

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

IN CHAMBERS ( X ) IN OPEN COURT ( )

SPECIAL MASTER GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.  
Presiding

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

DATE: October 9, 2014

CIVIL NO. W1-11-232  
(Consolidated)

ORDER VACATING REMAINING  
PENDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE  
AND SETTING NEW TIME LINES

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Special Master vacates the remaining pending briefing schedule and sets new time lines for completion of discovery, filing expert witness reports, and setting a conference.

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On October 7, 2014, the Special Master held a telephonic conference to review the status of the briefing schedule set in the May 29, 2013, and August 7, 2013 orders.

After considering the positions of the parties and the efforts of the United States to answer discovery requests, the Special Master finds good cause to vacate the remaining pending briefing schedule and set new time lines for the completion of discovery, filing staggered expert witness reports, eliminating rebuttal expert reports, and

holding a conference promptly thereafter. This case will be reviewed on November 21, 2014, following the conclusion of the *In re Fort Huachuca* conference. It is the Special Master's intention to transfer this case to the Hon. Mark J. Brain at the conference set on October 6, 2015, or earlier if deemed feasible.

IT IS ORDERED vacating the remaining pending briefing schedule and modifying the directives contained in the order dated August 7, 2013, as follows:

1. Discovery.

A. Completion. The United States shall have until **Friday, April 10, 2015**, to provide all requested discovery. All discovery including depositions shall be completed by **Friday, September 25, 2015**.

2. Expert Reports.

A. Filing Date for the United States. On or before **Tuesday, June 9, 2015**, the United States will file expert witness reports that it considers relevant to the designated issues.

B. Filing Date for All Other Parties. On or before **Friday, July 24, 2015**, all other parties will file expert witness reports that they consider relevant to the designated issues.

C. Rebuttal Reports. Rebuttal expert reports will not be allowed.

3. Conference. A conference is set for **Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. (MST)** to schedule future proceedings for an evidentiary hearing. The conference will be held in the Maricopa County Superior Court, Courtroom 413, East Court Building, 101 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2202.

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DATED: October 9, 2014.

/s/ George A. Schade, Jr.  
GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.  
Special Master

On October 9, 2014, Barbara K. Brown delivered the original of the foregoing to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for Contested Case No. W1-11-232 dated July 15, 2014.