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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, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source*  
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report  
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Solicitation of comments concerning future planning for the adjudication of a watershed in the Gila River System and Source. Status Conference set for January 18, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.  
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DATE OF FILING: January 3, 2023

On December 6, 2022, at a properly noticed meeting, members of Arizona Department of Water Resources working on the General Adjudication and the Special Master discussed the need to establish dates for the technical reports that will be needed to initiate work on the next watershed in the Gila River System and Source.

1 As shown in *figure 1*, Arizona Department of Water Resources has divided the Gila River  
2 System and Source into the following watersheds: Verde, Upper Agua Fria, Upper Salt, Upper  
3 Gila, Lower Gila, San Pedro, Upper Santa Cruz.

4 The general adjudication is  
5 currently proceeding in the San  
6 Pedro River Watershed and the  
7 Verde River Watershed. Arizona  
8 Department of Water Resources  
9 prepared a preliminary hydrographic  
10 survey report for the Upper Salt  
11 River Watershed in 1992. It neither  
12 recommends that a general  
13 adjudication of the Upper Salt River  
14 Watershed be scheduled for the next  
15 watershed nor that the 1992  
16 preliminary hydrographic survey  
17 report be used for that watershed. *Figure 1*



Outside Gila River Basin  
Tributary Watershed Boundary  
River System Boundary  
State Boundary

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20 When the Upper Salt River Watershed is to begin, ADWR advised that a new preliminary  
21 hydrographic survey report should be prepared.


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23 Based on past experience, the current view is that prior to the development of a  
24 hydrographic survey report for a watershed, ADWR should prepare technical reports for the  
25 subflow zone and an analysis of potential *de minimis* uses of water for domestic, stockponds,  
26 and stock watering purposes in that watershed. Although ADWR has projects associated with  
27 the general adjudication scheduled through 2029, long-range planning should include deadlines  
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1 for the technical reports and the hydrographic survey report for the watershed that will  
2 adjudicated following the Verde River Watershed. Thus, comments are solicited at this  
3 preliminary planning stage about the next watershed to be adjudicated.

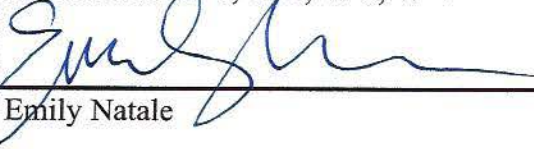
4 IT IS ORDERED that setting a status conference on **January 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** to  
5 both address the next watershed to be adjudicated and any procedures the parties propose to be  
6 adopted as part of that decision-making process.

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8 The Status Conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for  
9 Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on the  
10 red box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If  
11 you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by  
12 typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet, you  
13 may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the  
14 instructions for Court Connect. Alternatively, you may attend telephonically using the  
15 following instructions:  
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17 Instructions for telephonic appearance:  
18 Dial: 602-506-9695 (local)  
19 1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance)  
20 Dial Participant Pass Code 357264#

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23 SUSAN WARD HARRIS  
Special Master

24 On January 3, 2023, the original of the foregoing  
25 was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa  
26 County for filing and distributing a copy to all  
27 persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list  
28 for Case No. W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4

  
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# **ATTACHMENT A**



## Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source

*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 General Adjudication of All Rights to Use Water in the Gila River System and Source, Case No. W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4

**Start Date/Time:** January 18, 2023 at 1:30 p.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#

Tiny URL: <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>

To ensure an optimal experience, please review the brief Court Connect training prior to the hearing: [Here](#)

