 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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