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10 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**
11 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**
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IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN
THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND
SOURCE

W-1 (Salt)
W-2 (Verde)
W-3 (Upper Gila)
W-4 (San Pedro)
(Consolidated)

Contested Case No. W1-11-3394

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES' MEETING REPORT**

Special Master Susan Ward Harris

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re W. H. Claridge*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report (“HSR”)

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) provides its report on the meeting between the claimants and objectors that took place on January 8, 2020.

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Pursuant to the Minute Entry Order in this matter filed August 12, 2019, ADWR held a meeting between the claimants and objectors in this case on September 18, 2019.

1 On September 25, 2019, ADWR filed a meeting report addressing the results of the
2 meeting and scheduled a follow-up meeting on January 8, 2020. Pursuant to Rule
3 8.02[1][c], ADWR hereby files its Meeting Report for the January 8, 2020 meeting. A
4 copy of ADWR's Meeting Report is being posted to ADWR's web site at:
5 <https://new.azwater.gov/adjudications>.

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7 **MEETING DETAILS**

8 The meeting took place at the ADWR offices located at 1110 W. Washington
9 Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 on January 8, 2020 at 9:00 am.

10 Present at the meeting were Glen Buettner, James Meza, Cera Lange and Kimberly
11 Parks representing ADWR, Mike Foy, Rodney Held, and Tim Skarupa representing the
12 Salt River Project ("SRP"), and Greg Larson, representing the Larson Educational Trust.

13 Attending telephonically were Joe Sparks representing the San Carlos Apache
14 Tribe, John Burnside representing BHP Copper, Rhett Billingsly representing ASARCO,
15 and Luke Christian representing the Tonto Apache Tribe. Jay Tomkus representing the
16 Yavapai-Apache Nation was unable to attend the meeting but contacted counsel for
17 ADWR to explain the Nation's position.

18 The Nature Conservancy, the United States, the Gila River Indian Community, the
19 Claridge family, and the Lazoya family were not represented at the meeting.
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22 **MEETING OUTCOMES**

23 Mr. Larson indicated that although he is still evaluating the use of the land, he
24 intends to pursue an irrigation claim in order to grow grasses that support local wildlife.
25 In support of the claims, Mr. Larson brought a packet of exhibits to the meeting, which
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1 included historical surveys, field notes, and patent information, as well as more recent
2 documentation from ADWR and The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
3 (ADEQ). Mr. Larson intends to file these documents with the court and to provide copies
4 to all of the parties.

5 Mr. Larson also intends to file assignments, and possibly amendments, for the
6 Statements of Claimant. He also intends to work with ADWR to file Statements of Claim
7 with the Surface Water Division.

8 Mr. Sparks indicated that he has a packet of historical information that he will
9 share with Mr. Larson. ADWR is providing Mr. Larson a blank abstract form to assist in
10 preparation of potential abstracts of water right.

11 All of the objecting parties represented at the meeting and counsel for the Yavapai-
12 Apache Nation indicated that they would be willing to work to resolve the objections in
13 this case once Mr. Larson provides additional information.
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16 **NEXT STEPS**

17 The parties have requested ADWR to schedule a third meeting in 120 days, at
18 which time Mr. Larson hopes to have completed the necessary forms with ADWR and to
19 have drafted abstracts for circulation to the parties.

20 ADWR hereby provides notice that the next meeting is scheduled as follows:

21 Date: May 12, 2020

22 Location: ADWR Offices, 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix AZ

23 Thunder River Conference Room

24 Time: 9:00 am

25 If the parties are able to reach agreement on objections prior to this meeting, Mr.
26 Larson will inform the Court of the agreement, and ADWR will cancel the meeting.

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DATED this 15th day of January, 2019.

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