

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
APACHE COUNTY

April 24, 2024

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER
SHERRI ZENDRI

A. Parmar
Deputy

FILED: May 2, 2024

In re: the General Adjudication
Of All Rights to Use Water in the
Little Colorado River System and Source
Contested Case No. CV6417-33-6771

In Re: V. S. and Blanch Peterson

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

10:00 a.m. This is the time set for Status Conference to determine if the landowners are interested in pursuing potential water rights before Special Water Master Sherri Zendri.

The following attorneys and parties appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Landowners, Jon and Laurie Cato, are present on their own behalf
- Landowners, David R. Peterson, is represented by counsel Jennifer Wendel and law student, Haley Todd Newsome
- Kevin Crestin on behalf of the Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”)
- Karen Nielsen on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Mark Widerschein on behalf of the United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division
- Katrina Wilkinson observing on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Katya Lancero on behalf of the Navajo Nation
- Payslie Bowman on behalf of the Hopi Tribe

- Garrett Perkins observing on behalf of the Little Colorado River Coalition (“LCRC”)

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The Court notes several issues in this case. The Catos believe their matter can be resolved, they only wish to pursue the two wells, not the Flag Hollow Lake stock pond. They report that they have someone helping them with filings and obtaining assignments and inquire if they are eligible to proceed with the de minimis process. It is likely however it will depend on the Statements of Claimant.

Ms. Newsome addresses the Court regarding their progress with Mr. Peterson. They have reviewed some documents but have not had sufficient time to view all of them. She will review the other two cases that the Court believes Mr. Peterson to be apart of, CV6417-33-6894 and CV6417-33-6896.

The Court will provide a 60-day deadline for the two landowners to get their documents filed and will set another Status Conference after to discuss how to proceed.

10:10 a.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this minute entry is provided to all parties on the Court approved mailing list.

LATER:

IT IS ORDERED scheduling a Status Conference for **Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 10:30am**. Claimants should be prepared to provide the Court:

- evidence of filing with ADWR updated SOCs;
- evidence of registering wells with ADWR;
- an estimate of the time needed to file the appropriate basis of right of application where applicable.

For clarification purposes only, the Court notes that the two contested cases involving Mr. David Peterson are CV6417-33-6771 (this case) and CV6417-33-6896.

The status conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red box “Join Court Connect Hearing” on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing <https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster>. If you do not have access to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.



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Start Date/Time: June 27, 2024, at 10:30am

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