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**San Pedro River - Future Hearings
November 25, 2013**

San Pedro River

The San Pedro River hearing concluded last Thursday, November 21, 2013 with determinations by the Commission that the San Pedro River was not navigable or susceptible of navigation in its natural and ordinary condition at the time of Arizona statehood, February 14, 1912, nor was there any segment of the San Pedro River which was navigable or susceptible of navigation in its natural and ordinary condition at the time of statehood.

These determinations followed opening the record to accept evidence on October 22, 2012 for all six pending rivers; three days of evidentiary hearings on the San Pedro beginning June 7, 2013 during which testimony and physical evidence were presented; an additional period following conclusion of testimony to submit physical evidence; and an opportunity for attorneys representing parties to speak and respond to questions by the Commissioners on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

Next, Commission attorney Fred Breedlove will draft a report reflecting the Commission's determinations made November 21, 2013 regarding the San Pedro and once that report has been adopted by the Commission the report will be presented to the State Land Commissioner following which appeals times will begin.

The Commission wishes to thank everyone who participated in the San Pedro hearing.

Next Scheduled Hearing—Santa Cruz River

The Commission intends to hold a hearing regarding the navigability of the Santa Cruz River in Tucson, Arizona, on a date that has not yet been determined but probably during the final two weeks of January, 2014. The actual date, time, and location will be formally announced in a legal notice of hearing properly publicized and distributed.

The records for the five remaining rivers (Santa Cruz, Gila, Upper Salt, Verde, and Lower Salt) have been open for parties to submit evidence since October 22, 2012 and remain open for that purpose until the close of each respective hearing or until other notice by the Commission.

George Mehnert, Dir.