

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
MARICOPA COUNTY

February 23, 2023

CLERK OF THE COURT

SPECIAL WATER MASTER  
SUSAN WARD HARRIS

A. Parmar  
Deputy

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)

FILED: February 27, 2023

In re: Hope Iselin Jones  
Contested Case No. W1-11-2697

**MINUTE ENTRY**

Courtroom 301 – Central Court Building

2:00 p.m. This is the time set for a Scheduling Conference before Special Water Master Susan Ward Harris.

The following parties/attorneys appear virtually through Court Connect:

- Mike Foy on behalf of Salt River Project (“SRP”)
- Kimberly Parks on behalf of Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”)
- Joe Sparks and Laurel Herrmann on behalf of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Sue Montgomery on behalf of the Yavapai Apache Nation (and observing on behalf of Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
- John Burnside on behalf BHP Copper
- Anthony Proano on behalf of the Tonto Apache Tribe
- J Albert Brown on behalf of C-Spear LLC

- Mark Widerschein and Laura Boyer on behalf of the United States Department of Justice
- Bradley Pew on behalf of American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”)
- Thomas Murphy on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community

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

The Court inquires whether Mr. Brown has received comments back from the parties. He reports that he has received comments and approval from SRP, the Yavapai Apache Nation, BHP Copper and ASARCO. He received comments/objections from the United States and the San Carlos Apache Tribe. He informed the parties that he would be asking for more time as some of the issues will need some experts involved.

**IT IS ORDERED** setting the following schedule:

- Initial Disclosure Statements are due on **March 6, 2023**.
- Discovery deadline is **September 8, 2023**
- Dispositive Motions are due on **November 13, 2023**
- Trial will begin on **March 4, 2024** in Courtroom 301 in the Central Court building at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Brown expresses concern that he will not be able to fulfil that schedule due to needing to acquire an expert on a water duty issue and a historian to look into the National Archives. The Court advises Mr. Brown to file an amended disclosure statement when required under Rule 26.

2:05 p.m. Matter concludes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all persons listed on the Court-approved mailing list.