

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN CHAMBERS ( X ) IN OPEN COURT ( )

SPECIAL MASTER GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.  
Presiding

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION  
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE  
GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

DATE: June 7, 2012

CIVIL NO. W1-11-232  
(Consolidated)

ORDER REQUESTING  
COMMENTS ON THE FEDERAL  
RESERVED WATER RIGHTS  
CLAIMS REPORT (MAY 2012) OF  
THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT  
OF WATER RESOURCES

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Special Master requests comments by August 24, 2012, concerning the report of the Arizona Department of Water Resources on the federal reserved water rights claims of the United States.

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On May 31, 2012, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) filed its report entitled “Report Concerning Federal Reserved Water Rights Claims for SPRNCA.” The report contains additional information related to ADWR’s land ownership information previously reported.

The Special Master wants to consider comments and positions of parties concerning the actionable use of this report. Comments can address the following:

1. Scheduling an evidentiary hearing on the quantification of the reserved water rights claims of the United States;
2. Scheduling an evidentiary hearing on the quantification of the state law water rights claims of the United States;
3. Addressing the three pending appropriative applications of the United States for instream flows within the riparian conservation area;
4. Participation of the steering committee in future planning and proceedings;
5. Potential for a full or partial settlement of issues; and
6. Any other matters that will expedite the conclusion of this case.

The Special Master plans to hold a conference in court (not telephonic) within sixty (60) days after comments are filed. Parties are asked to suggest a date and time, if feasible. The conference will be held in the Maricopa County Superior Court.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Requesting parties to submit on or before **August 24, 2012**, comments and positions on the matters set forth above, and
2. Requesting parties to suggest a date and time, if feasible, for a court conference to be held no later than sixty (60) days thereafter.

DATED: June 7, 2012.

/s/ George A. Schade, Jr.  
GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.  
Special Master

On June 7, 2012, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for Contested Case No. W1-11-232 dated January 31, 2012.

/s/ Barbara K. Brown  
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