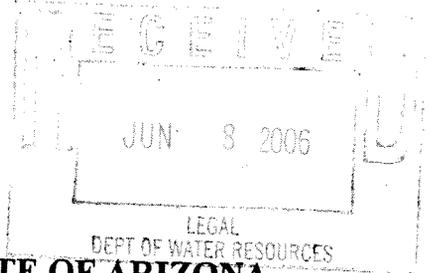


Attachment C



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

No. W1-207

NOTICE OF PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT

In re Proposed Gila River Indian Community Water Rights Settlement.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CLAIMANTS IN THE GILA RIVER ADJUDICATION

Several parties to the Gila River adjudication have asked the Superior Court to approve a proposed settlement of all claims for water rights of the Gila River Indian Community, its Members and Allottees, and the United States on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, its Members and Allottees. The claimed water rights of the Indian Community, its Members and Allottees, and the United States on behalf of the Indian Community, its Members and Allottees, for the Gila River Indian Reservation (as shown on the map, Attachment A), are subject to adjudication by this Court.

The parties to this proposed settlement (the "Settling Parties") include: the Gila River Indian Community; the United States of America; the State of Arizona; the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association; the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District; the Roosevelt Irrigation District; the Roosevelt Water Conversation District; Arizona Water Company; the Arizona Cities of Casa Grande, Chandler, Coolidge, Glendale, Goodyear, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Safford, Scottsdale and Tempe; the Arizona Towns of Florence, Mammoth, Kearney, Duncan and Gilbert; the Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation & Drainage District; the Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District; Franklin Irrigation District; Gila Valley Irrigation District; the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District; the Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage District; the Buckeye Irrigation Company; the Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District; the Central Arizona Water Conservation District; Phelps Dodge Corporation; and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Court is conducting special proceedings to determine whether this proposed settlement should be approved. If the Court approves the proposed settlement and enters a final judgment adjudicating the water rights claims of the Gila River Indian Community, its Members and Allottees, and the United States on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, its Members and Allottees, as set forth in a stipulation

1 reflecting the principal terms of the settlement, the judgment will be binding upon all
2 claimants in the Gila River general stream adjudication ("Gila River Adjudication").

3 The Court has ordered the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), to
4 prepare a factual analysis and technical assessment of the proposed settlement. ADWR's
5 report must be completed by August 23, 2006.

6 The Court has also ordered the Settling Parties to conduct a program in three separate
7 meetings to provide interested parties in the Gila River Adjudication and the public with
8 information about the proposed settlement. The first meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on
9 September 12, 2006, at City of Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street, Phoenix; The
10 second meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2006, at Council Chambers for the
11 City of Casa Grande; and the third meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 14, 2006,
12 at Assembly Room, Board of Supervisors, 921 Thatcher Blvd. (at Hwy 70) Safford.

13 Once ADWR's report is filed with the Court, claimants in the Gila River Adjudication
14 will have until October 9, 2006, in which to file any objections they might have to the
15 proposed settlement. The Court will thereafter schedule hearings on the proposed settlement
16 and any objections to the proposed settlement.

17 You or your predecessor has filed a statement of claimant for water uses in the Gila
18 River system and source. Your claimed water rights may be affected by the proposed
19 settlement. To help you determine whether you should file an objection to the proposed
20 settlement, you should review the application filed by the parties to the proposed settlement;
21 the Court's Order of May 21, 2006, authorizing these special proceedings; the settlement
22 documents; and, once it has been completed, ADWR's report to the Court. All these
23 materials may be examined during business hours at the Arizona Department of Water
24 Resources, 3550 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix Arizona 85012 or at AWDR's web site
25 (WWW.AZWATER.GOV). Also, copies of the proposed settlement may be examined at
26 the office of the Superior Court Clerk in each Arizona county.

27 If you decide to file an objection to the proposed settlement, you must do so on or
before October 9, 2006. Any claimant in the Gila River Adjudication may file an objection
with the Adjudication Court asserting that:

- a. The approval of the stipulation setting forth the terms of the settlement, and the proposed final judgment and decree adjudicating the water rights claims of the Gila River Indian Community, its Members and Allottees, and the United States on behalf of the Gila River Indian Community, its Members and Allottees, as set forth in the settlement agreement, would cause material injury to the objector's claimed water right;
- b. The conditions described in the Arizona Supreme Court's Special Procedural Order Providing for the Approval of Federal Water Rights Settlements, Including Those of Indian Tribes, dated May 16, 1991, which warrant this special proceeding have not been satisfied; or
- c. The water rights established in the settlement agreement, set forth in the stipulation and adjudicated in the proposed final judgment and decree, are more extensive than the Indian tribe or federal agency would have been able to establish at trial.

Objections must also include:

- a. The name, address, and signature of the objector;

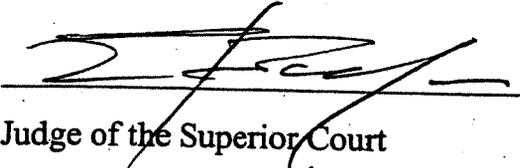
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- b. A description of the water rights asserted in the objector's claim;
- c. A statement of the legal basis for the objection, and the specific factual grounds upon which the objection is based;
- d. A list of any witnesses and exhibits that the objector intends to present at any hearing on the objection;
- e. Any request for discovery relating to the objection and a statement as to the need for such discovery; and
- f. Any other information the Adjudication Court may require in the order for summary proceedings.

Objections must be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Maricopa County, Attn: Water Case W1-207, 601 West Jackson, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed settlement and these special proceedings to consider the proposed settlement, you may wish to contact an attorney of your choice. Copies of all objections must be provided to the Settling Parties and all parties on the court-approved mailing list for the Gila River adjudication.

This Notice was approved on Aug 27, 2006, and mailed pursuant to the order of the Court.



Judge of the Superior Court

ATTACHMENT A

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