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6	IN THE SUPERIOR COU	RT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA	
7	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA		
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9	IN RE THE GENERAL	W-1 (Salt)	
10	ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE GILA	W-2 (Verde) W-3 (Upper Gila)	
11	RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE	W-4 (San Pedro) (Consolidated)	
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13		Contested Case No. W1-106	
14		ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE	
15 16		AND	
17		ORDER ADDING PARTIES TO	
18		COURT-APPROVED MAILING LIST	
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21	CONTESTED CASE NAME : In re Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed		
22	HSR INVOLVED: None		
23	DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY : Scheduling conference set for December 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Objecting parties added to court approved mailing list.		
24	NUMBER OF PAGES: 18		
25	DATE OF FILING: November 18, 2022		
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1	This proceeding is part of a general adjudication of legal rights to take and use water on
2	land in the Verde River Watershed. The purpose of this specific phase of the proceeding is to
3	determine whether expedited procedures can be adopted to determine rights claimed by people for
4 5	appropriable water for domestic uses, stockponds, and stock and wildlife watering.
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7	A. Appropriable Water
8	Appropriable water includes water from Arizona's lakes, ponds, springs, streams, canyons,
9	ravines, other natural surface channels, and definite underground channels. A well may also pump
10	appropriable water. In 1931, the Arizona Supreme Court decided that appropriable water includes
11	water pumped by a well when the pumping of that water depletes the water flowing in a stream or
12	river, which is called subflow. The Court defined subflow:
13 14 15	as those waters which slowly find their way through the sand and gravel constituting the bed of the stream, on the lands under or immediately adjacent to the stream and are themselves a part of the surface stream.
16 17	Maricopa County Municipal Water Conservation Dist. No. 1 v. Southwest Cotton Co., 39 Ariz. 65, 96 4P.2d 369, 380 (1931).
18	This proceeding only concerns water rights to appropriable water. It does not concern rights to
19	water taken from the watershed that is percolating groundwater, which is not considered to be
20	appropriable water.
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22	B. Making a Claim for Appropriable Water
23	To make a claim for a right to water in the adjudication, a person or entity is required by
24	law to file a Statement of Claimant. This proceeding will only concern rights to water for which a
25	Statement of Claimant has been filed. The accepted practice is that the Statement of Claimant is
26	filed with Arizona Department of Water Resources. If a person or entity does not claim a water
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right and file a Statement of Claimant, then the court will not determine that the person or entity 1 has a legal right to use the water.

Under Arizona law, if a person or entity does not timely file a Statement of Claimant, the person or entity cannot later assert a water right and will forfeit any right to use appropriable water. The final deadline for filing a Statement of Claimant in the Verde River Watershed is 90 days before Arizona Department of Water Resources files it's final report. The first final report of claims made in the Verde River Watershed is due January 10, 2025.

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Elements of a Right to Appropriable Water

The determination of a legal right to water requires that the right be defined. A water right is defined by the following elements:

13		1)	the owner of the water right,
14		2)	the place where the water is used;
15		3)	the owner of the land on which the water is used;
16		4)	the place from which the water is taken;
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18		5)	the source of the water;
19		6)	the type of use (for example, domestic use);
20		7)	the amount of water used;
21		8)	the date that the water was first put to use; and
22		9)	the legal basis for the water right.
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25	D.	Proce	edures to Establish a Right to Appropriable Water
26		Each	of the elements listed above can potentially result in factual disputes among water
27	users.	Dispu	tes cost the person claiming water rights time and money. Disputes also impose costs
28	on the	court i	n terms of time and resources and delay the final resolution of all the claims for water

rights in the watershed. In the past, the court has concluded that the costs of litigating all possible 1 2 disputes about all of the facts necessary to determine water rights for certain types of claims 3 outweigh the benefits to the person claiming the water right, the person objecting to the water right, 4 and to the general adjudication process. Where the court has reached the decision that the potential 5 costs exceed benefits, procedures have been adopted to lower the costs, in time and resources, to 6 the court and the parties to determine the particular types of water right. 7

In the San Pedro River Watershed, the court adopted expedited procedures to determine water rights for water uses that fit into three categories. Those categories include domestic uses, stock watering, and certain stockponds. In this proceeding, a decision will be made about whether expedited procedures should be adopted to determine rights to water for domestic uses, stockponds, and stock and wildlife watering in the Verde River Watershed.

Arizona Department of Water Resources filed a Technical Report on August 29, 2022, that 14 provided its analysis of stock and wildlife watering, stockponds and domestic uses in the Verde 15 16 River Watershed. Objections to the Technical Report have been filed. The next step is to 17 establish a schedule that will result in a hearing on the objections and a decision about whether to 18 adopt expedited procedures for the three types of water uses. 19

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E. **Scheduling Conference** 21

22 A Scheduling Conference shall be held on December 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. to establish a schedule for the determination of whether expedited procedures should be adopted to determine 24 rights to water for stock and wildlife watering uses, stockponds, and domestic uses. The schedule shall include a hearing date. 26

