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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. W1-11-1999

ORDER TO INITIATE CONTESTED CASE
AND
ORDER SETTING STATUS
CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Mark and Marion Kartchner II*
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Case initiated and status conference set for **March 17, 2022 at 2:40 p.m.**
NUMBER OF PAGES: 14
DATE OF FILING: January 28, 2022

General Explanation

This Order begins the process necessary to adjudicate claims made for rights to appropriable water for use on land the Cochise County Assessor identified as owned by Cochise Caverns, LLC. This contested case is one of the many cases in the Arizona General Stream Adjudication for the San Pedro River Watershed to determine legal rights to water. Other cases

1 in which claims have been made for legal rights to water in the San Pedro River Watershed have
2 been completed, are in the process of determining water rights, or are awaiting initiation. The
3 purpose of the General Adjudication is to determine the rights of those persons who filed
4 Statements of Claimant for rights to use appropriable water in Arizona. The General
5 Adjudication will also determine water rights in the Upper Salt, Verde, Upper Gila, Lower Gila,
6 Agua Fria, and Upper Santa Cruz watersheds.

7 In this case, the trustees of the Mark M. and Marion B. Kartchner Revocable Trust
8 (“Claimant”) filed Statement of Claimant (“SOC”) 39-13549 on March 30, 1989, for rights to
9 water on land in the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 26 Township 17S Range 20E.
10 The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) investigated the claim, which it
11 characterized as a claim for irrigation use and prepared a report known as Watershed File Report
12 No. 112-17-BDD-009 (“WFR”) published in the Final San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic
13 Survey Report (1991). A copy of the WFR is attached as Attachment A.

14 The SOC claims water supplied by a well located in the NESENW Section 26 T17S
15 R20E for 19.30 acre-feet annually of water for irrigation use with a priority date of 1986. The
16 WFR found no irrigation use on the land described in the WFR. After ADWR issued the
17 WFR, objections were filed to the findings made in the WFR. The purpose of this case is to
18 consider the claims made for water rights that are the subject of the WFR and resolve the
19 objections to the WFR. The public records of ADWR do not show an assignment of the SOC
20 to the successor landowner.

21 22 **Claimant & Landowners**

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24 The WFR identified one SOC relevant to the potential water right: 39-13549. The
25 WFR lists Mark and Marion Kartchner as the owners of the property described as located in the
26 south half the northwest quarter of Section 26 Township 17S Range 20E. The records of the
27 Cochise County Recorder indicate Marion B. and Mark M. Kartchner conveyed the property to
28 Cochise Caverns, LLC on November 5, 2001 by warranty deed, recorded as document no.
2001-32050.

1 The public records of the Cochise County Assessor list the property as tax parcel no. 124-21-
2 009. A copy of the map prepared by the Cochise County Assessor showing tax parcel no.
3 124-21-009 is included as Attachment B.

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5 **IT IS ORDERED:**

6 1. Contested Case. This contested case shall be known as *In re Mark and Marion*
7 *Kartchner II* and it will determine appropriable water rights asserted in the Statement of Claimant
8 and objections that were filed to Watershed File Report 112-17-BDD-009 published in the Final
9 San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (1991). Copies of objections can be
10 found under the case name and number on the following website:
11 <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/whatsNew.asp>

12 2. Litigants. The litigants in this contested case are the Claimants, the current
13 landowner, all persons who filed objections to the WFR, and parties who are allowed to intervene
14 by order.

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16 3. Court-Approved Mailing List.

17 A. The initial Court-approved mailing list for this case shall include all
18 persons listed on Attachment C to this order. The list may be modified
19 only by filing a motion with the Special Master to amend the Court-
20 approved mailing list. Litigants are responsible for using the current
21 Court-approved mailing list.

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23 B. A copy of any pleading filed with the Clerk of the Maricopa County
24 Superior Court in this case shall be served upon each person listed on the
25 Court-approved mailing list.
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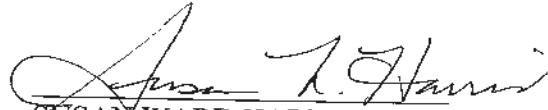
1 C. Claimants wishing to be added or removed from the mailing list shall file
2 a motion with the Special Master. Parties allowed to intervene will be
3 automatically added to the Court-approved mailing list.

