

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on July 8, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Richard NUTI	Vice President
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Counsel DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Carlie Henneman, WBC	Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD
David Sceirine	Lauren Bartels, NDWR	

Public Present via Zoom:

Angela Bezzone, MBK	David Hockaday, LCBOCC
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1. Public Comment

David Sceirine state the Campbell Ditch is thinking about installing a Replogle flume on the east side of the Campbell Ditch. Their plans include putting in recording and telemetry devices and David is looking to the Board for a commitment to allow Bert to assist with the project. In previous projects, WRID installed telemetry at the Split and the Main. David wanted to clarify that the Campbell Ditch will be financially responsible for the entire project and will be willing to do a down payment or do pre-payments. The Campbell Ditch would like to use the District's engineers to ensure all of the telemetry is compatible with the work the District has completed. President SNYDER asked if this would need to be agendized, GM BRYAN stated right now it does not, but if something comes up that does need board approval, it will be put on an agenda for discussion.

David Sceirine has concerns about the new water sale in south Mason Valley. In his opinion, from the beginning, NFWF had stipulations stating they were going to keep farming whole in the valleys and no farmers would be harmed. Once one-third of the decree rights are purchased, the storage rights and farming will be affected. David stated the more water NFWF owns, the more voice they have in how the District is run. David stated he is not concerned with exactly how the water is delivered as there are safeguards in place, but he thinks there is the possibility that NFWF will be such a large user in the system and the way the political systems are set up, liberal attitudes are of concern. David requested that the Board consider that because the more water NFWF owns, the bigger the voice is. Carlie stated the Conservancy is always open to discuss concerns.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Vice President MASINI was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the June 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 37,430 acre-feet (88% capacity) and Topaz was at 52,340 acre-feet (87% capacity). Joanne stated the decree came off of Full on July 2nd and has been reduced every other day since. Joanne reported the systemwide delivery is 548cfs including 234cfs of storage and 300cfs decree. Joanne is making the deliveries the best she can and reminded everyone that there is a lot of transportation loss and is up to 30% in some ditches.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of June 30, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 126,151.95
Cash in Money Market	\$ 795,687.45
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	\$1,679,407.64

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journal

June 2024 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check #	Date	Amount
PrimePay	300086	6/10/2024	\$ 208.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101001	6/12/2024	\$ 902.80
City of Yerington	101002	6/12/2024	\$ 138.07
Giomi, Inc.	101003	6/12/2024	\$ 855.03
Hunewill Construction Co.	101004	6/12/2024	\$ 1,017.60
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101005	6/12/2024	\$ 892.67
John Deere Credit	101006	6/12/2024	\$ 6.49
Lyon County Recorder	101007	6/12/2024	\$ 38.83
NV Energy	101008	6/12/2024	\$ 274.67

Public Employees' Benefits	101009	6/12/2024	\$	870.23
Purchase Power / Pitney	101010	6/12/2024	\$	463.24
Quill	101011	6/12/2024	\$	427.27
Smith Valley Conservation	101012	6/12/2024	\$	19,287.81
Southwest Gas Corporation	101013	6/12/2024	\$	67.86
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101014	6/12/2024	\$	302.23
THE PARTS HOUSE	101015	6/12/2024	\$	110.99
Wedco Inc.	101016	6/12/2024	\$	330.61
Xerox Financial Services	101017	6/12/2024	\$	30.22
AT&T	300087	6/13/2024	\$	86.16
PERS Administrative Fund	101018	6/13/2024	\$	11,111.78
MF Barcellos	101019	6/13/2024	\$	3,144.91
True Value	101020	6/13/2024	\$	218.81
Xerox Corporation	101021	6/13/2024	\$	265.97
JASON MILLIGAN	101022	6/14/2024	\$	1,355.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101023	6/14/2024	\$	1,355.00
JASON MILLIGAN	101024	6/27/2024	\$	2,240.00
Mason Valley Tire	101025	6/27/2024	\$	172.00
MBK Engineers	101026	6/27/2024	\$	4,921.50
Nevada Energy Systems, Inc.	101027	6/27/2024	\$	4,037.00
NV Energy	101028	6/27/2024	\$	3.34
PERS Administrative Fund	101029	6/27/2024	\$	10,381.36
Raley's	101030	6/27/2024	\$	238.80
SCOTT ROBINSON	101031	6/27/2024	\$	2,240.00
USBWC	101032	6/27/2024	\$	4,354.10
Wells Fargo Card Services	101033	6/27/2024	\$	2,751.15
Woodburn & Wedge	101034	6/27/2024	\$	42,032.25
Payroll		6/15/2024	\$	7,778.73
EFTPS		6/15/2024	\$	1,143.14
Payroll		6/30/2024	\$	30,903.17
EFTPS		6/30/2024	\$	7,283.06
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	164,241.85
NFWF Submission			\$	21,129.97
Total District Expenses			\$	143,111.88

Director GIORGI asked what the payment from NFWF was; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it was reimbursement for the June 2023 expenses. Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 87% capacity with 52,360 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 88% capacity with 37,430 acre-feet.

GM BRYAN is continuing to meet with MBK at least once per week to track the decree. The decree is expected to decrease drastically with the hotter temperatures. As the decree falls out, the storage demand increases.

The shop crew is continuing to work on the drains and a little bit at the reservoirs.

On June 10th, GM BRYAN met with NFWF to discuss the remaining funds on the NFWF grant. There is roughly \$10 million. Provided a letter with bullet points on what the funds are currently being used for such as the Stored Water leasing Program, Conveyance Loss Study, and the modernization project. Even after those projects, there is still a significant amount of money left in the account and GM BRYAN is working to keep that money directed to the District. One of the points made was that water users have become accustomed to the District operating in a certain way, but that way includes water card changes, a SCADA integrator, and funded maintenance for the private ditch company modernization components. GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated on any changes. The funding expires on September 30, 2025.

President SNYDER asked what kind of action would be required and who makes the decision; GM BRYAN stated the money was earmarked in Congress and unless the funds can be used in spirit of the original wording, the money cannot be used. GM BRYAN heard there is a Farm Bill being worked on that may assist in the effort, but it is unknown for certain at this point. GM BRYAN stated if the money is not obtained, next year's budget will need to be altered significantly. President SNYDER asked what the impact would be; GM BRYAN stated easily \$1 million dollar would need to be added.

On June 18th, GM BRYAN met with Professor Robin Eppard with WNC and her students. They are doing a study on Pinion Jays and some of the vegetation on the District's 100 acres on the north end of Topaz Reservoir. This project has been going on for several months. They will give the District information on what the results are. There is speculation that the Pinion Jays will be listed as an endangered species. Director GIORGI asked where the property was; GM BRYAN stated it was off of Topaz Park Road just off of Hwy 395. They are indexing all wildlife on the property as well.

This week and next week, ITRC staff will be here doing the conveyance loss study and other surveying. They will be surveying for the NRCS pipe project on Cottonwood Drain and the Napa Drain.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI reported that on July 1st the United States, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, and the Nevada Department of Wildlife, filed a motion with the federal court to ask them to approve the settlement regarding the water rights for the Walker River Indian Reservation. The responses are due September 30th, and depending on the responses, replies are due October 30th. President SNYDER asked if it is expected that everything will be wrapped up at the October date; Counsel DePAOLI stated it depends on what sort of responses there are and what the court will do from there. If there is opposition, the court will probably set a hearing of some kind; if there is not anything, the court may want to have a hearing anyhow or decide to grant the request.

E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

Angela BEZZONE reiterated that there is approximately 15,600 acre-feet enrolled in this year's program with approximately 7,200 acre-feet from Topaz and 8,400 acre-feet from Bridgeport. MBK is currently preparing the release schedule for the plan to be submitted to California. They have provided the State of California with a draft, as they are waiting for final approval from the Court. Angela stated that hopefully the draft will speed up the 30-day review, so once the final approval is given, releases can start as early as next week. This is the last year of the program and at the end of this year, MBK will prepare a summary report of the 5-year pilot program. Treasurer NUTI asked how much of the enrolled water is farmer owned and how much is from the Conservancy; Angela stated about 10,000 acre-feet is from Walker Basin Conservancy and the remaining 5,600 acre-feet from individual farmers. Director GIORGI asked for the breakdown between the reservoirs on the 5,600 acre-feet; Angela stated she did not have that breakdown, but she would follow up with an email.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the transfers from June; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS reminded everyone to report the meter readings even if the wells are not being used. NDWR staff will be out twice per month to get readings on wells that are not being reported.

7. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Carlie HENNEMAN reported that 4,200 acre-feet of water has made it to Walker Lake and has dropped off significantly. There is only 5cfs of water in Wabuska. The Conservancy is also working to see if the NFWF funding date can be pushed out further.

8. Director Comments

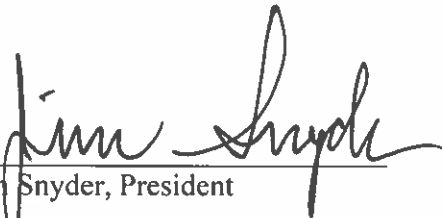
None presented.

10. Public Comment

None presented.

11. Adjournment

Director ACCIARI made a motion to adjourn; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:32am.


