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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)
Contested Case No. W1-11-2805
ORDER SETTING TELEPHONIC
STATUS CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re State Land Department – Paul L. Sale Investment Co.*
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Telephonic status conference set for **October 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**
NUMBER OF PAGES: 3
DATE OF FILING: September 2, 2020

On August 28, 2020, Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”) and the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and Salt River Valley Water Users’ Association (“SRP”) filed a Joint Status Report. They requested that a stock watering claim made in a Statement of Claimant recently filed by ASLD be summarily adjudicated as a *de*

1 *minimis* claim and requested a status conference with respect to the irrigation claim investigated
2 in Watershed File Report 114-01-CCD-010 (“WFR”).

3 Statement of Claimant 39-6728 filed by ASLD in 1980 claimed a right to 3.36 acre-feet
4 of water per year for stock watering and 0.4 acre-feet per year for wildlife in the southwest and
5 northeast quarters of section 36 T5S R15E with a priority date of December 30, 1853. In the
6 Joint Report, ASLD represents that it has filed a new Statement of Claimant (“SOC”). The SOC
7 is not yet available in the public records maintained by Arizona Department of Water Resources
8 (“ADWR”). Based on the proposed abstract attached to the Joint Report, ASLD seeks water
9 sufficient for reasonable use for stock and wildlife watering in the southeast quarter of section
10 36 T5S R15E with a priority date of February 1, 1878.

11 The rules applicable to summary adjudication of *de minimis* claims for water rights
12 established by the Memorandum Decision, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law for Group
13 1 Cases involving Stockwatering, Stockponds, and Domestic Uses, dated November 14, 1994,
14 amended February 23, 1995, approved and modified September 27, 2002 (“Decision”)
15 contemplate the existence of a potential water right described in the WFR. *See* Decision at 46-
16 47. In this contested case, the WFR affirmed that the well located by ADWR on the property
17 provided water for stock and wildlife watering. It, however, did not include a potential water
18 right for stock watering in the WFR. Consequently, the WFR provides no information about
19 water right attributes such as place of use, point of diversion, or source of water.


20 Before an abstract will be distributed pursuant to the rules set forth in the Decision, the
21 SOC must be subject to review by the parties. In addition, the parties should be allowed an
22 opportunity to state their position on whether the *de minimis* procedure should be used in this
23 case or whether a proposed right for a stock and wildlife watering use should be otherwise
24 adjudicated in the absence of a stipulated agreement by the objectors. The objecting parties may
25 file written arguments on this point in advance of the status conference or they may argue their
26 positions at the status conference.
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IT IS ORDERED that a telephonic status conference shall be held on **October 2, 2020**

at 2:00 p.m.

Instructions for telephonic appearance:
Dial: 602-506-9695 (local)
1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance)
Dial Participant Pass Code 357264#



SUSAN WARD HARRIS
Special Master

On September 2, 2020, the original of the foregoing was delivered 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 this contested case.