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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)
21 (Consolidated)

22 Contested Case No. W1-103

23 **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER**
24 **RESOURCES' UNOPPOSED**
25 **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF**
26 **TIME**

Special Master Sherri Zendri

27 **CONTESTED CASE NAME:** *In re Subflow Technical Report, San Pedro River*
28 *Watershed*

29 **DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The Arizona Department of Water Resources (“ADWR”) hereby requests an extension of time until February 7, 2025, to file an addendum to its groundwater flow model report for the Upper San Pedro Groundwater Basin.

30 **NUMBER OF PAGES:** Three

31 **DATE OF FILING:** November 26, 2024

1 On February 20, 2024, the ADWR issued a technical report entitled “Groundwater
2 Flow Model of the Upper San Pedro Groundwater Basin” (“Report”), which documented
3 the development of a groundwater flow model for the Upper San Pedro groundwater
4 basin. Based on objections to ADWR’s Report, the Court has requested that ADWR file
5 an addendum to its Report by August 29, 2024¹ and extended that deadline to December
6 13, 2024 based on ADWR’s obligations outside of the adjudications.² In addition to the
7 addendum itself, the Court further requested that ADWR confer with the parties regarding
8 the adequacy of the addendum, that ADWR provide a summary of any areas of continued
9 disagreement, and that ADWR include recommendations for improving the model and a
10 timeframe for completion.³

11 On November 8, 2024, ADWR provided its draft addendum via email to the parties
12 on the Court-Approved Mailing List for this contested case and requested that any
13 comments on the draft be submitted to ADWR by November 19, 2024. Many of the
14 parties responded that it would not be feasible for them to provide comments to ADWR
15 by November 19, 2024. Given that the volume and number of comments is currently
16 unknown and that the Court has asked ADWR to address the comments in its filing, it will
17 not be feasible for ADWR to receive comments after November 19, 2024, without also
18 pushing back the December 13, 2024 filing deadline.

19 ADWR recognizes the importance of the parties having sufficient time to review
20 and comment on the addendum, which will hopefully reveal many areas of agreement on
21 the model. The active parties have agreed that they would be able to provide their
22 comments to ADWR by December 13, 2024. If ADWR allows the parties that additional

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24 ¹ Order for Arizona Department of Water Resources to Provide Additional Information
filed June 17, 2024.

25 ² Order Granting Arizona Department of Water Resources’ Request for Extension of Time
filed July 16, 2024.

26 ³ *Id.* at 2.

1 amount of time, ADWR believes that it would be able to process the comments and
2 incorporate them into the filing by February 7, 2025. ADWR proposed this timeline to
3 the parties to this contested case, and none of the active parties opposed the proposed
4 timeline.

5 ADWR hereby respectfully requests an extension of time until February 7, 2025 to
6 file its addendum.

7 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this 26th day of November, 2024.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
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