Jim Snyder, President

ABSENT

Marcus Masini, Vice President


Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director


David Giorgi, Director

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Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Carlie Henneman, WBC	Kat Dow, WBC
Lauren Bartels, NDWR		

Public Present via Zoom:

None

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Treasurer NUTI was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 27,900 acre-feet (66% capacity) and Topaz was at 41,030 acre-feet (68% capacity). The releases are 300cfs from each reservoir and include the Stored Water Leasing Program water. The Program water releases started on July 26th and will continue for a few more weeks. Joanne stated the decree will change tomorrow to 1864 on the West, and on Friday the Tunnel will change to 1864 and the East and Main will change to 1868. President SNYDER asked how much Program water was included in the East releases; Joanne stated there was just under 100cfs of Program water.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Secretary HALTERMAN reported as of July 31, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 186,744.96
Cash in Money Market	\$ 955,852.94
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	\$1,900,166.14

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journals

July 2024 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
Spectrum Business	300091	07/01/2024	\$ 237.99
Champion Chevrolet	101035	07/02/2024	\$ 63,824.25
Vision Service Plan -	300088	07/05/2024	\$ 171.48
Verizon Wireless	300092	07/08/2024	\$ 262.37
City of Yerington	101036	07/08/2024	\$ 242.77
D & S Waste Removal	101037	07/08/2024	\$ 203.64
Decision Support Tech	101038	07/08/2024	\$ 711.00
Desert Research Institute	101039	07/08/2024	\$ 17,446.28
Farm-Assist, Inc.	101040	07/08/2024	\$ 73,729.70
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101041	07/08/2024	\$ 481.77
Local Government EMRB	101042	07/08/2024	\$ 21.00
Mason Valley Tire	101043	07/08/2024	\$ 30.00
NV Energy	101044	07/08/2024	\$ 386.24
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101045	07/08/2024	\$ 17,136.00
Pitney Bowes Global	101046	07/08/2024	\$ 213.42
Purchase Power / Pitney	101047	07/08/2024	\$ 200.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101048	07/08/2024	\$ 93.67
Smith Valley Conservation	101049	07/08/2024	\$ 3,102.78
Southwest Gas Corporation	101050	07/08/2024	\$ 45.61
Standard Insurance Co	101051	07/08/2024	\$ 211.21
Vision Service Plan -	101052	07/08/2024	\$ 171.48
HomeTown Health	300089	07/11/2024	\$ 7,212.61
PrimePay	300090	07/11/2024	\$ 208.00
Ameritas Life Insurance	101053	07/11/2024	\$ 1,025.40
Associated Concrete	101054	07/11/2024	\$ 2,264.90
FEDEX	101055	07/11/2024	\$ 1,154.65
Giomi, Inc.	101056	07/11/2024	\$ 145.05
John Deere Credit	101057	07/11/2024	\$ 8.97

Lyon County Recorder	101058	07/11/2024	\$	19.50
MF Barcellos	101059	07/11/2024	\$	3,060.74
NV Energy	101060	07/11/2024	\$	36.30
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101061	07/11/2024	\$	40.16
Public Employees' Benefits	101062	07/11/2024	\$	870.23
THE PARTS HOUSE	101063	07/11/2024	\$	207.52
True Value	101064	07/11/2024	\$	172.88
USBWC	101065	07/11/2024	\$	9,310.00
Xerox Corporation	101066	07/11/2024	\$	224.62
Xerox Financial Services	101067	07/11/2024	\$	30.22
JASON MILLIGAN	101068	07/11/2024	\$	1,590.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101069	07/11/2024	\$	1,590.00
Vision Service Plan	300102	07/22/2024	\$	171.48
Nevada Public Agency	300101	07/23/2024	\$	5,141.25
U.S. Geological Survey	300093	07/24/2024	\$	16,683.33
Nevada Division of Water	300098	07/24/2024	\$	4,130.00
Spectrum Business	300095	07/29/2024	\$	237.99
CSC	101070	07/31/2024	\$	175.00
Desert Research Institute	101071	07/31/2024	\$	5,065.51
JASON MILLIGAN	101072	07/31/2024	\$	2,920.00
MBK Engineers	101073	07/31/2024	\$	6,618.25
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101074	07/31/2024	\$	14,929.74
Power Plan	101075	07/31/2024	\$	16,936.63
Quill	101076	07/31/2024	\$	951.87
SCOTT ROBINSON	101077	07/31/2024	\$	2,920.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101078	07/31/2024	\$	53.10
Smith Valley Conservation	101079	07/31/2024	\$	580.67
Standard Insurance Co	101080	07/31/2024	\$	211.21
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101081	07/31/2024	\$	31.49
The Ferraro Group	101082	07/31/2024	\$	7,500.00
USI Insurance Services	101083	07/31/2024	\$	23,721.65
Woodburn & Wedge	101084	07/31/2024	\$	37,102.00
YSI Incorporated	101085	07/31/2024	\$	12,400.00
Marriott Construction	101086	07/31/2024	\$	2,299.00
Payroll		07/15/2024	\$	8,707.34
EFTPS		07/15/2024	\$	1,333.07
Payroll		07/31/2024	\$	30,721.50
EFTPS		07/31/2024	\$	7,861.09

TOTAL BILLS & PAYROLL	\$	417,497.58
NFWF Submission	\$	(97,474.03)
Total District Expenses	\$	320,023.55

Director GIORGI asked if the Champion Chevrolet payment was for the new truck; GM BRYAN stated it was for the truck included in the approved budget. President SNYDER asked what the Farm Assist bill was for; GM BRYAN stated it is for a year's worth of de-mossing chemical for the Saroni (18 barrels) and the Colony (7 barrels). President SNYDER asked how many acres were on each canal; GM BRYAN stated the Saroni is approximately 4,000 acres and the Colony is approximately 7,000 acres.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 68% capacity with 41,050 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 66% capacity with 27,900 acre-feet. There is a steady decrease in the pools since the decree has fallen out, the storage demand has increasing, and the Stored Water Leasing Program has begun. The decrease trend will continue through the season.

The shop crew has continued to work on routine repairs and maintenance. They are currently working on the West Drain north of the Cremetti Ranch clearing the drain and easement road. There have been problems with residents in the area. The District has been in contact with Lyon County Sheriff Office, Yerington Police Department, and Lyon County Code Enforcement. The District is taking precautions to ensure nothing happens to staff while working in the area.

The ITRC students were here from July 9th through July 18th. They performed measurements and surveying for the Conveyance Loss Study as well as the NRCS drain pipeline through the Colony and Napa/WWC drains.

On July 24th, GM BRYAN participated in the second City of Yerington Masterplan meeting. The City is in the process of updating their Masterplan and GM BRYAN will provide updates as they are available.

On July 29th, GM BRYAN participated in the stakeholder meeting of the Nevada State Water Plan committee. There are a few more meetings from now until the end of the year, and GM BRYAN will provide updates as they are available. The plan is to have a finalized water plan in 2025.

GM BRYAN has been asked to speak to the Smith Valley Rotary group tomorrow in Smith Valley. The residents are concerned with water conservation and savings.

GM BRYAN and Lauren Bartels from NDWR will be doing a presentation on last year's water year vs this year's water year. The presentation will also include the volunteer efforts made by farmers in both valleys.

GM BRYAN reported that Nevada Copper has filed for bankruptcy. They are current with the District's lease requirements with the next payment due in December. The District has received correspondence regarding an asset auction that will take place in September in New York City. The District has been in communication with Counsel DePAOLI and will continue to work with him on the future of the lease. The lease may need to be a future agenda item.

GM BRYAN reminded everyone that the ITRC Flow Measurement class will be held here from September 10th through the 12th. There will be field practice, demonstrations from USGS, and this year there will be instruction and practice on measuring discharge at the District well.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI reported the court has set a hearing on the joint motion to approve the stipulation for November 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Reno for the US Walker River Paiute Tribe case. The responses are due on September 30th and depending on what the responses are, comments are due on October 30th.

E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN stated the Stored Water Leasing Program began on July 26th on both reservoirs. To date, 1162cfs (2300 acre-feet) has been released and 982cfs (1945 acre-feet) has reached Wabuska. The program will be operating for the next several weeks as there was approximately 15,600 acre-feet enrolled in the program.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Director GIORGI asked when the cutoff date for reservoir-to-reservoir transfers was; GM BRYAN stated the date was in May but there are other ways to transfer water. Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the transfers from June; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS reminded everyone to report the meter readings even if the wells are not being used. Lauren will be in the area doing meter readings next week.

7. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Carlie HENNEMAN reported that to date, approximately 5,000 acre-feet has made it to Walker Lake. The lake level did decline when the decree dropped off, but it has started to rise again with the storage and program water. There will be a fundraiser on September 14th at Mormon Station.

8. **Consider and possibly approve the disposal/sale of one piece of equipment and four used District owned vehicles, 1993 John Deere 790E Long Reach Excavator FF790EL010533, 2000 Ford Ranger VIN: 1FT7R10C3YPC02441, 1997 Ford F 250 VIN: 3ftfh26h1vma53479, 1997 Chevy Silverado 3500 VIN: 1GBHK34R4VF055339, and 1973 Kenworth Transport VIN: 129396, pursuant to NRS Chapter 332.**

GM BRYAN stated just as in the past, the District has items that are no longer in service or use within the District. Past auctions have been in accordance with the NRS. There are four vehicles and one piece of equipment that need repair but are still operable and that are being proposed to be auctioned. Director GIORGI asked if anyone could look at the items; GM BRYAN stated anyone is welcome to look. The bidding process will be the same as in the past- an interested party will need to come to the office and submit a handwritten, sealed bid. The bids will be opened on November 7th. Any items or equipment that are not bid on, will be retained, and may be sold on eBay or other platforms.

Director ACCIARI made a motion to approve the auction of the above items; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. **Director Comments**

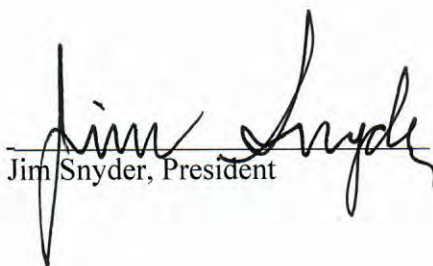
None presented.

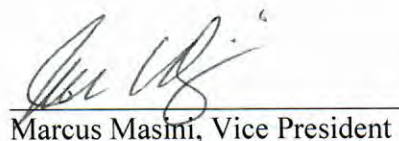
10. **Public Comment**

None presented.

