

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. CV6417-33-7108

In Re: Arizona Game and Fish Department –
Pinetop Fish Hatchery

MINUTE ENTRY

Central Court Building – Courtroom 301

2:00 p.m. This is the time set for Status Conference to discuss whether the Arizona Game and Fish Department intend to pursue a claim for commercial and irrigation use and whether the Department can reach a stipulation with the objectors before Special Water Master Susan Ward Harris.

The following attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Kome Akpolo on behalf of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Carrie J. Brennan and Kevin Crestin on behalf of the Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Phillip Londen on behalf of the Hopi Tribe
- Kathryn Hoover and Katya Lancero on behalf of the Navajo Nation
- Assistant Attorney General, McArthur Stant, observing on behalf of the Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Mike Foy on behalf of the Salt River Project (“SRP”)

- Mark Widerschein and Maggie Woodward on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice
- Luke Erickson observing on behalf of the City of Flagstaff
- David Brown on behalf of the City of Show Low and Show Low Pinetop Woodland Irrigation Company

A record of the proceedings is made digitally in lieu of a court reporter.

Mr. Brown states that his clients are successors in interest in part to the Phelps Dodge objections because his clients now own Show Low Lake (previously owned by Phelps Dodge).

Mr. Crestin addresses the Court. His clients will not be pursuing an industrial claim; the spring no longer flows and the hatchery is not operating in that capacity any longer. The Department intends to pursue a Small Reservoir PWR and requests another Status Conference in four months to allow time to work with objectors towards a stipulation. The Court will set a Status Conference in July 2023.

2:05 p.m. Matter concludes.

LATER:

IT IS ORDERED setting a Status Conference on **July 7, 2023 at 1:45 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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