

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

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In Re: Young  
Contested Case No. W1-11-3315

FILED: 11/14/2017

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: Status Conference

**MINUTE ENTRY**

**Courtroom: CCB 301**

2:06 p.m. This is the time set for a status conference

The following attorneys and parties appear telephonically: Robyn L. Interpreter appears on behalf of the Yavapai-Apache Nation; R. Lee Leininger on behalf of the United States Department of Justice; Nancy Young; Arthur Young; and Lemuel Young.

The following attorneys and parties appear in-person: Jeff Heilman on behalf of the Salt River Project; Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and Tonto Apache Tribe; and Nathan Young.

Court reporter, Mike Benitez, is present and a record of these proceedings is made digitally.

The Court notes that it needs the current addresses of all owners and requests that current addresses be provided of the owners of the property for which water rights are being determined. Additionally, assignments of the statements of claimants are to be filed in the names of the current owners.

2:17 p.m. Matter concludes.

LATER:

This case will determine water rights for land originally owned by Lemuel Young, Louise Young, and Nancy and Harold Young. Each landowner filed Statements of Claimant claiming water rights for their land. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) investigated the claims and determined that potential water rights (PWR) existed for each parcel of land. The reports prepared by ADWR are attached to this Court's Order dated September 20, 2017. The potential water rights recommended by ADWR can be found under the heading PWR # in the reports. A copy of the Court's Order can be found on the General Stream Adjudication section of the website for the Superior Court for Maricopa County under *In re Young*, Contested Case No. W1-11-3315:

<https://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/docs/Youngord092017.pdf>

According to the records of the country recorder, the original landowner in each case has changed. The land owned by Lemuel Young has been transferred to the trustee of the Lemuel B. Young Trust. The land owned by Louise Young was conveyed to nine beneficiaries of the Louise Young Trust, several of whom have conveyed their fractional interests. The land owned by Nancy and Harold Young has been transferred to Harold D. Young and Nancy L. Young as Trustees of the Young Living Trust, dated March 2, 2012.

The changes in the original land ownership require that the Statements of Claimant making claims to water rights for use on that land also be changed so that the current landowners are the claimants. This change of a claimant in a Statement of Claimant can be accomplished by filing an Assignment of the Statement of Claimant from the original landowner, or the original landowner's representative, to the current landowners. A form of Assignment may be obtained from the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

At the hearing, the Youngs were requested to provide the most recent addresses for the owners of the land previously owned by Louise Young. Correspondence has been received from Sandra D. Waltz formerly known as Sandra D. Verdugo providing a copy of the recorded Warranty Deed that conveyed her 2/24 interest in the land received from Lemuel Young as the trustee of the Louise Young Living Trust. Jeffrey Young has also submitted a letter dated October 30, 2017 providing his current address.

**IT IS ORDERED** that Sandra D. Waltz as trustee of the Verdugo Living Trust and Jeffrey Young shall be added to the Court-approved mailing list.

The United States, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Magma Copper Company, ASARCO, and Salt River Project (collectively the "Objectors") filed objections to the potential water rights for the

land owned by the Youngs. At the hearing, counsel for Salt River Project was instructed to contact the parties and the Objectors and to file a report indicating the status of the objections of the Objectors so that a determination could be made as to which objections, if any, the Objectors intended to pursue. The report shall be due 60 calendar days after last known addresses have been provided to the Court for the current owners of fractional interests in the land originally owned by Louise Young. The current status of information is:

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Included on the Court-Approved Mailing List</b>
Pauline Young Barney	Yes
Sandra Verdugo now known as Sandra Waltz	Yes
Arthur Young	Yes
Harold Young	Yes
Jeffrey Young	Yes
Lemuel Young	Yes
Nathan Young	Yes
Stephen Young	No

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for Contested Case No. W1-11-3315