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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

W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)  
Contested Case No. W1-103

**ORDER REGARDING COMMENTS  
AND OBJECTIONS TO  
CONE OF DEPRESSION TEST  
METHODOLOGY**


CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re San Pedro Subflow Technical Report.*  
HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.  
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order clarifying preliminary proceedings to consider the Cone of  
Depression Test Methodology developed by the Arizona Department of Water Resources.  
NUMBER OF PAGES: 3.  
DATE OF FILING: February 16, 2017.

On February 13, 2017, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) and BHP Copper, Inc. filed  
a Motion for Clarification or Modification of the Special Master's Order Setting Conference on  
Cone of Depression Test Methodology. The development of the Cone of Depression Test

1 Methodology has been the subject of a series of periodic reports prepared by Arizona Department  
2 of Water Resources and motions, requests for hearings, and comments by the parties. The purpose  
3 of the initial conference on March 15, 2017, is to determine the proceedings necessary and set an  
4 appropriate schedule to resolve the issues. The purpose of the objections and comments due on  
5 March 6, 2017, is, as APS and BHP, Inc. clearly stated in their motion, to provide sufficient  
6 information to allow a reasonable assessment of the issues, process and time that will be necessary  
7 to resolve objections to the proposed Cone of Depression Test Methodology. The papers filed on  
8 March 6, 2017, will not be construed as a waiver of any objection or comment to the Cone of  
9 Depression Test Methodology. Additional time will be provided for the parties to file  
10 comprehensive objections and expert reports.  
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Susan Ward Harris  
Special Master

21 A copy of this order is mailed to all  
22 persons listed on the Court approved  
23 mailing list (Court) for Contested Case  
24 No. W1-103.

  
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