11. **Adjournment**

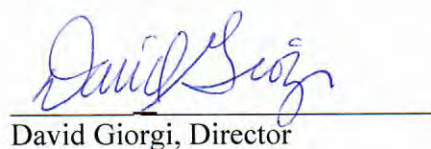
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1. Public Comment

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2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

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Nevada Division of Water Res	300097	8/5/2024	\$ 360.00
Verizon Wireless	300099	8/5/2024	\$ 267.40
AT&T	300100	8/5/2024	\$ 86.16
Alhambra	300103	8/13/2024	\$ 424.68
Verizon Wireless	300104	8/13/2024	\$ 250.73
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101087	8/13/2024	\$ 1,025.40
Blackbaud Inc	101088	8/13/2024	\$ 10,531.75
Cesar Vargas	101089	8/13/2024	\$ 570.00
City of Yerington	101090	8/13/2024	\$ 261.51
CMC TIRE INC SPO	101091	8/13/2024	\$ 2,174.02
Giom, Inc.	101092	8/13/2024	\$ 179.48
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101093	8/13/2024	\$ 518.28
John Deere Credit	101094	8/13/2024	\$ 1.91
Lyon County Recorder	101095	8/13/2024	\$ 52.71
Lyon County Treasurer	101096	8/13/2024	\$ 3,269.63
Mason Valley Equipment	101097	8/13/2024	\$ 202.41
NV Energy	101098	8/13/2024	\$ 1,450.07
NWRA	101099	8/13/2024	\$ 495.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101100	8/13/2024	\$ 167.45
PERS Administrative Fund	101101	8/13/2024	\$ 11,298.36
Petty Cash	101102	8/13/2024	\$ 212.28
Power Plan	101103	8/13/2024	\$ 2,869.71
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101104	8/13/2024	\$ 745.85
Raley's	101105	8/13/2024	\$ 117.83
Southwest Gas Corporation	101106	8/13/2024	\$ 40.42
Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	101107	8/13/2024	\$ 883.84
True Value	101108	8/13/2024	\$ 82.29

USBWC	101109	8/13/2024	\$	4,030.06
Walker River Irrigation District	101110	8/13/2024	\$	609.78
Wedco Inc.	101111	8/13/2024	\$	99.37
Wells Fargo Card Services	101112	8/13/2024	\$	3,154.39
Xerox Corporation	101113	8/13/2024	\$	38.83
Xerox Financial Services	101114	8/13/2024	\$	30.22
MF Barcellos	101115	8/13/2024	\$	2,634.41
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101116	8/13/2024	\$	8,568.00
NWRA	101117	8/13/2024	\$	595.00
Petty Cash	101118	8/13/2024	\$	500.00
JASON MILLIGAN	101119	8/13/2024	\$	2,160.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101120	8/13/2024	\$	2,160.00
Richard and Joy Weber Family	101122	8/19/2024	\$	150.00
Richard and Joy Family Trust	VOID	8/19/2024	\$	-
USI Insurance Services National	300105	8/20/2024	\$	23,721.65
HomeTown Health	300107	8/27/2024	\$	14,425.22
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300108	8/27/2024	\$	171.48
Desert Research Institute	101123	8/27/2024	\$	14,401.42
JASON MILLIGAN	101124	8/27/2024	\$	2,000.00
MBK Engineers	101125	8/27/2024	\$	4,035.00
NV Energy	101126	8/27/2024	\$	2,775.93
PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	101127	8/27/2024	\$	499.00
Quill	101128	8/27/2024	\$	389.86
SCOTT ROBINSON	101129	8/27/2024	\$	2,000.00
Standard Insurance Company	101130	8/27/2024	\$	211.21
The Ferraro Group	101131	8/27/2024	\$	7,500.00
Wedco Inc.	101132	8/27/2024	\$	85.75
Woodburn & Wedge	101133	8/27/2024	\$	16,823.42
PERS Administrative Fund	101134	8/29/2024	\$	10,998.50
USBWC	101135	8/29/2024	\$	32,262.31
Payroll		8/15/2024	\$	10,353.07
EFTPS		8/15/2024	\$	1,655.38
Payroll		8/31/2024	\$	34,702.91
EFTPS		8/31/2024	\$	7,881.33
Total Bills & Payroll				\$ 267,106.01
NFWF Submission				\$ (51,452.39)
Total District Expenses				\$ 215,653.62

President SNYDER clarified that the NFWF submission meant that the reimbursement had not been received; GM BRYAN confirmed that the amount has been submitted but not paid yet.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 39% capacity with 23,580 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 40% capacity with 16,850 acre-feet. GM BRYAN has continued to meet with BIA and WRPT during the SWLP releases. All data has been presented via the USGS website. The East releases have been completed and the West will be completed tomorrow.

The shop crew has been working on the drains and reservoirs. The areas that were washed out last year are being repaired.

GM BRYAN presented a copy of an email from Joe Huggans. Joe informed the District about a fish kill below the discharge tube at Bridgeport that occurred on August 16th. The kill was a result of the reservoir turning over. After the notification, the crew pulled water samples and nothing abnormal resulted from the samples. There have been no further reports, but the District has been in communication with the California State Water Resources Control Board. For the past several years, the District has been sending water samples in for testing a week to week and a half before all major holidays because of the harmful algae bloom that occurs in the Alpine lakes and reservoirs. A sample was sent out close to the fish kill and there were no issues noted. At the time of the issue, the releases were 260cfs and the reservoir level was near 50%. The only difference with this incident was that there were a few more fish than years prior.

On September 26th, GM BRYAN will be attending the State Water Plan Workshop with the Division of Water Resources. The goal of the workshop is to facilitate discussion with stakeholders and to inform of the issues and recommendations of the State Water Plan. The group consists of the same stakeholder group that GM BRYAN has been meeting with periodically. GM BRYAN will give an update on the workshop at next month's meeting.

From October 1-4th, GM BRYAN will be attending the USCID conference in Sacramento. GM BRYAN has attended this conference in year's past and has presented at some of the conferences as the District is a leading example of the modernization technology.

The District will be running the ITRC Flow Measurement Class starting tomorrow and ending on Thursday. There are forty-one attendees signed up. Dr. Styles will be available for any questions today through Wednesday.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI did not have anything to report.

E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

Wes WALKER stated the program will be completed tomorrow. Wes stated the releases are right on schedule with the proposed release plan. There was 15,654 acre-feet enrolled in the program and the final seventy acre-feet will be released from Topaz tomorrow. This year, 84% of the water released at reservoir has made it to Wabuska. The losses are not too bad and have been steady so there are good results this year. MBK and the District will start working on all of the reports and will submit them per the deadlines.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the transfers from August; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS pulled preliminary data from the database on groundwater pumping. Smith Valley had a goal of less than 17,000 acre-feet and is currently at a little over 11,000 (excluding Artesia). Mason Valley had a goal of less than 64,000 acre-feet and is currently at 43,000. Lauren will be doing water level measurements beginning the first week of November.

7. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Carlie HENNEMAN reported that the Conservancy closed the first groundwater retirement deal of five hundred acre-feet primary groundwater from Smith Valley, and they are working on the second deal. Treasurer NUTI asked if that was money coming from the State; Carlie stated it is. Director GIORGI asked if the State can re-sell the water; Carlie stated they have a deed restriction stating the water must be retired, but there may be a way around it. President SNYDER asked if there was more storage water being transferred to Walker Lake; Carlie stated that outside of the Stored Water Program, no other water is being transferred. Treasurer NUTI asked if the Conservancy has more money to purchase water; Carlie stated that there is no more money from the State, but there is Federal money available. President SNYDER asked how much money the State paid for the groundwater; Carlie stated there was twenty-one million total for the State, the Conservancy received four million, and possibly fifteen million went to Humboldt and the remainder went to Diamond Valley.

8. **Discussion and consideration of resolution authorizing the District to enter into: (1) a Joint Funding Agreement for the period October 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025 with the U.S. Geological Survey for the continued operation and maintenance of the Walker Basin Hydro Mapper, an interactive web tool that provides a basin-wide perspective of real-time streamflow and reservoir storage capacity for the Walker River Basin in Nevada and California; and (2) An agreement with the Walker Basin Conservancy to reimburse the District for the full amount which the District is required to pay under the Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey.**

GM BRYAN stated he reached out to the Board regarding the Conservancy's ask for WRID to help keep the USGS Hydro Mapper active. GM BRYAN stated because WRID is an agency, we can have a cost share with USGS, but the Conservancy will reimburse WRID for the full cost. Carlie stated the Conservancy is looking for long term funding but does have the funding secured for the upcoming year. Carlie stated the Conservancy is willing to pay for the next year up front so WRID does not have to pay and then seek reimbursement. Treasurer NUTI asked what will be lost if the Hydro Mapper becomes inactive; Carlie stated it has helped the Conservancy track the water, and the public appreciates the real-time gage information and transparency. Treasurer NUTI stated the information can be pulled up on the USGS website right now but wanted to know what would be lost with the Hydro Mapper not being available; Carlie stated the data will still be available, but the real-time map would not be available. President SNYDER asked how much traffic the Hydro Mapper gets; Carlie stated she is not certain, but it has been active since 2019 and there have been approximately 15,000-20,000 views. Treasurer NUTI asked GM BRYAN if the map benefits the District; GM BRYAN stated the public does appreciate the availability and it does help the District when the public is informed. The map is more interactive than pulling up the USGS data page. There is a link on the WRID website, and it is published almost daily on social media. Treasurer NUTI confirmed it is being fully funded by the Conservancy, but WRID is the cooperating agency; GM BRYAN confirmed that and stated there are other reimbursement agreements in place where the Conservancy pays for gages, but WRID has the agreement with USGS.

Director ACCIARI made a motion to approve the item; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. **Director Comments**

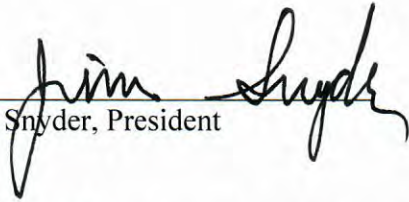
None presented.

10. **Public Comment**

None presented.

