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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

GEORGE W. HANCE, et al.,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

WALES ARNOLD, et ux., et al.,)

Defendants.)

In the matter of the VERDE DITCH)
COMPANY)

No. P1300CV4772

Division 1

ORDER REGARDING PETITION FOR
APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING AND
AUTHORITY FOR THE VERDE
DITCH COMMISSIONERS TO
PROCEED

The Court having fully considered the Petition filed by the Verde Ditch Commissioners and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- Setting a hearing on March 5, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., with one-half day allotted, regarding the Court's consideration of approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); the authority to the Verde Ditch Commissioners to execute the Memorandum of

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Understanding on behalf of the Verde Ditch Company; and to undertake the actions required as set forth in the MOU by the Verde Ditch Company.

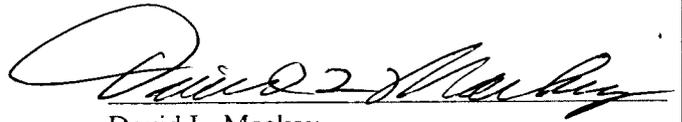
2. Any Shareholder of the Verde Ditch that wishes to file objections to the Court's consideration of the approval for the Commissioners to execute the MOU or any term of the MOU shall do so in writing and such objection shall be filed on or before February 17, 2015 with the Court.
3. The Verde Ditch Company shall file its Preliminary Report regarding the initial determinations of the historical water uses and possible modifications to the *Hance v. Arnold* Decree pursuant to the terms of the MOU with the Court and the Report shall be made available to all Shareholders on or before June 2, 2015.
4. Setting a hearing for August 3, 2015 commencing at 9:00 a.m., with one full day allotted, for the Court to consider the approval of the Verde Ditch Preliminary Report regarding the results of and recommendations contained in the Preliminary Report, any proposed modification to the *Hance v. Arnold* Decree, and implementation of the Settlement Agreement by the Verde Ditch Company as provided in the MOU.
5. Any Shareholder of the Verde Ditch that wishes to file objections to the Verde Ditch Report shall file their objections in writing on or before July 2, 2015 with the Court.
6. The Verde Ditch shall provide notice to all Shareholders as follows:
 - a. A copy of the Petition and Order, along with a copy of the MOU or a Court approved summary of the MOU, shall be served by first class mail, postage prepaid to every Shareholder of the Verde Ditch at the last known address of the Shareholder on file at the Verde Ditch office.
 - b. Publication of a notice of any scheduled hearings shall be published in a

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newspaper of local circulation in Yavapai County for a minimum of four consecutive weeks and the first publication of the notice shall be not less than 60 days prior to the scheduled hearing.

- c. Copies of the Petition, Order, MOU and Notices shall be available for any Shareholder at the Verde Ditch office, 432 South 1st Street, Camp Verde, Arizona.
 - d. Copies of the Petition, Order, MOU and Notices shall be posted on the Verde Ditch website at www.verdeditch.com.
7. All hearings shall be held in the Verde Valley Judicial Center, 2840 N. Commonwealth Drive, Camp Verde, Arizona at the noticed dates and times unless otherwise stated or hereinafter modified by the Court.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this 4th day of December, 2014.



David L. Mackey
Judge of the Superior Court, Division 1
Master of the Verde Ditch

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