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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, and W-4
(Consolidated)

Contested Case No. W1-106

**ORDER GRANTING SALT RIVER
PROJECT'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL
SUMMARY JUDGMENT
REGARDING ENFORCEMENT
AGAINST SUMMARILY
ADJUDICATED USES**

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed.*
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: Order granting the Salt River Project's motion for partial summary judgment regarding enforcement against summarily adjudicated uses.
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On February 22, 2024, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (collectively "SRP") filed a motion for partial summary judgment regarding enforcement against summarily adjudicated uses. Responses were received from the United States, the Yavapai Apache Nation, the Tonto Apache Tribe, the Town of Chino Valley, and the Arizona State Land Department, joining with SRP regarding clarification that any rights summarily adjudicated in the Verde River watershed as de minimis would remain subject to potential enforcement by senior water right holders. The Court received no opposition to SRP's request.

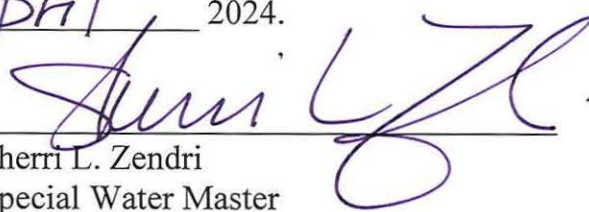
Once a proposed water right is included in the catalog of proposed rights and the subsequent final decree, the right will be fully adjudicated and subject to enforcement. Summarily adjudicated rights are not excluded from this process; they are simply entered into the catalog with lesser initial scrutiny due to their minimal impact on downstream potential rights. Thus, irrespective of whether a potential right is summarily adjudicated,

1 once a final decree is entered, all rights will be enforceable, and subject to the futile call
2 doctrine if otherwise applicable.

3 Having reviewed SRP's motion and all responses and replies, **IT IS ORDERED** that
4 the Motion is GRANTED.

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6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any summarily adjudicated water rights in the
7 Verde River Watershed will be subject to enforcement by the holders of senior water rights
8 in the same manner as rights that are not summarily adjudicated. Owners of summarily
9 adjudicated water rights will be permitted to assert the futile call doctrine in an enforcement
10 action to the extent that such doctrine would be otherwise applicable.

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12 DATED this 24th day of April 2024.

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16 Sherri L. Zendri
17 Special Water Master

18 On April 24, 2024, the
19 original of the foregoing was delivered to the
20 Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court for
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22 listed on the Court-approved mailing lists for
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