11. **Adjournment**

Director GIORGI made a motion to adjourn; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President

ABSENT
Marcus Masini, Vice President


Richard Nuti, Treasurer


Dennis Acciari, Director


David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on October 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director, via phone
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Counsel DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Kat Dow, WBC	Jodi Roan, NDWR
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Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC	Tim Bardsley, NOAA
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1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Secretary HALTERMAN was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the minutes; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 15,190 acre-feet (36% capacity) and Topaz was 18,060 acre-feet (30% capacity). The delivery is 176cfs systemwide, not including Tribe. The Tribe will be going off on Saturday. The East & Main decree is currently at 1869, and the West & Tunnel decree is currently at 1865. Joanne hopes to use the 30cfs from the Tribe as it is being served entirely by the East.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of September 30, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 89,368.67
Cash in Money Market	\$ 869,209.07

Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	\$1,716,145.98

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment
Cash Disbursement Journals
September 2024 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check #	Date	Amount
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101136	09/04/2024	\$ 1,025.40
Giomi, Inc.	101137	09/04/2024	\$ 878.55
NV Energy	101138	09/04/2024	\$ 394.61
Quill	101139	09/04/2024	\$ 575.31
Sierra Office Solutions	101140	09/04/2024	\$ 90.66
Southwest Gas Corporation	101141	09/04/2024	\$ 42.37
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101142	09/04/2024	\$ 89.80
Wedco Inc.	101143	09/04/2024	\$ 1,036.24
Wells Fargo Card Services	101144	09/04/2024	\$ 3,584.99
Xerox Financial Services	101145	09/04/2024	\$ 30.22
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101146	09/04/2024	\$ 517.56
MF Barcellos	101147	09/05/2024	\$ 4,570.20
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101148	09/05/2024	\$ 1,067.27
THE PARTS HOUSE	101149	09/05/2024	\$ 358.61
PrimePay	300109	09/13/2024	\$ 220.00
AT&T	300110	09/13/2024	\$ 86.16
JASON MILLIGAN	101150	09/13/2024	\$ 2,487.50
SCOTT ROBINSON	101151	09/13/2024	\$ 2,487.50
Verizon Wireless	300111	09/17/2024	\$ 245.87
HomeTown Health	300112	09/26/2024	\$ 7,212.61
D & S Waste Removal	101152	09/26/2024	\$ 308.64
Desert Research Institute	101153	09/26/2024	\$ 13,681.35
JASON MILLIGAN	101154	09/26/2024	\$ 3,840.00
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101155	09/26/2024	\$ 330.87
John Deere Credit	101156	09/26/2024	\$ 269.69
Nevada Beef Inc	101157	09/26/2024	\$ 375.00
NV Energy	101158	09/26/2024	\$ 37.27
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101159	09/26/2024	\$ 8,568.00
PDM Steel Service Centers, Inc.	101160	09/26/2024	\$ 2,029.70
Public Employees' Benefits	101161	09/26/2024	\$ 1,740.46
SCOTT ROBINSON	101162	09/26/2024	\$ 3,840.00

The Ferraro Group	101163	09/26/2024	\$	7,500.00
U.S. Geological Survey	101164	09/26/2024	\$	18,157.00
Wedco Inc.	101165	09/26/2024	\$	305.83
Xerox Corporation	101166	09/26/2024	\$	237.80
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101167	09/26/2024	\$	1,202.50
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101168	09/26/2024	\$	845.06
City of Yerington	101169	09/26/2024	\$	254.01
MBK Engineers	101170	09/26/2024	\$	985.50
Nevada Energy Systems, Inc.	101171	09/26/2024	\$	2,441.22
Woodburn & Wedge	101172	09/26/2024	\$	13,805.00
Spectrum Business	300113	09/30/2024	\$	237.99
Payroll		09/15/2024	\$	9,245.29
EFTPS		09/15/2024	\$	1,514.33
Payroll		09/30/2024	\$	30,942.91
EFTPS		09/30/2024	\$	8,121.61
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	157,818.46

Director GIORGI questioned the Nevada Beef bill; Sandy NEVILLE stated it was backhoe work done on Colony Canal. Director GIORGI asked if the City of Yerington bill was for the sewer and water and if the usage has increased; GM BRYAN stated the usage has increased significantly because of the Main Street Beautification project using water. GM BRYAN and Secretary HALTERMAN have been in communication with the City and will be seeking reimbursement for the usage increase. GM BRYAN stated there have been some increases, but the cost increase for the usage needs to be reimbursed or credited to the District.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 30% capacity with 18,080 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 36% capacity with 15,190 acre-feet. The West side has slowed down a little bit and the East side has come up a little bit. The District is close to wrapping up the season. There is still a lot of storage water to be called for, but if it is not used, it will remain in the pool for next season.

The shop crew has continued the routine repairs and maintenance on the drains and has been doing some work at the reservoirs. The crew is scheduled to do repairs in Bridgeport as per the recommendations from California Safety Dams. The work on the Desert Creek overpass is beginning to wrap up. There is a slurry pour scheduled for next week and then the project will be completed enough for the winter.

The ITRC Flow Measurement Class was held on October 10-12th and was well attended with approximately forty participants from a variety of sectors. There was classroom learning in the morning and field practice in the afternoon.

GM BRYAN attended the State Water Plan Workshop on September 26th. There was discussion between stakeholders and technical partners focusing on water right administration and enforcement throughout the state. There is another workshop scheduled for October 30th at DRI.

Last week, GM BRYAN attended the USCID conference in Sacramento. The conference was highly informative, and it was interesting to see what issues the neighboring states are facing and how they are working through them.

The annual Saroni meeting is scheduled for October 30th at 9:00am at the Smith Valley Library. The agenda and proxies will be mailed next week. Because it is a local improvement district, a legal posting must be done and the Board is invited to attend.

The Colony meeting will be scheduled in early November.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI reported that there were two responses to the joint motion regarding the US/Tribe case. There will be a call this week with counsel for the Tribe, United States, and NDOW regarding the responses. After the call, Counsel DePAOLI will arrange for an attorney-client information session to let the Board know how Counsel will respond.

E. Stored water Leasing update

GM BRYAN stated that since the last meeting, all of the release obligations have been met, the participation funds have been requested from NFWF, and the reporting has started. The reports will be finalized once the updated USGS information is obtained in November/December. A follow-up meeting will be held with all of the stakeholders once the data is finalized.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the transfers; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Jodi ROAN stated Lauren has looked into the meter database and Smith Valley has pumped approximately 12,000 acre-feet and the goal was less than 17,000 acre-feet. Mason Valley has pumped approximately 47,000 acre-feet and the goal was less than 64,000 acre-feet. There was some over pumping and follow-up letters will be sent. Jodi reminded everyone

to ensure that accurate meter readings are being submitted. Water level measurements will be taken in November.

7. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Kat DOW stated they just closed their second ground water deal with the State of Nevada funds for groundwater retirement for 1200 acre-feet in Smith Valley. There is another deal with land and water in Smith Valley that is close to being completed. Approximately 81% of the Conservancy water being sent to Walker Lake is actually making it to the lake. There are still decent flows happening in the lower part of the basin, but the flows have slowed down. The Conservancy's first California water purchase is in progress. Treasurer NUTI asked if the California water was decree or storage; Kat stated it is decree right now, but there are legal things holding up the purchasing in California.

8. Presentation and discussion by Tim Bardsley with NOAA regarding the current year weather and water outlook for 2024-2025 winter off-season.

Tim BARDSLEY presented a slide presentation; highlights included:

- Recap of the 2024 water year- December and January were nonproductive, February was better, but March was the new December
- The SWE and precipitation levels did not ramp up until March
- The SNOTEL precipitation model showed the water year as being 98% of normal
- The soil moisture was slightly above normal going into the water year and the beginning of 2025 water year shows the same slightly above normal levels
- The early October reservoir levels are lower than last year, but still approximately 150% of median
- The 2024 water year flow at West Walker at Little Walker was at median
- The 2024 water year flow at East Walker at Bridgeport was well above median
- The summer heat was plentiful. A new record of 6 days above 105 degrees Fahrenheit was set. There were 21 days of 100+ degree days. The average temperature was 77.5 degrees, which is a new record.
- There is nothing to worry about on the freak-out chart
- The 8-14-day outlook indicates above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation; the October outlook indicates the same
- La Nina is making a return and is favored to emerge in September-November and persist through January-March 2025
- The October-December outlook indicates a leaning above normal temperature and equal chance precipitation expectation
- The December-February outlook indicates an equal chance expectation in temperature and precipitation
- The CNRFC has some terminology changes to align with national standards and their webpage has an additional feature- the National Water Prediction Service that has river observations, forecasts and more across the United States
- Bottom line is to expect the unexpected. There have been incredibly wet and incredibly dry winters with La Nina. The wet or dry episodes will be dependent on location and strength of high pressure in the northern Pacific Ocean.

9. **Director Comments**

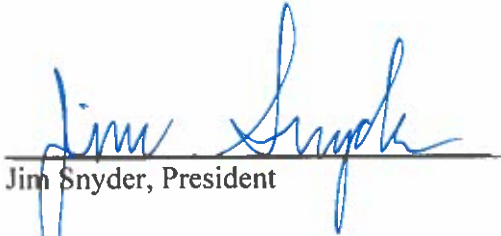
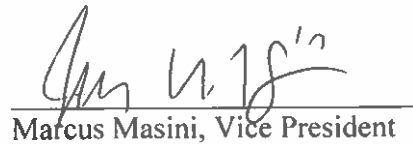
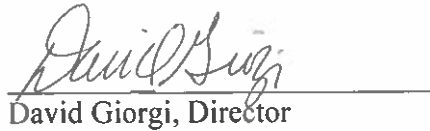
None presented.

10. **Public Comment**

None presented.

