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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. W1-11-2844

**ORDER FOR ADWR TO DRAFT
ABSTRACTS AND SCHEDULING STATUS
CONFERENCE**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re ASLD - John and Mary Lou Smith*
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order for the Arizona Department of Water Resources to draft proposed abstracts. A status conference is scheduled for **January 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**
NUMBER OF PAGES: 5

On September 11, 2023, this Court filed a minute entry ordering the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) to draft proposed abstracts for the following potential water rights (“PWR”):

- PWR#114-03-005-SP001 (Antelope Tank)
- PWR#114-03-005-SW001 (West Antelope Wash)

- 1 • PWR#114-03-005-SP002 (Cowhead Tank; aka 4 Corners Tank)
- 2 • PWR#114-03-005-SW002 (Cowhead Wash)

3 On November 3, 2023, ADWR filed abstracts for PWR#114-03-005-SP002 and
4 PWR#114-03-005-SW002. However, ADWR did not provide abstracts for PWR#114-03-
5 005-SP001 and PWR#114-03-005-SW001. In both cases, ADWR stated there was
6 “insufficient information” to provide a [draft] abstract and therefore did not prepare a map
7 or summary abstract sheet for either PWR.

8 Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes 45-256, ADWR provides technical assistance
9 to the General Stream Adjudication Court. The Court requests ADWR to prepare draft
10 abstracts under the presumption that ADWR has advanced aerial imagery and mapping
11 capabilities surrounding Arizona water courses. ADWR regularly makes recommendations
12 for the Court to consider, which are greatly appreciated by the Court. However, it is the
13 Court’s responsibility to determine if information is sufficient or appropriate. There are no
14 court orders or statutes that imbue ADWR with any authority to decline to prepare a *draft*
15 abstract when ordered by the Court. Therefore,


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17 **IT IS ORDERED** that ADWR will prepare a draft abstract for PWR#114-03-005-
18 SP001 and PWR#114-03-005-SW001 by **January 12, 2024**.

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20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a status conference is scheduled for **January 26,**
21 **2024, at 11:00 a.m.** Any party who wishes their comments to be considered must provide
22 them in writing to ASLD before the status conference or be prepared to discuss them during
23 the conference.

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25 The Status Conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions
26 for Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on
27 the red box “Join Court Connect Hearing” on the attached instructions to make an appearance.
28 If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet

1 by typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet,
2 you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the
3 instructions for Court Connect.

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5 Signed this 18 day of December 2023

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Special Water Master

12 The original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk
13 of the Maricopa County Superior Court on
14 December 18, 2023, for filing and distributing
15 a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved
16 mailing list for this contested case.

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Attachment A



Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re ASLD - John and Mary Lou Smith

This hearing will be conducted through the new Court Connect program offered by the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This new and innovative program allows Court participants to appear online, rather than in a physical courtroom. Hearings are preferably conducted by videoconference but can also be conducted by phone. Lawyers (and self-representing litigants) are responsible for distributing this notice to anyone who will be appearing on their behalf.

All participants must use the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button or the dial in information below to participate.

Participants: Please follow the steps below to participate in the remote proceeding.

1. Click the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button below.
2. Enter your full name and role in name field.
3. Wait for the facilitator to admit you to the proceeding.

Remember to keep this email handy so you can use it to participate in the following proceeding.

Case Name: In re ASLD - John and Mary Lou Smith. Contested Case No. W1-11-2844

Start Date/Time: January 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING

Dial-in Information: +1 917-781-4590

Private Dial-in Information: for privacy purposes, you can block your phone number by dialing *67 +1 917-781-4590

Dial-in Access Code: 688 970 203#

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