4 D. The Clerk of the Court will send copies of all minute entries and orders
5 issued in this case to the parties listed on the Court-approved mailing list.
6 Upon request, the Clerk of the Court will provide copies by email. Parties
7 may request emailed copies of minute entries and orders by completing
8 and submitting a CONSENT FOR ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OF WATER
9 CASE DOCUMENTS, which is attached as Attachment D.
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11 4. Status Conference. An initial status conference shall be held to determine
12 whether the current landowner, Cochise Caverns, LLC, intends to pursue claims for rights to
13 appropriable water for irrigation use. If no person claiming a water right appears at the Status
14 Conference, then Statement of Claimant 39-13549 and this case will be dismissed and no further
15 action will be taken with respect to the WFR or the objections filed to the WFR.
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17 The Status Conference shall be held on **March 17, 2022 at 2:40 p.m.** The Status
18 Conference shall be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are
19 attached as Attachment E. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box “Join Court
20 Connect Hearing” on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive this
21 Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing
22 <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may attend
23 telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court
24 Connect. The Status Conference may also be attended telephonically using the following
25 instructions:
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1 Dial: 602-506-9695 (local)
1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance)
2 Dial Collaboration (conference) Code 357264#
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6 SUSAN WARD HARRIS
Special Master
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8 On January 28, 2022, the original of the foregoing was
9 delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior
10 Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons
11 listed on the Court-approved mailing list for this contested
12 case, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment C,
and to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing
list for W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4 (Consolidated).

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ATTACHMENT A

LAND OWNER	WATERSHED FILE
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KARTCHNER, MARK & MARION	112-17-BDD-009

A P P L I C A B L E F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

CLEARLY STATED INFORMATION FROM FILINGS AND DECREES *WI-11-1999*

FILING NUMBER	FILING STATUS	USES	QUANTITY IN AFA	USE LOCATION SECTION	TWNP	RNGE	CLAIM DATE	DIVERSION SECTION	LOCATION TWNP	RNGE
39-0013549		IRRIGATION	19.30	S2NW26	17OS	200E	1986	NESENW26	17OS	200E

D W R A N A L Y S I S O F F I L I N G S A N D D E C R E E S

FILING NUMBER	USES CLAIMED OR REFERENCED	USES FOUND BY DWR	APPLIES TO DIVERSIONS	APPLIES TO PWR NUMBERS
39-0013549	IRRIGATION	NONE		

P W R S U M M A R Y

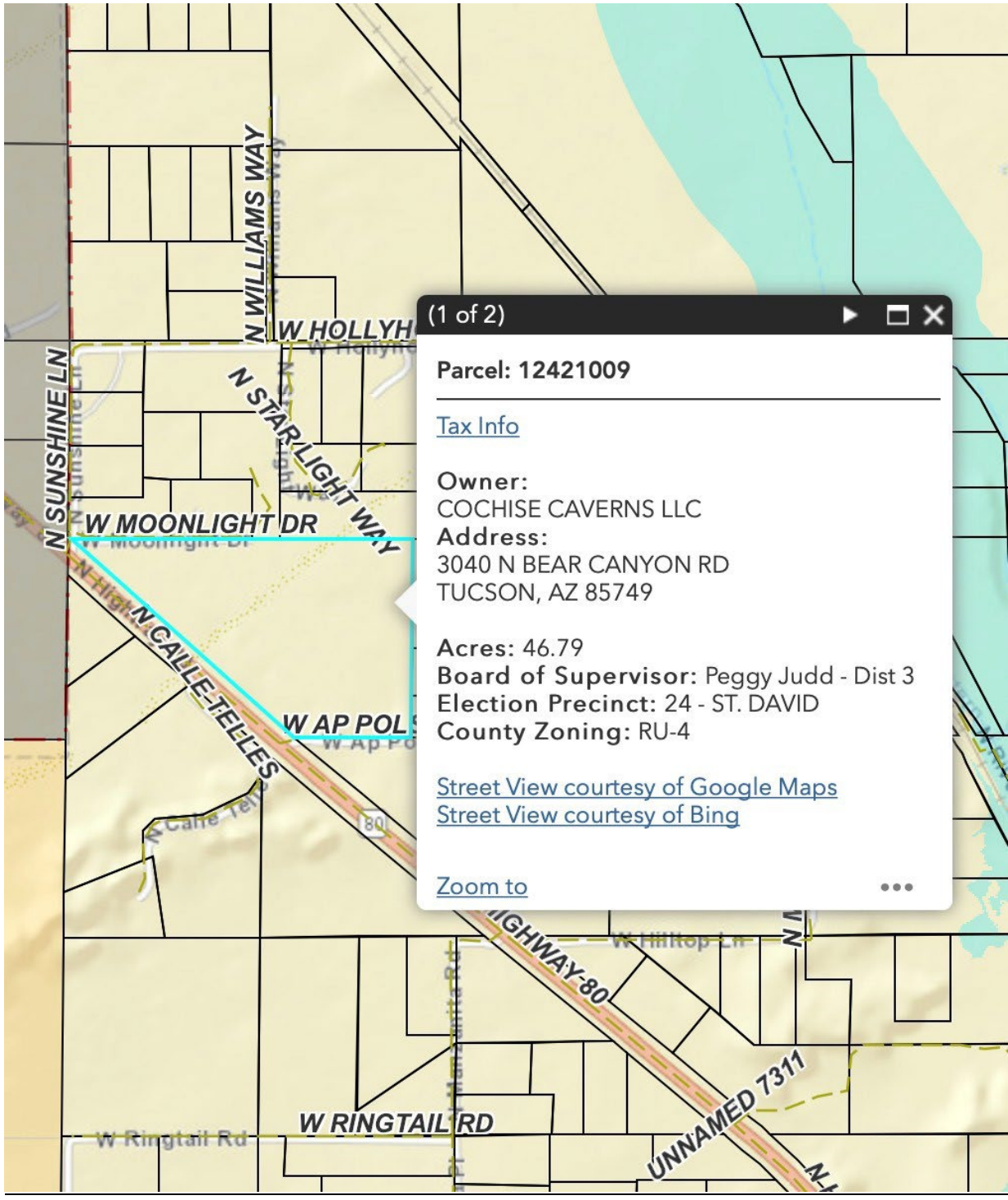
PWR #	APPLICABLE ADJ FILINGS	APPLICABLE PRE FILINGS	*APPARENT FIRST USE DATE* DATE BASIS FOR DATE	WATER SOURCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS
NONE	39-0013549	NONE		