11. **Adjournment**

Director GIORGI made a motion to adjourn; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President
Marcus Masini, Vice President
Richard Nuti, Treasurer
Dennis Acciari, Director
David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on November 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director, via phone
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Counsel DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Kat Dow, WBC	Carlie Henneman, WBC
Jodi Roan, NDWR	Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD

Public Present via Zoom:

Wes Walker, MBK

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present with Director ACCIARI on the phone.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

Vice President MASINI stated he needed to be added as present.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 14,320 acre-feet (32% capacity) and Topaz was 15,380 acre-feet (25% capacity). Since November 1st, 470 acre-feet have been stored in Bridgeport and 360 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz. The release from Topaz is a little less than 6cfs and the release at Bridgeport is 24cfs. The gage at Bridgeport needs to be recalibrated as it is showing the release as 38cfs. Stock water is being delivered in both valleys and there is 16cfs systemwide being delivered. There will be a US Board meeting on Tuesday November 12th at 10 a.m. There will be a closed discussion on the Flying M, Rafter 7, NDOW, and Singatse Peak transfers. There were 9 applications, but one has been denied by the State Engineer; the other 8 are groundwater transfers and were published on October 23rd.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of October 31, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 137,330.15
Cash in Money Market	\$1,269,703.22
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 757,568.24</u>
Total	<u>\$2,164,601.61</u>

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journal

October 2024 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check #	Date	Amount
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	122614	10/06/2024	\$ 1,025.40
NV Energy	122615	10/06/2024	\$ 3,199.40
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	122616	10/06/2024	\$ 213.42
Quill	122617	10/06/2024	\$ 368.47
Sierra Office Solutions	122618	10/06/2024	\$ 91.68
Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co.	122619	10/06/2024	\$ 2,493.14
Wells Fargo Card Services	122620	10/06/2024	\$ 22,207.31
Xerox Financial Services	122621	10/06/2024	\$ 36.47
PrimePay	300114	10/10/2024	\$ 237.62
Carson City Chamber of Com	101181	10/10/2024	\$ 275.00
City of Yerington	101182	10/10/2024	\$ 190.26
Hoof Beat Gates & Corrals LLC	101183	10/10/2024	\$ 613.00
Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	101184	10/10/2024	\$ 477.72
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101185	10/10/2024	\$ 988.17
NV Energy	101186	10/10/2024	\$ 301.26
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101187	10/10/2024	\$ 8,568.00
Public Employees' Benefits Prog	101188	10/10/2024	\$ 870.23
Raley's	101189	10/10/2024	\$ 234.78
Southwest Gas Corporation	101190	10/10/2024	\$ 42.37
True Value	101191	10/10/2024	\$ 261.19
Western Nevada Supply Company	101192	10/10/2024	\$ 116.43
Xerox Corporation	101193	10/10/2024	\$ 283.21
Giomi, Inc.	101194	10/10/2024	\$ 677.69
NV Energy	101195	10/10/2024	\$ 37.56
PERS Administrative Fund	101196	10/10/2024	\$ 10,746.21
JASON MILLIGAN	101197	10/11/2024	\$ 1,920.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101198	10/11/2024	\$ 1,920.00

AT&T	300115	10/15/2024	\$	86.18
Alhambra	300118	10/15/2024	\$	334.23
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300116	10/21/2024	\$	342.96
Associated Concrete Pumping	101199	10/29/2024	\$	3,038.75
CD & POWER	101200	10/29/2024	\$	932.50
GANNETT NEVADA-UTAH	101201	10/29/2024	\$	93.88
John Deere Credit	101202	10/29/2024	\$	4.50
MF Barcellos	101203	10/29/2024	\$	1,513.01
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101204	10/29/2024	\$	69.97
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101205	10/29/2024	\$	300.00
The Ferraro Group	101206	10/29/2024	\$	7,500.00
VERNON F. BRYAN, INC.	101207	10/29/2024	\$	5,000.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101208	10/29/2024	\$	14,087.00
JASON MILLIGAN	101209	10/29/2024	\$	2,240.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101210	10/29/2024	\$	2,240.00
HomeTown Health	300117	10/30/2024	\$	7,212.61
NPAIP		10/30/2024	\$	4,857.00
Payroll		10/15/2024	\$	9,664.36
EFTPS		10/15/2024	\$	1,729.32
Payroll		10/31/2024	\$	31,759.46
EFTPS		10/31/2024	\$	8,261.76
Total Bills and Payroll			\$	159,663.48
NFWF Submission			\$	(43,849.87)
Total District Expenses			\$	115,813.61

Vice President MASINI inquired about the Pape bill; GM BRYAN stated it is the monthly rental on the loader. President SNYDER inquired about the Ferraro bill; GM BRYAN stated it is the District's lobbyist in DC. President SNYDER asked what the Vernon Bryan bill was for; GM BRYAN stated it was for assisting with labor on the Colony headworks modernization and is covered by the NFWF grant.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the bills; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. **Manager's Report**

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 26% capacity with 15,680 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 34% capacity with 14,320 acre-feet. Topaz has stored approximately 400 acre-feet since November 1st and Bridgeport has stored approximately 500 acre-feet.

The shop crew has been performing repairs and maintenance throughout the District. They assisted Lyon County with repairs in Red Canyon and Burbank that were due to last year's flooding.

On October 16th, GM BRYAN attended a career fair at Smith Valley High School to speak about the District.

On October 30th, GM BRYAN attended the State Water Plan workshop. The main focus of this workshop was climate change. There was a good discussion on the topic. GM BRYAN will keep the board informed about future meetings.

The annual Saroni Canal meeting was held on October 30th. The meeting went well, there was good feedback, and there are no follow up meetings scheduled this year. Also set budget recommendation and the maintenance schedule.

The Colony annual meeting is scheduled for November 21st at 9 am at the Smith Valley Library. The agenda and proxies have been sent and posted.

On November 1st, GM BRYAN attended a meeting with Nevada State Lands, State Parks, and USGS regarding the gaging on the East Walker. The three gages discussed were the Ravenelle, Morgan Unit, and Santa Margarita locations. There is funding through NDEP for the Morgan Unit. GM BRYAN has discussion with Joanne on getting funding from the US Board for the Ravenelle gage, and the Santa Margarita gage is being written into the state budget. It was a good meeting with interest in keeping all three gages live but there is no long term funding at this time.

GM BRYAN provided a packet of the Omnibus Water Bills. There are several water bills that are in the early draft stage, and they will go to legislature next year. There will be opportunities for feedback and workshops on each bill.

There are two change applications being filed the first one is the NDOW permit 93877T. It has previously been applied for and they do this annually. The other applications are 93714-93725 from Singatse Peak Service LLC. Those are groundwater applications. GM BRYAN will keep the board informed of updates.

President SNYDER asked what the Saroni assessments are set at; GM BRYAN stated they kept it at \$25 per acre. President SNYDER asked if it was only for O&M; GM BRYAN stated it is.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI reported that on Monday, the US District Court entered the order to modify the decree consistent with the stipulation which resolves the claims for the Walker River Indian Reservation (WRIR). The order was approved as submitted without changes. Counsel DePAOLI will send a copy of the order to the board. Even though the WRIR claims were resolved, that did not completely end that particular matter. In 2000, Judge Reed bifurcated the claims and separated the WRIR claims from the claims made by the Hawthorne Ammunition Depot, Toiyabe National Forest, Mountain Warfare Marine Training Center, BLM, Yerington reservation, Bridgeport Indian Colony, and Indian allotments in the Pinenut Mountains. Counsel DePAOLI stated he has not looked at the claims for a long

time, but his recollection is that they should be more easily resolved than the WRIR claims. Most of the upstream and Hawthorne claims do not involve the river per se and the Bridgeport claims are groundwater. Counsel DePAOLI stated he needs to review what was being asked for by the Yerington reservation.

E. Stored Water Leasing Program update

GM BRYAN reported that the District recently received the reimbursement for this year's program participants. The checks are being processed today. Once USGS finalizes the data, the follow up meetings will be scheduled. Also, with the finalized data, MBK will put together a report on all of the pilot years combined and will draft a report according to the District's Rules & Regulations Number 14.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the transfers; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

GM BRYAN stated there was a little over 8,000 acre-feet left on the books for storage water this year. This year will be one of the larger carryovers. Treasurer NUTI asked if there would be more in the pool if the leasing program did not happen; GM BRYAN stated it is hard to say for sure.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS reported that she and Jodi have out in the field measuring water levels this week; Smith Valley measurements are done, and Mason Valley will be measured today and next Tuesday. Preliminary glance at numbers compared to last fall look like Smith Valley is holding steady and Mason Valley has risen between 1-10 feet in certain locations. There will be more comprehensive numbers at the December meeting. Lauren has been out doing readings on the meters that do not have to report and those that must report but have not been reported. Vice President MASINI asked where the southern line was drawn; Lauren stated the line is on the southern side of Pursel Lane. Lauren stated the East Fork levels will be measured next week. GM BRYAN asked if NDWR will reach out to the well user groups to hold meetings; Lauren stated she plans to give an informal report at the next meeting unless the meetings are needed.

7. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Carlie HENNEMAN reported that preliminary data shows that 14,754 acre-feet of water made it to Walker Lake this year with just over 10,000 acre-feet being storage water. Carlie stated this was the second-best year since the Conservancy has started sending water to the lake. The efficiencies were good this year- 81% of the water at Wabuska made it to the lake. Director GIORGI asked how many inches the lake rose; Carlie stated it held steady.

8. Director Comments

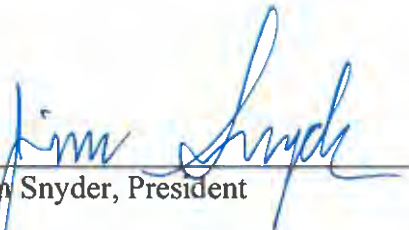
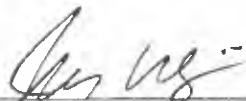
None presented.

9. **Public Comment**

None presented.

