IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTIES OF MARICOPA AND APACHE

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)

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

ORDER SETTING ORAL

ARGUMENT

CV 6417

CONTESTED CASE NAMES: NONE

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order setting oral arguments for **January 23 and 24**, **2024**, **at 9:00 a.m**.

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On May 25, 2023, the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") filed "Future Report Recommendations – In re General Stream Adjudication," ("Report") as ordered by this Court on February 22, 2023. A conference was held June 23, 2023, and parties were ordered to file written comments to the Report with the Court by September 29, 2023. The Court received considerable comments. Having reviewed and considered such comments.

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Wednesday January 24 (if necessary), 2024, starting at 9:00am. All parties who submitted comments, not simply service area maps, on the HSR sequencing will have 30 minutes to speak. Parties that have submitted joint comments will have 30 minutes amongst the group to be allocated as the group desires. Discussion shall be limited to all or some of the following questions:

- 1) Is there a requirement that a Hydrographic Survey Report ("HSR") must align with watershed boundaries?
- 2) Aside from possible notice issues, what are the challenges with an HSR that does not align with watershed boundaries?
- 3) What is the absolute minimum amount of information that ADWR must report to create an effective HSR?

The oral arguments will be held in person in Maricopa County Superior Court, East Court Building, Room 613. The proceedings will be digitally recorded in lieu of a court reporter.

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Special Water Master

On November , 2023, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing lists for Case No. CV 6417 and to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list for Case No. W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 Emily Natale