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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN RE THE GENERAL  
ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS  
TO USE WATER IN THE GILA  
RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)  
  
CONTESTED CASE NO. W1-11-3121

**ORDER FOR UNITED STATES BUREAU  
OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND ARIZONA  
STATE LAND TO FILE EVIDENCE OF A  
POTENTIAL WATER RIGHT AND  
SCHEDULING A STATUS CONFERENCE**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re BLM – Safford District*  
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.  
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order for the United States Bureau of Land Management and the Arizona State Land Department to present the Court with evidence regarding a potential water right by **Monday, September 9, 2024**, and scheduling a status conference for **Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**  
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This contested case was initiated on April 1, 2024, to adjudicate claims associated with Watershed File Report (“WFR”) No. 114-04-BAC-019. The statement of claimant (“SOC”) associated with this contested case is # 39-4166.

During the April 25, 2024, initial status conference, there was confusion among the

1 parties regarding parcel boundaries and ownership since the original parcel appears to have  
2 been subdivided. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) was ordered to  
3 provide an updated map detailing the parcels investigated as part of WFR # 114-04-BAC-  
4 019. On July 3, 2024, ADWR filed the updated map that depicted ownership of the northern  
5 parcel by the Arizona State Land Department (“ASLD”) and the southern parcel by the  
6 United State Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”). WFR # 114-04-BAC-019 refences a  
7 use on Section 17 (Township 6S and Range 16E), however SOC # 39-4166 only claims use  
8 on Section 8 (Township 6S and Range 16E).

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10 **IT IS ORDERED** that if BLM and/or ASLD intend to move forward with a potential  
11 water right claim, they must file with the Court no later than **Monday, September 9, 2024**,  
12 evidence of an appropriate SOC and a basis of right for a potential water right claim  
13 regarding their respective parcel. Failure to provide such evidence will result in the  
14 dismissal of any potential water claims for this contested case W1-11-3121.

15 Contested case #W1-11-3113 also (properly) relies on SOC # 39-4166 for potential  
16 water rights. Because SOC #39-4166 cannot be used to claim any water rights south of  
17 Section 8 (Township 6S and Range 16E), a copy of this order will also be provided to those  
18 parties who are on the mailing list for contested case W1-11-3113.


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20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** scheduling a status conference for **Thursday,**  
21 **September 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.** The ASLD and BLM should be prepared to inform  
22 the court if either agency will be moving forward with a potential water right claim.

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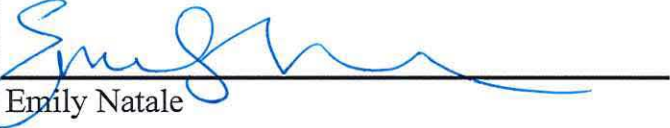
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to the internet, you may attend telephonically using the telephone number and access code included in the instructions for Court Connect.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
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Sherri L. Zendri  
Special Water Master

The original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court on July 12, 2024, for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for this contested case.

  
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Emily Natale

Court Approved Mailing List  
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## Attachment A



### Court Connect Hearing Notice for In re BLM – Safford District

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*All participants must use the JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING button or the dial in information below to participate.*

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2. Enter your full name and role in name field.
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Remember to keep this email handy so you can use it to participate in the following proceeding.

**Case Name:** In re BLM – Safford District, Contested Case No. W1-11-3121

**Start Date/Time:** Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**JOIN COURT CONNECT HEARING**

**Dial-in Information:** +1 917-781-4590

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