10. **Adjournment**

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to adjourn; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President
Marcus Masini, Vice President
Richard Nuti, Treasurer
Dennis Acciari, Director
David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on December 9, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President, via Zoom
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director, via phone
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Kat Dow, WBC	Jodi Roan, NDWR
Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Ed Ryan, SV/MVCD	Melania Sagi, SV/MVCD

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC

1. Public Comment

Ed RYAN introduced the new Conservation District Manager, Melania Sagi.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present with Vice President MASINI on Zoom and Director ACCIARI on the phone.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the November 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 17,340 acre-feet (41% capacity) and Topaz was 19,130 acre-feet (32% capacity). Since November 1st, 3,490 acre-feet have been stored in Bridgeport and 3,810 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz. Stock water is being delivered on all sections of the river with a total demand of 41cfs.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of November 30, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 134,573.99
Cash in Money Market	\$1,492,077.32
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 790,888.10</u>
Total	\$2,417,539.41

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment
Cash Disbursement Journals
November 2024 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check #	Date	Amount
208 Investments, LLC	101211	11/04/2024	\$ 1,594.55
Albert S Bozsik Jr	101212	11/04/2024	\$ 2,958.85
AUDREY GLOCK	101213	11/04/2024	\$ 212.24
BRUCE VOGEL	101214	11/04/2024	\$ 2,058.37
CAROL TIBBALS	101215	11/04/2024	\$ 27,887.09
CHARLES LOVE	101216	11/04/2024	\$ 900.52
CHASE WALDEN	101217	11/04/2024	\$ 356.97
CRAIG MILLER	101218	11/04/2024	\$ 2,940.00
CREMETTI LANE PROPERTIES	101219	11/04/2024	\$ 3,859.43
Curtis Family Trust	101220	11/04/2024	\$ 12,507.19
David H Roots	101221	11/04/2024	\$ 1,739.13
DAVID KERR	101222	11/04/2024	\$ 588.00
DAVID LYON	101223	11/04/2024	\$ 2,572.97
DEBRA BOWMAN	101224	11/04/2024	\$ 766.72
Dennis Hellwinkel	101225	11/04/2024	\$ 243.15
DENNIS MILLER	101226	11/04/2024	\$ 9,005.40
DGHP, Inc	101227	11/04/2024	\$ 4,744.57
DON GABLE JR	101228	11/04/2024	\$ 672.23
DOUGLAS HERNANDEZ	101229	11/04/2024	\$ 4,116.00
EDWARD FERRANTO	101230	11/04/2024	\$ 12,669.30
Four G LLC	101231	11/04/2024	\$ 38,433.74
GANSBERG RANCH LLC	101232	11/04/2024	\$ 66,150.00
GARRET DOUGLAS	101233	11/04/2024	\$ 337.00
GARY SILVA	101234	11/04/2024	\$ 259.82
George Petersen	101235	11/04/2024	\$ 1,299.35
GREG SMITH	101236	11/04/2024	\$ 1,530.90
GT2021 LLC	101237	11/04/2024	\$ 61.90
HARDESTY FAMILY TRUST	101238	11/04/2024	\$ 645.95
JAMES BIRKEY	101239	11/04/2024	\$ 1,402.25
JAMES MABE	101240	11/04/2024	\$ 2,940.00
JEFF J RIFE	101241	11/04/2024	\$ 5,029.94
JENNIFER ANN LAPORTE	101242	11/04/2024	\$ 968.72

JIM DECHAMBEAU	101243	11/04/2024	\$	480.50
JOAN WILDER	101244	11/04/2024	\$	3,859.46
JOHN ALEXANDER	101245	11/04/2024	\$	270.16
JOHN R SCHERSCHEL	101246	11/04/2024	\$	667.67
JONATHAN K BODENSTEIN	101247	11/04/2024	\$	389.76
KATHY BLACKFORD	101248	11/04/2024	\$	7,718.91
Kris Johnson	101249	11/04/2024	\$	221.90
LAST HURRAH RANCH INC	101250	11/04/2024	\$	102,903.76
LAURA BELL	101251	11/04/2024	\$	1,286.49
Laurie Evangelista	101252	11/04/2024	\$	5,145.94
LYON COUNTY	101253	11/04/2024	\$	7,601.43
MARIO & TAWNYA HERNAND	101254	11/04/2024	\$	127.45
MARK GOLDEN	101255	11/04/2024	\$	5,145.00
Melissa Starks	101256	11/04/2024	\$	1,114.08
PATRICIA LUCHETTI	101257	11/04/2024	\$	921.10
PAUL FRY	101258	11/04/2024	\$	7,613.66
PAUL SANTOS	101259	11/04/2024	\$	594.34
PETER CONGDON	101260	11/04/2024	\$	3,099.79
PETER PEARSON	101261	11/04/2024	\$	5,145.44
Pope Valley Ranching NV LLC	101262	11/04/2024	\$	156,055.80
R.N. FULSTONE COMPANY INC	101263	11/04/2024	\$	37,262.96
Richard D Roberson	101264	11/04/2024	\$	198.74
RICHARD RAMSEY	101265	11/04/2024	\$	555.75
ROBERT COOPER	101266	11/04/2024	\$	17,958.02
ROBERT GARRETT	101267	11/04/2024	\$	1,286.49
ROGER FAWCETT	101268	11/04/2024	\$	613.64
Ronald J Bath	101269	11/04/2024	\$	928.82
Sandra K Marriott	101270	11/04/2024	\$	2,367.32
SECOND MILE LLC	101271	11/04/2024	\$	485.81
SHAWN STAVANG	101272	11/04/2024	\$	8,821.88
STEPHEN COE	101273	11/04/2024	\$	964.83
STEVEN A FULSTONE	101274	11/04/2024	\$	28,818.97
Ted L Fitzpatrick	101275	11/04/2024	\$	463.12
THE QUAIL NEST TRUST	101276	11/04/2024	\$	2,094.96
THERESA YORK	101277	11/04/2024	\$	3,297.87
THOMAS CONNOLLY	101278	11/04/2024	\$	605.90

Todd T Brethauer	101279	11/04/2024	\$	3,848.18
WALKER LAKE WORKING GP	101280	11/04/2024	\$	1,347.52
Wesley A Smith	101281	11/04/2024	\$	25,333.83
WHISPERING RIVER RANCH	101282	11/04/2024	\$	3,924.53
WILLIAM M VIRDIN	101283	11/04/2024	\$	3,207.95
William Stone	101284	11/04/2024	\$	2,625.70
Zachary Roots	101285	11/04/2024	\$	1,739.13
AT&T	300125	11/13/2024	\$	86.20
Verizon Wireless	300124	11/13/2024	\$	245.92
PrimePay	300121	11/13/2024	\$	237.62
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101286	11/15/2024	\$	1,025.40
City of Yerington	101287	11/15/2024	\$	156.51
Desert Research Institute	101288	11/15/2024	\$	16,280.33
Giomi, Inc.	101289	11/15/2024	\$	753.37
Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	101290	11/15/2024	\$	1,956.00
JASON MILLIGAN	101291	11/15/2024	\$	2,640.00
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101292	11/15/2024	\$	395.08
John Deere Credit	101293	11/15/2024	\$	114.78
Lyon County Recorder	101294	11/15/2024	\$	82.43
MBK Engineers	101295	11/15/2024	\$	1,171.25
NV Energy	101296	11/15/2024	\$	592.71
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101297	11/15/2024	\$	69.97
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101298	11/15/2024	\$	8,568.00
PERS Administrative Fund	101299	11/15/2024	\$	11,387.49
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101300	11/15/2024	\$	650.65
SCOTT ROBINSON	101301	11/15/2024	\$	2,640.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101302	11/15/2024	\$	124.76
Southwest Gas Corporation	101303	11/15/2024	\$	60.23
Standard Insurance Company	101304	11/15/2024	\$	422.42
THE PARTS HOUSE	101305	11/15/2024	\$	518.31
Wells Fargo Card Services	101306	11/15/2024	\$	2,215.34
Western Nevada Supply Co	101307	11/15/2024	\$	21.65
Xerox Corporation	101308	11/15/2024	\$	257.98
Xerox Financial Services	101309	11/15/2024	\$	30.22
Verizon Wireless	300123	11/18/2024	\$	250.94
California Department of Tax	101310	11/25/2024	\$	12,744.00

Desert Engineering	101311	11/25/2024	\$	1,445.91
Desert Research Institute	101312	11/25/2024	\$	15,585.94
Hoof Beat Gates & Corrals LLC	101313	11/25/2024	\$	368.00
MacLeod Watts Inc	101314	11/25/2024	\$	3,500.00
MF Barcellos	101315	11/25/2024	\$	4,031.67
Mono County Tax Collector	101316	11/25/2024	\$	40,841.68
Quill	101317	11/25/2024	\$	67.15
The Ferraro Group	101318	11/25/2024	\$	7,500.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101319	11/25/2024	\$	38,192.50
USBWC	101320	11/25/2024	\$	93,072.82
JASON MILLIGAN	101321	11/25/2024	\$	2,720.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101322	11/25/2024	\$	2,720.00
Spectrum Business	300120	11/27/2024	\$	237.99
Hometown Health	300122	11/26/2024	\$	8,012.57
Payroll		11/15/2024	\$	9,822.96
EFTPS		11/15/2024	\$	1,518.05
Payroll		11/30/2024	\$	20,952.91
EFTPS		11/30/2024	\$	3,876.63
			Subtotal	\$ 990,733.15
			NFWF Submission	\$ (728,726.01)
			Total District Expenses	\$ 262,007.14

Vice President MASINI asked for clarification on Jason & Scott's payments; GM BRYAN stated they transitioned to independent contractors at the beginning of the calendar year. They are doing piece work and bill the District directly for the work; they are not on the payroll. Vice President MASINI asked if they receive 1099s; GM BRYAN stated they do.

President SNYDER asked who Pope Valley Ranching was; GM BRYAN stated it is Scott Dickson who owns property on Day Lane & Lower Colony in Smith Valley.

