

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
APACHE COUNTY

March 2, 2023

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER  
SUSAN WARD HARRIS

A. Parmar  
Deputy

FILED: March 9, 2023

In re: the General Adjudication  
Of All Rights to Use Water in the  
Little Colorado River System and Source  
Case No. CV6417-33-6376

In Re: Arizona Game and Fish Department

**MINUTE ENTRY**

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

1:30 p.m. This is the time set for Status Conference to receive an update from the Arizona Game and Fish Department regarding what claims it intends to pursue before Special Water Master Susan Ward Harris.

The following attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Carrie J. Brennan and Kevin Crestin on behalf of the Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Mark McGinnis on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Kome Akpolo on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Mark Widerschein and Maggie Woodward on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice
- Phillip Londen and Paisley Bowman on behalf of the Hopi Tribe
- Katya Lancero on behalf of the Navajo Nation
- Assistant Attorney General, McArthur Stant, observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Luke Erickson observing on behalf of the City of Flagstaff

- David Brown on behalf of the LCR Coalition and Silver Creek Irrigation District

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Mr. Crestin states that he has met with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. It has authorized amending the statements of claimant and working towards a stipulation with the objectors. The Commission does not intend to pursue the industrial claim. It will be pursuing an in-stream flow claim for the fish hatchery. They will need one year's worth of data to support the filing of that claim. He has been working with the objectors towards a stipulation on the Domestic Use PWR and requests a Status Conference in four months.

The Court will set another Status Conference in July 2023 as suggested by Mr. Crestin. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission shall be prepared to inform the Court of when it intends to turn in the data to ADWR, discuss a proposed schedule and any noticing requirements for an amended Watershed File Report if that becomes necessary.

Mr. Brown addresses the Court. He believes that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will not be able to file another claim in the adjudication without going through the process of completing the in-stream flow claim.

1:39 p.m. Matter concludes.

**LATER:**

**IT IS ORDERED** setting a Status Conference on **July 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.** At the Status Conference, Arizona Game and Fish Commission shall be prepared to describe the timeline for the completion of the claim for instream flow.

The Status Conference will be held using the Court Connect program. Instructions for Court Connect are attached below. 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. Alternatively, you may attend telephonically using the following instructions:

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**Case Name:** In re Arizona Game and Fish Department, Contested Case No. CV6417-33-6376

**Start Date/Time:** July 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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