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11 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**
12 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

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

17 W-1 (Salt)
18 W-2 (Verde)
19 W-3 (Upper Gila)
20 W-4 (San Pedro)
(Consolidated)

Case No. W1-106

21 **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF**
22 **WATER RESOURCES' NOTICE OF**
23 **PRODUCTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS**
24 **AND CONTINUED PUBLIC**
25 **RECORDS REVIEW**

Special Master Sherri Zendri

26 **CASE NAME:** *In re Subflow Technical Report, Verde River Watershed*

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Arizona Department of Water Resources ("ADWR") files this notice to inform the Court of its public records disclosure to the Parties to this contested case pursuant to the request included in the Court's Minute Entry filed on August 29, 2024. Additionally, ADWR has re-run an inquiry regarding the public records requests related to this additional disclosure and is continuing to review the records produced from that inquiry.

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1 **DATE OF FILING:** August 30, 2024

2 On August 20, 2024 ADWR Counsel was informed that ADWR's Adjudications
3 Division located additional possible responsive documents related to two public records
4 requests, one submitted by the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power
5 District and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (collectively, "SRP") in May
6 2023 and the other submitted by the Arizona State Land Department ("ASLD") in April
7 2024, both parties to this contested case. On August 21, 2024, ADWR Counsel informed
8 the Parties and the Court of these documents prior to beginning the Evidentiary Hearing in
9 this contested case. On August 27, 2024 the Court directed ADWR to provide any missing
10 responsive documents to the Parties by August 31, 2024.

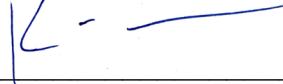
11 In accordance with that request, ADWR provided all responsive documents not
12 subject to withholding for privilege to the Parties in this case and the Court via email on
13 August 30, 2024. These produced documents were those originally identified by ADWR's
14 Adjudications Division that prompted ADWR Counsel to raise this issue to the Parties and
15 the Court prior to conducting the Evidentiary Hearing in this contested case.

16 In an effort to ensure that no other documents were missed, ADWR Counsel
17 instructed the Public Records Request team ("PRR team") to re-run the inquiries related to
18 the original requests from scratch. These original requests included broad search terms
19 such as "Verde," "subflow," and "AZGS," which requires the PRR team to sort through
20 thousands of possibly responsive documents, of which only four have been identified as
21 responsive thus far. Additionally, the PRR team has not determined which responsive
22 documents are duplicates of what was already provided to SRP and ASLD. ADWR is
23 committed to full transparency and producing any documents deemed to be non-
24 duplicates and responsive as promptly as possible.

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1 **DATED** this 30th day of August, 2024.

2 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
3 RESOURCES

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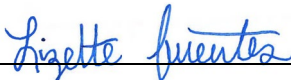
8 ORIGINAL of the foregoing sent by first-class
9 mail on September 3, 2024, to:

10 Clerk of the Maricopa Superior Court
11 Attn: Water Case
12 601 W. Jackson Street
13 Phoenix, Arizona 85003

14 COPY of the foregoing sent by
15 electronic mail on August 30, 2024, to:

16 Special Master Sherri Zendri
17 water@jbazmc.maricopa.gov

18 COPIES of the foregoing sent by first-class
19 mail on September 3, 2024, to all parties
20 on the court-approved mailing list and
21 electronic copies have also been sent to those
22 parties that have provided email contact information
23 on August 30, 2024, for Contested Case No. W1-106.

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