

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
APACHE COUNTY AND MARICOPA COUNTY

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In Re the General Adjudication of All Rights to
Use Water in The Little Colorado River System
and Source

CV-6417

In Re the General Adjudication of All Rights to
Use Water in The Gila River System and Source

W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated)

In re Request to the Gila River Adjudication
Steering Committee and Little Colorado River
Adjudication Settlement Committee for Comments
Concerning the Future Funding of the Special
Master's Expenses

MINUTE ENTRY

Since May 1, 1990, in accordance with A.R.S. § 45-255(B), the funds of filing fees received from the claimants have paid the compensation and expenses of the Special Master. That statute provides that when the funds are insufficient, the "master's compensation and other expenses related to the conduct of an adjudication shall be paid from the state general fund as a separate line item appropriation for the superior court." The Special Master estimates that the Gila River Adjudication fund will be insufficient to pay his expenses after December 31, 2013, and the Little Colorado River Adjudication fund will be insufficient after June 30, 2015.

The Court would appreciate comments or suggestions concerning the future funding of the Special Master's expenses. The Special Master is available to meet with the committees to provide information.

IT IS ORDERED requesting the Gila River Adjudication Steering Committee and Little Colorado River Adjudication Settlement Committee submit comments or suggestions on or before August 10, 2012, concerning the future funding of the Special Master's expenses. The Arizona Department of Water Resources may submit comments if it wishes.

A copy of this order is mailed to all parties on the court approved mailing lists for the Little Colorado River Adjudication, Civil No. 6417, and the Gila River Adjudication, W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated), both dated January 31, 2012.