

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

4/25/2024

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

S. Ortega
Deputy

Contested Case No. W1-11-3121
In Re: *BLM-Safford District*

FILED: 5/1/2024

In Re: The General Adjudication
of All Rights to Use Water in the
Gila River System and Source
W-1, W-2, W-3 and W-4 (Consolidated)

Initial Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

10:49 a.m. This is the time set for an Initial Conference before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri to determine if land owners are interested in pursuing potential water rights.

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

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

- Maggie Woodward and Laura Boyer for United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Kevin Crestin for the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD)
- Rhett Billingsley for ASARCO
- John D. Burnside for BHP Copper
- Sunshine Manuel for the Gila River Indian Community
- Laurel A. Herrmann for the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Alexander Ritchie, Attorney General for the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Jana Sutton, observing for San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Bernardo Velasco, observing for San Carlos Apache Tribe

- Kent Millward for Tonto Apache Tribe
- Alexandra Corcoran-Shannon, Paralegal for Susan Montgomery, observing for Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Mark A. McGinnis for Salt River Project (SRP)
- Karen Nielsen for Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR)

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Discussion is held regarding the owner(s) of the property and the parcels listed on the initiating order. Mr. McGinnis and Ms. Woodward agree that it is difficult to determine what is the correct parcel for this property.

The Court directs ADWR to submit a new map and circulate it to all parties as well as the Court by **May 24, 2024**. The Court will then figure out next steps and notify the parties.

10:57 a.m. Candace D. French announces her appearance on behalf of the Navajo Nation. The Court notes that Ms. French has been present since the start of the meeting.

10:58 a.m. Matter concludes.