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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

CIVIL NO. W1-11-19

(Consolidated)

ORDER VACATING EXISTING  
DEADLINES AND STATUS  
CONFERENCE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Sands Group of Cases*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order vacating deadlines and scheduled status conference.

NUMBER OF PAGES: 3.

DATE OF FILING: April 26, 2017

This consolidated case consists of the Group 1 test cases involving water claims for stock watering, stockponds and domestic use. Specifically, this summary adjudication addresses

1 hundreds of *de minimis* claims located throughout the San Pedro River watershed for stock  
2 watering, stockponds with a volume equal to or less than 15 acre feet and domestic uses for single  
3 residences serving household purposes and outdoor activities on adjoining land equal to or less  
4 than 0.2 acres. Order filed September 2, 2002.

5 Senate Bill 1412 signed into law on April 24, 2017, amended A.R.S. §45-257(A) (1) to  
6 provide in relevant part:

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8 The determination of water rights of all Small Water Use Claims in  
9 any specific subwatershed shall be deferred until all other claims in  
10 that subwatershed are determined by the superior court in the course  
11 of the adjudication, except that for a Claimant who asserted a Small  
12 Water Use Claim and who asserted other water use claims in the same  
13 subwatershed that are not Small Water Use Claims, the Claimant's  
14 Small Water Use Claim shall be determined in conjunction with the  
15 determination of that Claimant's other claims.

16 SB1412, §5. The term "Small Water Use Claims" includes claims for stock watering, and  
17 stockponds with a capacity of not more than 15 acre feet. SB1412, §1. The amendment, enacted  
18 with a general effective date, becomes effective 90 days after the end of the regular session of the  
19 legislature.

20 In view of this change of the law, and the existence of other claims in the subwatersheds,  
21 the previously set deadlines in Orders filed March 9, 2017, and April 7, 2017, are vacated. The  
22 status conference previously scheduled for May 24, 2017 is vacated. No further proceedings in  
23 this case will be scheduled until further notice.

24   
25 Susan Ward Harris  
26 Special Master

1 On April 26, 2017, the original of the foregoing was  
2 delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County  
3 Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all  
4 persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for  
5 Contested Case No. W1-11-19.

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