

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

12/02/2021

SPECIAL WATER MASTER SUSAN WARD HARRIS

In re: The General Adjudication of All Rights To Use Water in the Gila River System and Source
Contested Case No. W1-11-1344
Contested Case Name In Re: McDowell & Craig Manufacturing Company

In Re: Status Conference

CLERK OF THE COURT

L. Brown

Deputy

FILED: 12/09/21

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building- Courtroom 301

2:00 p.m. This is the time set for a Status Conference In Re McDowell & Craig Manufacturing Company before Special Master Susan Ward Harris.

The following attorneys and parties appear via Court Connect/ Microsoft Teams and via telephone:

- Mark McGinnis on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Kimberly Parks, on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Richard Palmer Jr. on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Joseph Sparks on behalf of San Carlos Apache Tribe
- David Brown on behalf of Echoing Hope Ranch
- Sarah Ransom on behalf of Susan R. Kolbe and Rebecca Davis and Kolbe Family Living Trust
- Rhett Billingsley on behalf of ASARCO, LLC
- Kevin Crestin on behalf of Arizona State Land Department
- Sue Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation (observing on behalf of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
- Thomas Murphy on behalf of Gila River Indian Community

- Leslie Sansone, Scott Pralinsky and John Duncan, board members of Echoing Hope Ranch
- John Burnside on behalf of BHP Copper

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The Court asks Mr. Brown whether his client intends to pursue claims for water rights.

Mr. Brown states three members of the Board are present on the phone: Scott Pralinsky, Leslie Sansone and Tom Duncan. He describes the facility as a place that teaches autistic adults how to work on the farm. Water is a critical aspect of the whole operation. He needs access to National Archives to determine what the appropriate priority date might be. They re-opened about ten days ago, but he can't get any responses back from them. Because of the high demand they won't give a time frame of when the documents will be available. He requests an opportunity to provide notice when the documents are received and the amount of time that will be needed after he gets the documents to put together draft abstracts.

Mrs. Ransom states she is in the same position as Mr. Brown. My clients are searching our own personal records as my clients are the heirs of Mr. Kolbe.

The Court states in other cases what has been done once Mr. Brown obtains the records needed, he will notify the Court.

Mrs. Ransom states that is acceptable to her.

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Ransom will provide notice to the Court once the documents have been obtained from National Archives.

2:07 p.m. Matter concludes.

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

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