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6 **ARIZONA GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION**
7 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**
8 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

9 IN RE THE GENERAL
10 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS
11 TO USE WATER IN THE GILA
12 RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

Contested Cases No. **W1-11-002396**
W1-11-002397

ORDER ESTABLISHING DEADLINES

13 **CONTESTED CASE NAME:** *In re Roy and Helen M. Verdugo*

14 **HSR INVOLVED:** San Pedro Hydrographic Survey.

15 **DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** This order sets a deadline of **October 30, 2026**, for
16 claimants in this contested case to request permit certification from ADWR.

17 **NUMBER OF PAGES:** 7

18 In this court's December 18, 2025, order, all applicants were ordered to provide
19 an update to the Special Master no later June 19, 2026. Only Mr. Augustine Vargas
20 complied. It is unclear if Mr. Vargas's letter was properly copied to all parties on the
21 court approved mailing list so a copy of the letter is attached to this order.

22 **IT IS ORDERED** that no later than **August 7, 2026**, claimants CARLOS &
23 GILDA MARQUEZ, ARTHUR & OLIVIA VERDUGO LIVING TRUST, ARTHUR
24 VERDUGO JR. PROPERTIES, LLC, and PATRICIA GARCIA shall file an
25 explanation as to their failure to comply with the court's order.

26 **Permit Certification**

27 This contested case involves groundwater wells located within the San Pedro
28 River subflow zone. Wells located within a subflow zone are presumed to be pumping

1 appropriable water and therefore are subject to the general stream adjudication. In these
2 contested cases, the subject wells must be permitted in order to legally withdraw
3 appropriable water. Arizona's surface water permitting process occurs in two phases.
4 Phase 1 is the application and granting of a permit to construct a means to appropriate
5 water. Phase 2 is the certification process where ADWR confirms construction has
6 been completed as was approved. According to the April 30, 2026, status report filed by
7 the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") the following phase 1 surface
8 water permit applications have been completed to appropriate surface water related to
9 this contested case have been completed:

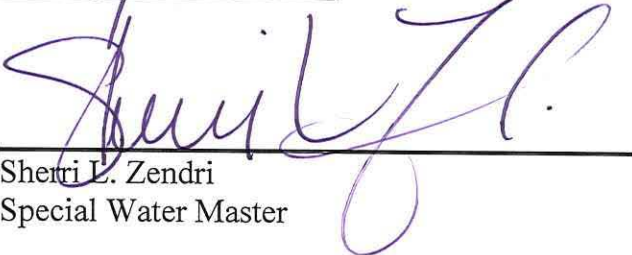
<u>Application #</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
33-200018	Carlos & Gilda Marquez
33-200019	Arthur & Olivia Verdugo Living Trust
33-200020	Arthur Verdugo Jr. Properties, LLC
33-200021	Augustine Vargas
33-200022	Patricia Garcia

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15 Applicants interested in establishing a potential water right must now work with ADWR
16 to complete the final phase 2 certification process.

17 **IT IS ORDERED** applicants intending to claim a potential water right must file
18 for certification no later than **October 30, 2026**.

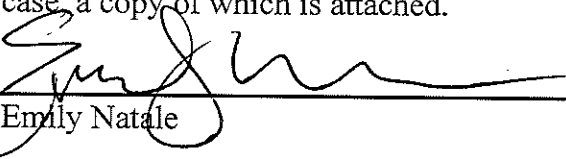
19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that no later than **February 1, 2027**, ADWR
20 shall provide a status update of the certification processes.

21 Signed this 9th day of July 2026.

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25 Sherri L. Zendri
26 Special Water Master
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On July 9, 2026, 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, a copy of which is attached.


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ATTACHMENT A

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RE: Well Status Report Contested case: W1-11-2396

Well permit No. 33-200021 Augustine Vargas

To the Honorable Sherri Zendri, Special Water Master

As required by court memorandum of 12 -18- 2025 the following is an update on permit 33-200021.

All required documents submitted calendar year of 2025

Permit to Appropriate Public Water no. 33-200021.0000.

Issued from ADWR February 11, 2026.

This information should meet the requirements of the above-mentioned memorandum requesting "Order for status Report ". If additional information is required, please advise me as needed.

Thank you

Augustine Vargas