Secretary HALTERMAN stated the reimbursement for the leasing program has been received from NFWF.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 32% capacity with 19,130 acre-feet and Bridgeport is currently at 41% capacity with 17,340 acre-feet. Topaz has stored

approximately 3830 acre-feet since November 1st and Bridgeport has stored approximately 3500 acre-feet. The snowpack is 92% of the average for the date. SNOTEL range from 7" to 30" of snow. Anticipating the storm door to open over the weekend as about a week ago the snowpack was 130% of average.

The shop crew is doing repair and maintenance on the drains and reservoirs. They have begun the off-season project of placing pipe in the West Drain from Bridge Street to South Street, and north from Goldfield Ave to the Nichol-Merritt Ditch between Napa and Wild West Chevrolet. The District is working with the City of Yerington, Lyon County, and Peri & Sons for material, labor, and equipment. The hope is that the drain can be opened up by March 1st. Pipe will start to be delivered this Wednesday and will hopefully be fully delivered by the end of the year.

The Colony Ditch annual meeting was held on November 21st and went well. The users provided a budget recommendation that will be brought to the Board with the annual budget.

On December 3rd, District staff had a roundtable meeting with Lyon County Building & Planning to discuss the zone change requirements on the piece of District owned property south of Mason. There have been discussions with board members and City of Yerington staff who prefer that the District's equipment is not housed on the current property and should be moved. There is a 77-acre piece of land off of Rebecca Road that GM BRYAN would like to re-zone from Residential to Industrial. Zone changes can only be requested a few times per year and the application cost is approximately \$2500. If the zoning were to change, GM BRYAN would like to put a shop on the property and move the equipment out there. Once the time comes, District staff will look for grants to cover the building cost. Treasurer NUTI asked for clarification on who does not want the equipment at the current location; GM BRYAN stated the City and a couple board members have expressed that they do not want to see the equipment, trucks, pipes, and other items stored here in the yard. GM BRYAN stated the new property is more centrally located between Mason and Smith Valley. The District does own other property, but the locations are East Mason Valley and Wabuska. GM BRYAN has talked with the Conservancy about utilizing some of their property in Smith or Wellington, but the discussions did not progress. The City did want the District to put privacy slats in the entire fence, but did not want to provide funding. President SNYDER confirmed that there are other advantages for building a second site; GM BRYAN stated the District has outgrown the office footprint and historical records are not being stored like they should be. GM BRYAN stated the District property to the southeast of town has been turned into a burn pit where all of the District's burnable waste is being taken instead of being stored at the end of Green Acres. The property south of Mason would also be utilized for generating material for projects. Treasurer NUTI asked if the cost to pursue the zone change would be approximately \$3,000; GM BRYAN stated that it is only for the application and there could be other fees once the application is approved. GM BRYAN stated he contacted the landowner of the property closer to the highway for a land exchange, but the owner

was not interested. President SNYDER asked if the office would be moved as well; GM BRYAN stated the office would stay here. President SNYDER asked if the power was 2- or 3-phase service; GM BRYAN believes there is 3-phase power. There would need to be a county road reestablished for access to the property. There are other dirt roads that can access the property, but the County indicated the other road would need to be reestablished.

GM BRYAN will be attending a public meeting hosted by NDEP on Anaconda and the feasibility of the site and sitewide groundwater. The meeting will be tomorrow from 6-8pm at City Hall.

Singatse Peak Services LLC/Lyon Copper Gold have filed applications 93718-93725 with the State Engineer and protests are due this Friday. GM BRYAN and Counsel DePaoli are working on the protests and will have them submitted on Friday.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

No legal report was available.

E. Stored Water Leasing Program update

GM BRYAN reported on MBK submitted the required program report to California State Water Resources Control Board on December 6th. They are working on the program summary and will be scheduling meetings with all of the agencies involved. MBK will be meeting with 2 board members next week to discuss the entire program as required.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS reported that the fall measurements have been completed. Lauren provided a printed presentation. Highlights included:

- 2023 water year was a huge water year; 2024 was average
- The SWE for 2023 and 2024 were provided
- Comparisons for the Spring 2023 and Spring 2024 water levels indicated that Smith Valley had an increase of a little over 14 feet and Mason Valley had an increase of 8 feet basin wide.
- Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 water levels in northern Smith Valley were a decline of 4.7 feet and southern Smith Valley was a 6-foot decline.
- 2024 Irrigation season level change for Smith Valley was a 9' decrease.
- Hydrograph located in Northern Smith shows a slightly decreasing trend since 2016, but the trend is evening out.
- Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 water level in Mason Valley was .5 foot decline.
- 2024 Irrigation season level change for Mason Valley was a 3' decline.
- Hydrograph located in southern Mason Valley shows a slight increase in trend.
- Preliminary pumping data was provided. The estimated total for Smith Valley is 15,000 acre-feet (goal was 17,000) and Mason Valley is 61,000 acre-feet (goal was 64,000). The pumping data will be finalized in April.

Lauren and Jodi will be in the area completing the pumping readings and will present the final data at the April meeting.

7. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Kat DOW stated there was no update this month.

8. Director Comments

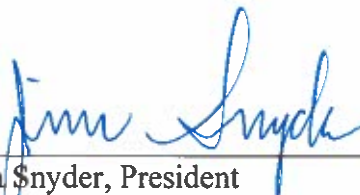
None presented.


9. Public Comment

None presented.

10. Adjournment

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to adjourn; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President


Marcus Masini, Vice President


Richard Nuti, Treasurer


Dennis Acciari, Director


David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on January 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Dale FERGUSON	Legal Counsel, via Zoom

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Kat Dow, WBC	Carlie Henneman, WBC
Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Melania Sagi, SV/MVCD	

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC	Tim Bardsley, NOAA	Ginny Hatch, YPT
Tom Renner	Wes Walker, MBK	

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Treasurer NUTI was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the minutes; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 20,250 acre-feet (48% capacity) and Topaz was 23,210 acre-feet (39% capacity). There is a briefing with the weather service tomorrow and hopefully there is good news. Joanne stated that she is continuing to deliver stock water and overall, everything has been quiet. Vice President MASINI asked when the Campbell & Miller project will be done; GM BRYAN stated the digging is being done now, then Desert Engineering will be installing new structures. Joanne asked Vice President MASINI if he needed water, Vice President MASINI stated they are fine for now and can work around it.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Secretary HALTERMAN reported as of December 31, 2024:

Cash in Checking	\$ 199,479.74
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Cash in Money Market	\$1,614,761.35
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 805,074.39</u>
Total	\$2,619,315.48

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment
Cash Disbursement Journals
December 2024 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check #	Date	Amount
PrimePay	300126	12/12/2024	\$ 205.52
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101323	12/12/2024	\$ 1,314.60
City of Yerington	101324	12/12/2024	\$ 98.16
MBK Engineers	101325	12/12/2024	\$ 633.50
NV Energy	101326	12/12/2024	\$ 276.96
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101327	12/12/2024	\$ 165.94
Purchase Power / Pitney	101328	12/12/2024	\$ 215.66
Quill	101329	12/12/2024	\$ 85.98
Raley's	101330	12/12/2024	\$ 255.85
Sierra Office Solutions	101331	12/12/2024	\$ 107.84
Southwest Gas Corporation	101332	12/12/2024	\$ 318.89
Standard Insurance Co	101333	12/12/2024	\$ 633.63
Summit Fire & Security	101334	12/12/2024	\$ 252.00
True Value	101335	12/12/2024	\$ 561.14
USPS	101336	12/12/2024	\$ 246.00
Wells Fargo Card Services	101337	12/12/2024	\$ 2,714.02
Xerox Corporation	101338	12/12/2024	\$ 320.50
Xerox Financial Services	101339	12/12/2024	\$ 30.22
JASON MILLIGAN	101340	12/12/2024	\$ 4,000.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101341	12/12/2024	\$ 4,000.00
Cal Poly Corporation / ITRC	101342	12/13/2024	\$ 177,863.09
HEALTH EQUITY	101343	12/13/2024	\$ 23,800.00
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101344	12/13/2024	\$ 8,568.00
PDM Steel Service Centers,	101345	12/13/2024	\$ 560.02
AT&T	300128	12/16/2024	\$ 86.20
Verizon Wireless	300129	12/16/2024	\$ 240.92
PERS Administrative Fund	101346	12/19/2024	\$ 11,590.41
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300127	12/20/2024	\$ 342.96
Alhambra	300130	12/30/2024	\$ 222.80

Spectrum Business	300131	12/30/2024	\$	237.99
CMC TIRE INC SPO	101349	12/30/2024	\$	783.47
Edney Tree Service	101350	12/30/2024	\$	6,500.00
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	101351	12/30/2024	\$	279,726.60
Giomi, Inc.	101352	12/30/2024	\$	1,022.87
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101353	12/30/2024	\$	479.48
MF Barcellos	101354	12/30/2024	\$	1,658.76
Quill	101355	12/30/2024	\$	98.36
Standard Insurance Co	101356	12/30/2024	\$	422.42
Yerington Ready Mix	101357	12/30/2024	\$	2,955.96
The Ferraro Group	101358	12/30/2024	\$	7,500.00
Payroll		12/15/2024	\$	9,230.68
EFTPS		12/15/2024	\$	1,401.96
Payroll		12/31/2024	\$	23,313.50
EFTPS		12/31/2024	\$	4,449.23
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	579,492.09
NFWF Submission			\$	(196,761.55)
Total District Expense			\$	382,730.54

Director GIORGI inquired about the Cal Poly bills; GM BRYAN stated they are the bills for the modernization project reports. Vice President MASINI inquired about the Ferguson bills; GM BRYAN stated it is for the pipe on the NRCS pipeline project. The pipe will begin at the corner of South Street and Cottonwood Avenue then continue to Bridge Street. The drain will be open through Lucy Snyder's property and then the pipe will continue on Goldfield Avenue going north to the Nichol Merritt.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated there is a breakdown of the USGS gages in the packet. Topaz is currently at 39% capacity and Bridgeport is currently at 48% capacity. Topaz has stored approximately 7,890 acre-feet since November 1st and Bridgeport has stored approximately 6,380 acre-feet.