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1	F. Addition of People to the Court-Approve Mailing List
2	Under Arizona law, any person or entity who has filed a Statement of Claimant may file an
3	objection to a report prepared by Arizona Department of Water Resources. The Court has received
4	signed forms of Comment or Objection to the Technical Report prepared by Arizona Department
5	of Water Resources from the following people and entities:
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7 8	The City of Phoenix Town of Chino Valley
9	Brian Murphy
10	Frances Scurei Justine Schaible
11	Wolfgang Koehler Brandon and Natasha Pacheco and the Pacheco Brandon R and Natasha M Living Trust
12	Kathy Masters-Jaeckel & Lawrence J. Jaeckel Joel Price
13	Vito T. Greco & Colleen Corrigan Greco The Yavapai-Apache Nation
14	Salt River Project The United States of America
15	Tonto Apache Tribe Byron D. Fleming
16	Harold Cowles Michele Guy
17	Lewallen Family Trust – Gary W. and Katharine S. Lewallen
18	Michael E. Giboney Randall L. Russell
19 20	Alberta M. Kriese William Sasser
20	Carl Hendrickson Toni M. Brown
22	Casey J. Smith Rhonda Lunn Rhodes
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24	Ten of the people listed above do not have Statements of Claimant filed with the Arizona
25	Department of Water Resources that are publicly available. Four people in that group stated that
26	they had filed Statements of Claimant or would soon file Statements of Claimant and had not
27	received a filing number. Those four people are:
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Brian Murphy
Frances Scurei
Harold Cowles
Carl Hendrickson

Based on their representations, Brian Murphy, Frances Scurei, Harold Cowles, and Carl Hendrickson shall be added to the Court-approved mailing list for this proceeding. Each of these persons is subject to removal from the Court-approved mailing list if a subsequent review of the public records of Arizona Department of Water Resources does not show that a Statement of Claimant has been filed. A review will not be conducted any earlier than May 1, 2023.

Six people did not provide a Statement of Claimant numbers and made no representations about filing a Statement of Claimant:

14	Joel Price
15	Byron D. Fleming
16	Michael E. Giboney Alberta N. Kriese

Casey Smith Rhonda Lunn Rhodes

In the absence of a Statement of Claimant, the statute does not permit a person to file an objection. These six individuals will be provided with a courtesy copy of this Order but will not be added to the court-approved mailing list. A person listed above who files a Statement of Claimant with Arizona Department of Water Resources and provides a copy of the Statement of Claimant to the court will be added to the Court-approved mailing list upon receipt of the filed Statement of Claimant.

IT IS ORDERED that a Scheduling Conference will be held on December 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. to establish a schedule for the determination of whether expedited procedures should be

1	adopted to determine rights to water for stock and wildlife watering uses, stockponds, and domestic
2	uses. The schedule shall include a hearing date.
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4	The Scheduling Conference will be held using the Court Connect means I to the Court
5	The Scheduling Conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for
6	Court Connect are attached as Attachment A. If you receive this Order by email, click on the red
7	box "Join Court Connect Hearing" on the attached instructions to make an appearance. If you do
8	not receive this Order by email, log into the Court Connect program on the internet by typing
9	https://tinyurl.com/specialwatermaster. If you do not have access to the internet, you may attend
10	telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court
11	Connect. Alternatively, you may attend telephonically using the following instructions:
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13	Instructions for telephonic appearance: Dial: 602-506-9695 (local)
14	1-855-506-9695 (toll free long distance) Dial Participant Pass Code 357264#
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16	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following parties are added to the Court-approved
17	mailing list for this case.
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19	Brian Murphy Frances Scurei
20	Justine Schaible Wolfgang Koehler
21	Byron D. Fleming Harold Cowles
22	Michele Guy
23	Lewallen Family Trust – Gary W. and Katharine S. Lewallen Randall L. Russell
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27	Susan Ward Harris Special Master
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The original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court on November 18, 2022, for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for this contested case. Emily Natale

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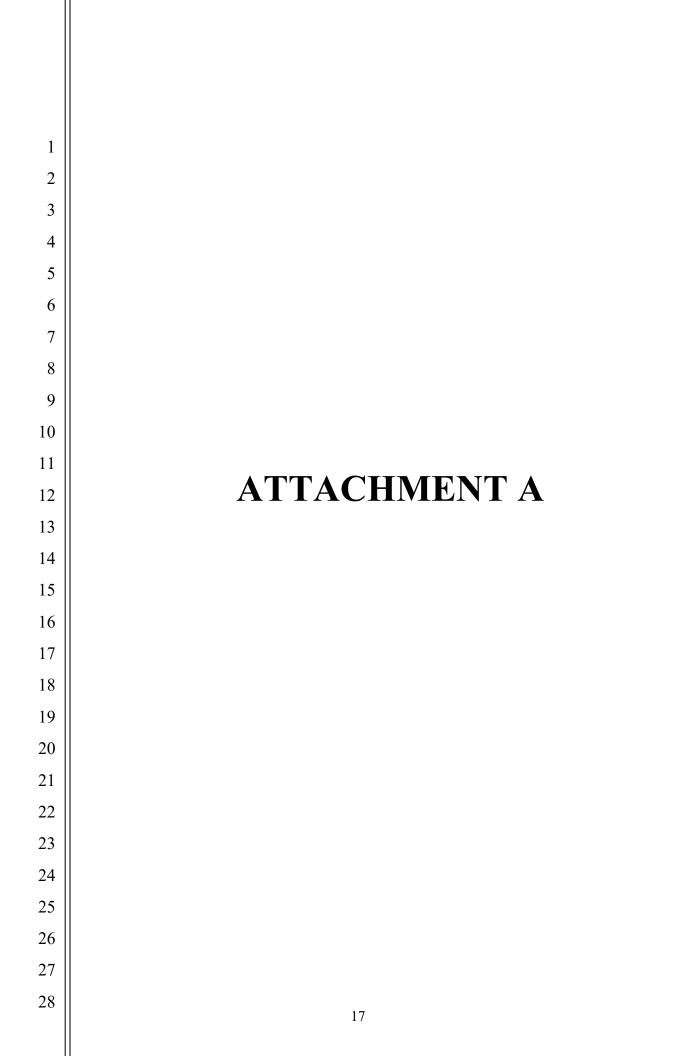
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