

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

October 1, 2026

CLERK OF THE COURT
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Deputy

SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

In Re The General Adjudication of
All Rights to Use Water in the Gila
River System and Source
W1-00-001234 (Consolidated)

FILED: October 5, 2026

In Re: Max J. Kartchner et al. II.
Contested Case No. W1-11-002212

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference for Mr. Kartchner to inform the Court of whether he intends to pursue any potential water rights that may be associated with the Dragoon Ranch property before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Katrina Wilkinson observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Michael Carter on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”)
- Laurel Herrmann and Jana Sutton on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Karen J. Nielsen on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Sue Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation and observing for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Garrett Perkins observing on behalf of the St. David Irrigation District
- No other parties appear

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

The Special Master states Dragoon Ranch has failed to meet the deadline two or three times. The Special Master believes there is no further business with this matter at this time.

The Special Master inquires whether ADWR has heard from anyone from Dragoon Ranch. Counsel Nielsen informs the Special Master that she checked the mail log this morning and ADWR has not received anything new this year.

The Special Master states that even when challenges arise, the parties shall let the Court know so that the Court does not convene the parties for no particular reason.

At this time, the Special Master will not be moving forward with Watershed File Report 112-18-0027. There will be no further action taken on this watershed file report.

The Special Master will review all the statements of claimants before any further action.

10:06 a.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list.

LATER:

This contested case was initiated November 21, 2024, to resolve claims investigated on watershed file report (WFR) No. 112-18-027. Statements of claimant (SOC) No. 39-4106 and 39-4114 are only related to WFR 112-18-027. The current property owner had failed to attend two status conferences.

IT IS ORDERED dismissing SOC) No. 39-4106 and 39-4114, and no further action will be taken with respect to WFR 112-18-027.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED dismissing contested case, W1-11-002212.