

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

01/09/2013

SPECIAL MASTER GEORGE A. SCHADE JR.

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In Re the General Adjudication of All Rights to
Use Water in the Gila River System and Source

In re San Pedro Riparian National Conservation
Area
Conference

Civil No. W1-11-232 (Consolidated)

In re Redfield Canyon Wilderness Area
Oral Argument and Conference

Civil No. W1-11-2664 (Consolidated)

In re Powers Garden Administrative Site
Conference

Civil No. W1-11-3423

MINUTE ENTRY

Courtroom 104 - OCH

9:00 a.m. This is the time set for a conference and oral argument pursuant to the Special Master's Order of December 13, 2012.

Appearances in this case: Joe P. Sparks and Julia M. R. Kolsrud for Tonto Apache Tribe and San Carlos Apache Tribe; David A. Brown for St. David Irrigation District and other claimants; Gregory L. Adams for ASARCO LLC; R. Lee Leininger for U.S. Department of Justice - Environment and Natural Resources Division; L. William Staudenmaier, Sean T. Hood, and Shilpa Hunter-Patel for Freeport-McMoRan Corporation; Lisa M. McKnight, John B. Weldon, Jr., and Patrick B. Sigl for Salt River Project; William P. Sullivan for Bella Vista Water Company, Inc., Pueblo Del Sol Water Company, and the City of Sierra Vista; Susan B. Montgomery for the Yavapai-Apache Nation; Thomas L. Murphy for the Gila River Indian Community; and Janet L. Ronald and Ayesha Vohra for the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

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Court Reporter, Debbie Croci, is present.

The Special Master and Messrs. Leininger, Staudenmaier, Adams, Brown, Sullivan, Sparks, Ms. McKnight, and Ms. Ronald discuss the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area contested case (No. W1-11-232, Consolidated).

The Special Master advises the parties that an evidentiary hearing will be set for this matter. Parties will be given the opportunity to submit proposed issues for consideration at the hearing.

10:16 a.m. Court stands at recess.

10:29 a.m. Court reconvenes with respective counsel present.

Court Reporter, Debbie Croci, is present; a record of the proceedings is also made by audio and/or videotape.

The Redfield Canyon Wilderness Area contested case (No. W1-11-2664, Consolidated) is taken up. Messrs. Leininger and Hood, and Ms. McKnight present argument on the motion to stay of the United States. The Special Master takes the motion under advisement.

The Special Master and Messrs. Leininger, Brown, Sullivan, Sparks, Murphy, Ms. McKnight, and Ms. Montgomery discuss the Powers Garden Administrative Site contested case (No. W1-11-3423). The Special Master inquires about the possibility of a global settlement involving all the objectors. He encourages the San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, Yavapai Apache-Nation, and the Gila River Indian Community to be involved in settlement discussions so that a global settlement might be reached.

The Special Master states that the settling parties will have 120 days to submit a proposed stipulation and abstracts of water rights or indicate that a settlement has not been reached.

The Special Master discusses with Mr. Hood the request of Mr. Hood to be added to the Court approved mailing list of this case. The Special Master takes the request under advisement.

The Special Master advises the parties that an Order for each of the above-mentioned cases will be forthcoming within the next three weeks.

The parties are thanked for their efforts to resolve these cases and are encouraged to meet and confer to work toward settlement.

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11:42 a.m. Matter concludes.

LATER IN CHAMBERS: The Special Master grants Mr. Hood's request to be added to the Court approved mailing list of the contested case In Re Powers Garden Administrative Site. A written order will be issued.

A copy of this order is mailed to all parties on the Court approved mailing lists for Contested Cases Nos. W1-11-232, W1-11-2664, and W1-11-3423 dated January 10, 2013.