

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

August 18, 2022

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SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SUSAN WARD HARRIS

T. DeRaddo
Deputy

In re: Geldmacher
Contested Case No: W1-11-3320

In re the General Adjudication of
All Water Rights to Use Water in the
Gila River System and Source
W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

FILED: 08/23/2022

In re: Status Conference

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom CCB - 301

2:00 p.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference before Special Water Master, Susan Ward Harris.

The following attorneys appear virtually/telephonically via Court Connect/Teams.

- Mark McGinnis and Katrina Wilkinson on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Thomas Murphy on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community
- Kimberly Parks and Kylie Denton on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Robin Interpreter on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation
- Laurel Herrmann and Joseph Sparks on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- John Burnside on behalf of BHP Copper
- Christina Jovanovic on behalf of ASARCO
- Carla Consoli on behalf of the Nature Conservatory
- David Brown on behalf of landowners, Carol Steele and Lazaro Cervantes

Mr. Brown states that the priority date is unknown at this time. This case is not as far along as the Aravaipa Farm case. Mr. Brown states that both cases have similar issues because some of the Homestead applications apply to both properties, and the properties cross the creek.

Mr. Brown states that he has received two of his five requests from the National Archives. He is awaiting three requests to be produced, two of which apply to the Carol Steele property. Mr. Brown states that the National Archives has a "Status Legend" which classifies the status of the requests as in "administrative," to "received," "servicing," "awaiting shipment," "shipped" to "negative search," etc. All of the requests associated with this property are in the "servicing" or "awaiting shipment" category, a few of which have been in this category for over a year. Mr. Brown states that he needs the documents to deal with all of the objections from the objectors. He further states that once the documents arrive, he will prepare the abstracts and the amended filings.

Mr. McGinnis reports that he received abstracts November 18, 2019 from Amy Brown, in Mr. Brown's office. There was a draft stipulation, proposed order, abstracts and a map included in the production to SRP.

Mr. Sparks states that his office provided Mr. Brown a list of questions that they had, as well as two or three patent documents that may apply to these cases, although it was unclear which parcels were in or out of the description of the patent documents, due to the fact that some were broader in scope than this particular claim. Mr. Sparks states that around March, 2021, his office sent patent documents to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown recalls preparing abstracts for both sides of the creek.

The Court will wait for Mr. Brown to send a notice that he has received the documents from the National Archives.

2:10 p.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all parties on the Court-approved mailing list for this case.

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