

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

06/07/2024

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STATE WATER ADJUDICATION JUDGE  
HONORABLE SCOTT A. BLANEY

*In re: St. David Irrigation District*  
Contested Case No: W1-11-1675

In re the General Adjudication of  
All Water Rights to Use Water in the  
Gila River System and Source  
W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

FILED: 06/10/2024

In re: Oral Argument on Objections to the  
February 17, 2022 Report of the Special Water  
Master: Forfeiture of Pre-1919 Water Rights

**ORAL ARGUMENT**

Old Courthouse – Courtroom 309

10:01 a.m. This is the time set for Oral Argument on Objections to the February 17, 2022 Report of the Special Water Master: Forfeiture of Pre-1919 Water Rights re: St. David Irrigation District before State Water Adjudication Judge the Honorable Scott A. Blaney.

The following counsel and parties are present:

- Special Water Master Sherri Zendri and Emily Natale, assistant to the Water Master
- David A. Brown on behalf of the St. David Irrigation District
- John Burnside on behalf of BHP Copper
- Charles L. Cahoy on behalf the City of Phoenix
- Merrill C. Godfrey on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community
- Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe

- Sean T. Hood on behalf of Freeport Minerals
- Mark McGinnis and Katrina L. Wilkinson on behalf of Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association ("SRP"). Also present is SRP representative, Christina Jovanovic
- Jonathan Michael on behalf of Arizona Water Adjudications Project
- Yosef M. Negose on behalf of the United States of America
- Alexander B. Ritchie on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Michael Rolland on behalf of the City of Mesa
- Terisha Driggs, Claimant
- Brian McKeighen, Claimant

The following counsel appears virtually and/or telephonically:

- Joe P. Sparks on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe

Court Reporter Jennifer Church is present. A record of the proceedings is also made digitally.

The Court addresses counsel and parties as to the hearing today.

David A. Brown, on behalf of St. David Irrigation District, presents argument.

Sean T. Hood, on behalf of Freeport Minerals, presents argument.

Mark McGinnis, on behalf of SRP, presents argument.

10:58 a.m. Court stands at recess.

11:15 a.m. Court reconvenes with respective counsel and parties present.

Court Reporter Jennifer Church is present. A record of the proceedings is also made digitally.

John Burnside, on behalf of BHP Copper, presents argument.

Charles L. Cahoy, on behalf the City of Phoenix, presents argument.

11:51 a.m. Court stands at recess.

1:32 p.m. Court reconvenes with respective counsel and parties present.

Court Reporter Jennifer Church is present. A record of the proceedings is also made digitally.

Michael Rolland, on behalf of the City of Mesa, presents argument.

Yosef M. Negose, on behalf of the United States of America, presents argument.

Joe P. Sparks, on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, presents argument.

Merrill C. Godfrey, on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, presents argument.

2:50 p.m. Court stands at recess.

3:11 p.m. Court reconvenes with respective counsel and parties present.

Court Reporter Jennifer Church is present. A record of the proceedings is also made digitally.

Sean T. Hood, on behalf of Freeport Minerals, presents rebuttal argument.

Merrill C. Godfrey, on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, presents rebuttal argument.

**IT IS ORDERED** taking this matter under advisement.

3:32 p.m. Matter concludes.

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