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

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

W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

Contested Case Nos.

13 **W1-11-003068, W1-11-003070,**
14 **W1-11-003076, W1-11-003077,**
15 **W1-11-003078, W1-11-003083**

16 **ORDER SETTING A DEADLINE**

17 **CONTESTED CASE NAME:** *In re Robert M. and Jennie L. Hickson* (W1-11-003068);
18 *In re Loyd and Emma G. Chilton* (W1-11-003070); *In re Mary Evelyn Madrigal* (W1-11-
19 *003076*); *In re Jose Luis Garcia* (W1-11-003077); *In re Willard M. and Faye Daniel*
(W1-11-003078); *In re Pat V. and Nancy L. Chester* (W1-11-003083).

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

21 **DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** Claimants are ordered to file documentation with the Court
22 no later than **October 16, 2026**.

23 **NUMBER OF PAGES:** 6

24 On May 5, 2026, the Special Master ordered a status report from claimants Jose
25 L. and Mary E. Garcia no later than June 5, 2026. On May 18, 2026, the Office of the
26 Special Master received a letter from Christina Castro, the daughter of claimants Jose L.
27 and Mary E. Garcia. It is unclear if this letter was properly filed and shared with all parties
28 to this contested case therefore a copy is included as Attachment A.

1 Ms. Castro, on behalf of claimants Jose L. and Mary E. Garcia, indicated the
2 following Statements of Claimant (“SOCs”) had been assigned:

3 **39-328**

39-337

39-1179

39-2551

4 It appears all these SOC's are for wells and all the wells have been properly registered.

5 As stated in the March 26, 2025, and May 30, 2025, initiating orders, Arizona law
6 requires that for parties to obtain a legal water right, they must provide proof of their right
7 by presenting to the Court **both** an updated and accurate Statement of Claimant claiming
8 the relevant water use, and a basis of legal right to the water they are claiming, such as a
9 statement of claim¹, decree, stockpond claim of right, or water right certificate. The
10 following are noted:

- 11 1. SOC's # 39-337 and 39-2551 do not have an associated basis of right.
- 12 2. SOC # 39-1179 refers to a water right registration #36-61083 as the basis
13 of right with a date of first use of 1961.
- 14 3. SOC # 39-328 refers to water right registrations #36-40633 and 36-42684
15 as the basis of right. Both filings claim a date of first use of 1956.

16 A water rights registration is only appropriate for claims with a date of first
17 beneficial use prior to June 12, 1919. Claims for appropriable water with a date of first
18 beneficial after June 12, 1919, are subject to the Arizona Water Code, and therefore must
19 obtain a different basis of legal right.

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21 **IT IS ORDERED** that no later than **October 16, 2026**, the Garcias shall file
22 with the Court documentation showing an appropriate basis of right has been filed with
23 Arizona Department of Water Resources for each claim or the claims will be dismissed.

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25 Claimants may contact ADWR Surface Water Permitting at 602-771-8621 for
26 questions regarding filing for an appropriate basis of legal right. For assistance with
27 proper filing of court documents, claimants may contact the Office of the Special Water
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¹ It should be noted that a Statement of Claim is a different document than a Statement of Claimant.

1 Master at 602-372-4115.

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3 Signed this 16th day of July 2026.

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6 Sherri L. Zendri
Special Water Master

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10 On July 16, 2026, the original of
11 the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the
12 Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and
13 distributing a copy to all persons listed on the
Court-approved mailing list for these contested
cases, a copy of which is attached.

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ATTACHMENT A

MAY 22 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.
A. Marrugo, Deputy

Jose L. & Mary E. Garcia

W1-11-3068 ✓

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May 18, 2026

To the Special Master:

My name is Christina Castro and I am writing this letter on behalf of my parents Jose L. and Mary E. Garcia. We are providing a status report on the above-mentioned case numbers.

We have filed several Assignments (form 39's) and had them updated to reflect my parents living trust, The Garcia Revocable Trust. We have filed these Assignments and Amendments for the following SOC's: 39-1179, 39-2551, and 39-328. We also filed an Assignment and Amendment for the SOC 39-337, however I had incorrectly filled out the forms for this one and had to resubmit the paper work on May 9th, 2026. I checked with Susana Reyes at ADWR and as of May 14th, 2026 these forms had still not been received. I will continue to check on the status of this SOC to ensure it is received by ADWR.

Again, I apologize for the late status report on these SOC's. I was not aware that I would need to send an update to the court about the paper work that we have been filing for my parents' water rights to their properties. If there is any further information you need, please let me know. I will be sending a copy of this letter to all those on the Court Approved Mailing List pertaining to these case numbers listed above. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I am a teacher so I am unable to answer my phone during the weekdays between 8-4pm, but I will always return a voicemail or e-mail if sent.

Best regards



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