

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
and)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, <i>ex rel.</i> State)	
ENGINEER,)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
and)	01cv00072-BB-ACE
ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION,)	
Plaintiffs-in-Intervention,)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN
)	ADJUDICATION
-v-)	
)	
A & R PRODUCTIONS, <i>et al.</i>)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)

ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE AND WORKING SESSION

THIS ORDER is entered pursuant to Fed. Rs. Civ. P. 16 and 53 to guide the course of the adjudication of the Zuni River Basin, and the January 5, 2005, Procedural and Scheduling Order for the Adjudication of Water Rights Claims in Sub-Areas 4 and 8 of the Zuni River Stream System (Docket No. 355). A status conference and working session will begin at 9:30 a.m. on July 18, 2005, in the Cimarron Courtroom, 5th Floor, United States District Court, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A. The purposes of the status conference are to discuss:

1. the general status of the hydrographic survey of the Zuni River Stream System;
2. the progress of the adjudication of water rights in Sub-Areas 4 and 8 to date, and

further scheduling, including potential hearings in disputed individual subfile proceedings;

3. the Special Master's proposed Administrative Order Governing Service of Process and Notice (a copy of which was sent to the counsel of record distribution list by letter in April, 2004) so that it may be completed and served on all parties;

4. discuss the progress of the Zuni Indian Tribes Claims Subproceeding, pursuant to the April 5, 2004, Procedural and Scheduling Order for Federal and Indian Water Rights Claims (No. 323) and the necessity, if any, for amendments to the Order;

5. discuss the process by which the issues raised by the Commissioner of Public Lands in the September 10, 2004, Declaration of State of New Mexico Trust Reserved Water Rights (No. 347) will be addressed;

6. propose dates for regularly scheduled status conferences in 2005 - 2006; and

7. address any other matter relevant to the subfiles adjudication.

B. Immediately following the status conference, an informal working session will be conducted to:

1. evaluate the success of the process by which water rights claimants submitted water rights forms describing their water rights, pursuant to the June 24, 2003, Interim Procedural Order (Docket No. 208), as amended; and

2. discuss generally the co-plaintiffs' data structure(s) for this case, the Court's database system from which the final decree is generated, the nature of the data describing individuals' water rights (data which is public rather than attorney work product), the role of the Court's data manager, and the degree to which information may be exchanged between technical personnel.

The United States of America shall (a) distribute this Order by first-class mail to water rights defendants identified by the hydrographic survey for Sub-areas 4 and 8.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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SPECIAL MASTER VICKIE L. GABIN