

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

July 24, 2024

CLERK OF THE COURT
A. Parmar
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: July 30, 2024

In re: ASLD – Three Sisters Land & Cattle Company
Contested Case No. W1-11-0015

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for Status Conference to determine if the landowners are pursuing water rights before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually:

- Kevin Crestin on behalf of the Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”)
- Sunshine Manuel on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community
- Laurel Herrmann and Alex Ritchie on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Brett Stavín on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Susan Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Katya Lancero observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation
- Kathryn Ust observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Brian Heiserman observing on behalf of the Babacomari Ranch
- Kaitlyn Smith observing on behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”)

- Kimberly Parks on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)

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LET THE RECORD REFLECT that all participants appear virtually through Court Connect.

Mr. Crestin addresses the Court. He indicates that Three Sisters Land & Cattle Co. are still the current lessee. He spoke with Dwight Babcock and he agreed that ASLD would pursue the rights for stockpond 001 under the State’s name. He reports that the correct Statement of Claimant numbers are 39-7658 and 36-4786.

Discussion is held regarding the map and how to proceed. The claim is de minimis and ADWR estimates that a draft abstract can be prepared in 30 days. Ms. Park reports that their staff was able to confirm that the watershed boundary depicted on the map does match the current boundary for the San Pedro Watershed.

IT IS ORDERED that ADWR prepare and circulate a draft abstract no later than **August 26, 2024**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting a Status Conference to discuss any comments or objections on **September 26, 2024 at 10:45 am** before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached. 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.

11:09 a.m. Matter concludes.

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



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Start Date/Time: September 26, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

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