



OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER  
ARIZONA GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION  
SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA

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Subject: Updating Addresses and Ownership of Statements of Claimant

Dear Sir or Madam:

We appreciate making this information available to your members.

The Superior Courts of Maricopa and Apache County have required all claimants of water rights in the Gila and Little Colorado River Adjudications to update their statements of claimant to show (1) a change of mailing address, (2) an assignment of a statement of claimant to another person, and (3) a transfer to another person of the property or water right associated with a claim.

Over 93,000 statements of claimant have been filed in both adjudications, which are legal actions to determine the extent and priority of rights to use water in the Gila River and Little Colorado River systems. These adjudications will determine state law, federal, and Indian water rights.

Many claimants have sold their properties or water rights but have not transferred their statements of claimant filings or advised of their current mailing address. Without updated mailing addresses and claims, current owners and their successors in interest will not receive notices of legal proceedings and of their need to participate.

Any person who has filed a statement of claimant in the Gila or Little Colorado River Adjudications must notify the Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") of any of the following changes concerning that person's statement of claimant:

1. A change of address.

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2. An assignment of a statement of claimant to another person.
3. A transfer to another person of all or part of the land for which a water right has been claimed.
4. A transfer to another person of all or part of the water right claimed, if the claimed water right has been severed and transferred to another parcel of land.

Notification of any of these changes must be filed with ADWR within thirty (30) days before or after the change. The Superior Court has approved an easy to complete Assignment form, with instructions, to report a change. There is no charge to submit a form.

The forms and instructions are available at:

Arizona Department of Water Resources  
Information Services  
3550 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Claimants having questions about how to report a change can call ADWR at 602-771-8627 or toll free at 1-866-246-1414.

Realtors, title agents, and attorneys should make sure that all real estate transfers include proper assignment of statements of claimant from sellers to buyers.

The Superior Court, ADWR, and the Special Master appreciate your assistance to publicize this information.

Sincerely,

/s/ George A. Schade, Jr.  
George A. Schade, Jr.  
Special Master