E X P L A N A T I O N

FILINGS AND DECREES
 FILING 39-13549 - CLAIMS AN IRRIGATION USE. NO IRRIGATION WAS FOUND AT THE CLAIMED LOCATION.

ATTACHMENT B

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ATTACHMENT C

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3 Arizona Department of Water Resources
4 Kimberly Parks
5 P. O. Box 36020
6 Phoenix, AZ 85067

7 Clerk of the Superior Court
8 Maricopa County
9 Attn: Water Case
10 601 West Jackson Street
11 Phoenix, AZ 85005

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13 Gadarian & Cacy, PLLC, Statutory Agent
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15 Tucson, AZ 85718

16 Gila River Indian Community
17 Linus Everling and Thomas L. Murphy
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19 P. O. Box 97
20 Sacaton, AZ 85147

21 Mark and Marion Kartchner Revocable
22 Trust
23 3040 N. Bear Canyon Rd.
24 Tucson, AZ 85749

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ATTACHMENT D

**CLERK OF THE COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA**

Jeff Fine
Clerk

**MARICOPA COUNTY
Customer Service Center
601 West Jackson
Phoenix, AZ 85003**

602 372-4115
Water Case Clerk

CONSENT FOR ELECTRONIC RECEIPT OF WATER CASE DOCUMENTS

In an effort to provide more timely and cost effective distribution of copies of filed Water Case documents, the Clerk of the Superior Court would like implement electronic distribution via email. To do so, we require your consent to receive copies of documents electronically at an email address provided to our office.

This consent is voluntary and can be rescinded if you so choose. If you no longer wish to receive Water Case documents from the Clerk of Superior Court electronically, please send written notification to the Clerk of the Superior Court Water Case Specialist at the email address below requesting that all future records be sent in paper form.

Please note that if you consent to receive documents via email, you must notify the Clerk's Office of any change to your email address to avoid delay in receiving future filings. In the event there is no valid email address on file with the Clerk of the Superior Court Water Case Specialist, documents will be mailed to the address provided.

If you wish to consent to receive future documents via email, please either fill out the information below and mail to our office or provide the below information to Mayra.Antelo@Maricopa.Gov.

Preferred email address:

Alternate email address:

Physical address:

Phone number:

Firm Name:

Name [Printed]:

Signature:

Date:

Thank you,

Mayra Antelo
Clerk of the Superior Court
Water Case Specialist
(602) 372-5375 options 7,1,3,4

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ATTACHMENT E



Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re Mark and Marion Kartchner II

This hearing will be conducted through the new Court Connect program offered by the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This new and innovative program allows Court participants to appear online, rather than in a physical courtroom. Hearings are preferably conducted by videoconference but can also be conducted by phone. Lawyers (and self-representing litigants) are responsible for distributing this notice to anyone who will be appearing on their behalf.

All participants must use the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button or the dial in information below to participate.

Participants: Please follow the steps below to participate in the remote proceeding.

1. Click the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button below.
2. Enter your full name and role in name field.
3. Wait for the facilitator to admit you to the proceeding.

Remember to keep this email handy so you can use it to participate in the following proceeding.

Case Name: In re Mark and Marion Kartchner II Contested Case No. W1-11-1999

Start Date/Time: March 17, 2022 at 2:40 p.m.

JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING

Dial-in Information: +1 917-781-4590

Private Dial-in Information: for privacy purposes, you can block your phone number by dialing *67 +1 917-781-4590

Dial-in Access Code: 688 970 203#

Tiny URL: <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>

To ensure an optimal experience, please review the brief Court Connect training prior to the hearing: [Here](#)

