

ADJUDICATION DEFINITIONS

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY (HS)

Prior to any legal work. A field investigation of all uses of water and research of related ownership and water rights record.

SUBFILE PHASE

Service on every water user of legal documents and information on findings of the HS; negotiation or litigation culminating in court orders defining each water right.

CONSENT ORDER

When the water right owner and the State agree on all elements of the water right, they jointly submit a proposed order to the court defining the right.

DISPUTED CLAIMS

When the water right owner and the State disagree on any elements of the water right, they may discuss, exchange information, engage in formal mediation, and/or go to trial, culminating in a court ordered defining the right.

STREAM SYSTEM ISSUES

When many parties dispute an issue that affects many or all water rights, the parties may procure expert studies to define the issue and support their position, engage in formal mediation and/or to trial culminating in a court order on the issue. These issues often arise organically and unexpectedly through negotiations of disputed claims. It is also possible no stream system arise. Stream system issues are also called global issues.

INTER-SE

After entry of court orders defining every water right, litigation of any objections to those orders by water right owners not party to the order.

PARTIAL FINAL DECREES & FINAL DECREES

Final order by the court declaring all issues resolved and all water rights defined.

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