

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

05/20/2021

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER  
SUSAN WARD HARRIS

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Deputy

FILED: May 25, 2021

In re: Pyeatt Group of Cases  
Contested Case No. W1-11-0212

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**

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

1:30 p.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference before Special Water Master Susan Ward Harris to determine whether the Pyeatt Ranch, LLC intends to pursue claims for water rights and obtain assignments of the Statements of Claimant from Marie Pyeatt, as trustee.

The following attorneys appear telephonically:

- Kimberly Parks observing on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Bradley Pew observing on behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”)
- John Burnside observing on behalf of BHP Copper
- Charles Cahoy on behalf of the City of Phoenix
- Joe Sparks and Laurel Herrmann on behalf of San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Lauren Mulhern on behalf of Tonto Apache Tribe
- Sara Ransom on behalf of Pyeatt Ranch, LLC
- Jay Tomkus on behalf of Yavapai Apache Nation (and observing on behalf of Pascua Yaquai Tribe)
- Mark McGinnis and Mike Foy of behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- William H. Anger on behalf of the City of Mesa

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

**LET THE RECORD REFLECT** that Mr. Pew and Mr. Burnside have not filed objections in this matter, but are here to observe and would like to remain on the Court-approved mailing list at this time.

**IT IS ORDERED** granting Mr. Anger's request and adding William H. Anger to the Court-approved mailing list on behalf of City of Mesa in this matter.

Ms. Ransom states that she is obtaining assignments for the Statements of Claimant and does intend to pursue a claim for irrigation uses. She projects that 90 days will be needed to file a Statement of Claimant for the irrigation. The Court inquires about Heather Pyeatt Morris who is listed as one of the owners of the tax parcel identified in ADWR's report. Ms. Ransom states that Ms. Pyeatt-Morris is Judith Pyeatt's granddaughter and will file an address for her within a week.

Mr. Sparks addresses the Court regarding notice to additional parties, claimants and water users who may have objections to the irrigation claims. He believes there may be a notice issue.

Ms. Mulhern, Mr. Tomkus, Mr. Foy, and Mr. Anger do not believe that there is a due process or notice issue and do not object to Ms. Ransom's request for an additional 90 days to file Statements of Claimant.

**IT IS ORDERED** that Ms. Ransom file a status report with the Court by **August 31, 2021** or file stipulated abstracts for irrigation use if the parties are able to come to an agreement that resolves the objections to the watershed file reports.

1:45 p.m. Matter concludes.

LATER:

Sara V. Ransom and Kirsten Copeland filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of Pyeatt Ranch, LLC. The Notice will also be construed as a request to be added to the Court approved mailing list for this contested case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Sara V. Ransom and Kirsten Copeland shall be added to the court-approved mailing list for this case and Pyeatt Ranch, LLC shall be removed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Heather Pyeatt Morris shall be added to the court-approved mailing list.

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list.