

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

June 4, 2026

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

In Re: *ASLD – Union North*
Contested Case No. W1-11-002860

FILED: June 11, 2026

In Re: The General Adjudication
Of All Rights to Use Water in the
Gila River System and Source
W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

In Re: Initial Status Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301-VC-CV

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

The following parties/counsel appear virtually and/or telephonically:

- Kevin Crestin and Eric Wilkins on behalf of Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”)
- Katrina Wilkinson observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Mark Widerschein on behalf of the United States Department of Justice (in its capacity as trustee for Indian Tribes)
- Michael Carter on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“the Community”)
- Jana Sutton and Joe Sparks on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe (“the Tribe”)
- Robyn Interpreter on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation (and observing on behalf of Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
- Rachel Carroll-Farias observing on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Karen Nielsen and Dustin Rector on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Brad Pew observing for Bar Seven Saddle Company

- Rhett Billingsley observing on behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”)

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

No one appears for property owner Porter House Station.

Discussion is held regarding the failure of representatives from Porter House Station to appear.

ASLD indicates the agency does not intend to pursue potential stock watering rights SW001, SW002, and SW003.

Based upon the matters discussed on the record,

IT IS ORDERED Porter House Station must notify the Special Master no later than August 7, 2026, if the property owner intends to pursue any potential water rights associated with the property in this contested case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED any abstracts for potential water rights shall be filed no later than September 7, 2026, for those intending to move forward.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED comments to the draft abstracts shall be filed no later than September 21, 2026.

Discussion is held regarding mailing of the abstracts.

The Special Master reminds ADWR that should Porter House wish to move forward, ADWR will be asked to develop a draft abstract for the property owner.

10:07 a.m. Matter concludes.

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

LATER:

The Office of the Special Water Master received, as returned mail marked as “undeliverable,” the case initiation order which was mailed to property owner Porter House Station LLC. The address on file for Porter House Station was confirmed with the Arizona Corporation Commission website to be the correct address for the entity and the registered agent. Because no additional address information is available, Porter House Station LLC will be removed from court approved mailing list and the August 7, 2026, deadline is vacated.