GM BRYAN stated there is a paper in the packet explaining the protest that the District filed on the Singatse Peak Services permit requests. GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated on any changes.

The shop crew is working on the pipeline project through town. The crew will be working through the remainder of the off-season and will have the project complete by March 1st. Vice President MASINI asked if the ditch was being dug out then refilled; GM BRYAN stated base was brought in from the City of Yerington's yard for free. The pipe is being installed and then covered with the base. There will be a wind row on top of the pipe once everything is done so no one can drive on the pipe. There was concern with restricting the capacity of the ditch, but the current ditch capacity is less than what the 5-foot pipe can hold, so the capacity is being increased, and the pipe will be daylighted.

There have been a few private ditch company meetings already, but if any still need to meet, schedule with the office staff. The Campbell meeting is Tuesday January 14th at 10am.

Last month, GM BRYAN attended a public meeting hosted by NDEP. They gave an update on the activities at the Anaconda mine site. There was interest regarding the groundwater, but NDEP made it a point that they would not be speaking on that topic. They did report on what has been rehabbed and restabilized as well as what the future goals are. There was mention of the Wabuska drain, and what their long-term goals are there as well. Approximately 2 years ago, NDEP and EPA were given permission to take samples from the Wabuska drain area.

On December 17th, GM BRYAN met with the Department of Transportation regarding their repaving project on Highway 95a from Fox Lane to the intersection of Goldfield Avenue. The project is going to be complex, as there are multiple private and ditch company turnouts and District drains that cross under the highway. The project is going out to bid right now. The original conversation included assistance from the District in installing the culverts, but that is no longer feasible, and the contractor will need to do the work. GM BRYAN will work closely with the contractor and all those affected. The drain across from the Fairgrounds will be shifted 5 feet into David Little's property because NDOT believes the road is being affected by the drain water seepage.

A few weeks ago, the District got the approval to replace the culvert on Highway 208 at Pursel Lane/Sceirine Lane. Prime West Construction will be doing the project. During the work, the District will be working with Lyon County, Mason Valley Fire Department, and Lyon County School District on an alternate route around the intersection. Vice President MASINI asked if there was a start date for this project; GM BRYAN stated we do not have a start date yet. We are waiting on when the culverts can be delivered by Jensen. Vice President MASINI asked how many feet the project is; GM BRYAN stated the NDOT right-of-way is 60 feet, but the proposed engineering plans is 74 feet, so somewhere in between the two is where the culvert will end. The goal is to reduce erosion, so the culvert will be as wide as possible. The culverts are very heavy and will be delivered with a crane. The hope is that the trench will be open when the culverts are delivered so they can be set directly where they will need to be.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Dale FERGUSON stated there was no update.

E. Stored Water Leasing Program update

Wes WALKER reported that the 2024 Program Summary has been filed with the California State Board. The Walker River Court update will be filed once the USGS gage data is finalized. Once the USGS gage information is finalized, there is a 90-day window to get the update filed. MBK has started to work on the overall program summary report and has met with users to get feedback. They will be scheduling more meetings with other users soon.

6. Presentation by Tim Bardsley with NOAA regarding the current year weather and water outlook for 2025 irrigation season.

Tim BARDSLEY presented a slide presentation; highlights included:

- The October-December 2024 mean temperature was average to above average.
- The October-December 2024 precipitation was average to below average.
- Strong winds are expected north of the basin today and at the end of the week.
- The 8–14-day precipitation shows a 42% chance of being below normal. The temperature outlook has equal chances of being normal, above normal, and near normal.
- There will be no atmospheric rivers in the near future.
- There is only a 20% chance of getting 1 inch or more precipitation over the next two weeks.
- There are some promises for wet Pacific storms toward the very end of January into early February.
- The January-March temperature and precipitation outlook shows equal chances for anything happening.
- The current regional snowpack for the Walker Basin is 94% of median. It is similar to the 2015 peak and similar to 2020 and 2019 at this time.
- The soil moisture is below the median, but slightly better than 2024.
- The April-July water supply outlook indicates the West Walker at Little Walker to be 124kaf and 39.2kaf at East Walker at Bridgeport.

7. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS reported that the pumping data collection was completed in December. Lauren will be compiling the data and will report when it is available. The next field work will be in mid to late February when the water levels will be measured before the irrigation season starts. Lauren will be planning the spring community meeting for March.

8. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Carlie HENNEMAN reported they have been working with State Parks to fund the USGS gage at the Santa Margarita Ranch bridge. The Conservancy would fund the gage for 1st

year and State Parks would fund the 2nd year. State Parks is ready to sign the agreement, but if the Conservancy cannot make any progress in getting their water instream, they will not move forward with the agreement. President SNYDER clarified that if progress is not made on their (Conservancy) own; Carlie stated, "or with the help of others." Director GIORGI confirmed the gage would only be funded for 2 years; Carlie stated the agreement is normally for 2 years, but they are finding that once the gage is in place, the State will try to fund money to put toward it in the future. If the Conservancy does not enter into an agreement with State Parks, the gage will be put on hold and then re-evaluated in a year.

9. Director Comments

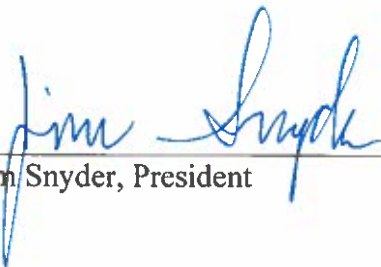
Vice President MASINI asked if the petition for the Singatse Peak permits could be sent; GM BRYAN stated he will have a copy sent to the Board.

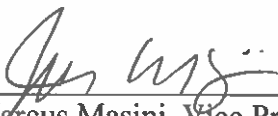
10. Public Comment

None presented.

11. Adjournment

Director GIORGI made a motion to adjourn; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President


Marcus Masini, Vice President

ABSENT
Richard Nuti, Treasurer


Dennis Acciari, Director


David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on February 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Kat Dow, WBC	Carlie Henneman, WBC
Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Jodi Roan, NDWR	Jim Sciarani

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC	Angela Bezzone, MBK
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1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 23,060 acre-feet (54% capacity) and Topaz was 27,700 acre-feet (46% capacity). The releases are still at minimum, some stock water is still being delivered, and the first water orders are due February 27th for March 1st.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of January 31, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 156,826.53
Cash in Money Market	\$1,021,212.34
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 809,239.57</u>
Total	\$1,987,278.44

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment**Cash Disbursement Journals****January 2025 Bills & Payroll**

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
HomeTown Health	300133	01/04/2025	\$ 8,859.84
Cal Poly Corporation / ITRC	101359	01/07/2025	\$ 119,976.81
Desert Research Institute	101360	01/07/2025	\$ 16,328.11
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	101361	01/07/2025	\$ 148,288.80
NV Energy	101362	01/07/2025	\$ 65.97
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101363	01/07/2025	\$ 8,568.00
PrimePay	300132	01/10/2025	\$ 205.52
Verizon Wireless	300137	01/14/2025	\$ 440.63
AT&T	300138	01/14/2025	\$ 86.20
Ameritas Life Insurance	101364	01/15/2025	\$ 1,121.80
CD & POWER	101365	01/15/2025	\$ 870.48
City of Yerington	101366	01/15/2025	\$ 98.16
D & S Waste Removal	101367	01/15/2025	\$ 203.64
JASON MILLIGAN	101368	01/15/2025	\$ 3,325.00
JIM DECHAMBEAU	101369	01/15/2025	\$ 480.50
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101370	01/15/2025	\$ 956.11
Lyon County Recorder	101371	01/15/2025	\$ 48.31
MBK Engineers	101372	01/15/2025	\$ 3,771.75
NV Energy	101373	01/15/2025	\$ 271.58
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101374	01/15/2025	\$ 31.98
Pitney Bowes Global	101375	01/15/2025	\$ 213.42
Public Employees' Benefits	101376	01/15/2025	\$ 2,610.69
Purchase Power / Pitney	101377	01/15/2025	\$ 266.16
SCOTT ROBINSON	101378	01/15/2025	\$ 3,325.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101379	01/15/2025	\$ 66.53
Wells Fargo Card Services	101380	01/15/2025	\$ 4,612.69
Woodburn & Wedge	101381	01/15/2025	\$ 28,546.09
Xerox Financial Services	101382	01/15/2025	\$ 30.22
NV Energy	101383	01/15/2025	\$ 40.33
Nevada Public Agency	300139	01/22/2025	\$ 4,857.00
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300141	01/23/2025	\$ 171.48
Spectrum Business	300140	01/29/2025	\$ 237.99

John Deere Credit	101384	01/30/2025	\$	151.97
Quill	101385	01/30/2025	\$	307.51
Southwest Gas Corporation	101386	01/30/2025	\$	478.18
Standard Insurance Co	101387	01/30/2025	\$	211.21
The Ferraro Group	101388	01/30/2025	\$	7,500.00
U.S. Geological Survey	101389	01/30/2025	\$	24,982.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101390	01/30/2025	\$	40,149.35
Xerox Corporation	101391	01/30/2025	\$	202.85
MF Barcellos	101393	01/30/2025	\$	3,395.23
MBK Engineers	101394	01/30/2025	\$	2,648.75
Giomi, Inc.	101395	01/30/2025	\$	111.17
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101396	01/30/2025	\$	833.91
THE PARTS HOUSE	101397	01/30/2025	\$	251.74
JASON MILLIGAN	101398	01/30/2025	\$	2,650.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101399	01/30/2025	\$	2,650.00
HomeTown Health	300135	01/31/2025	\$	2,703.36
HomeTown Health	300136	01/31/2025	\$	4,429.92
Payroll		1/15/2025	\$	16,149.57
EFPTS		1/15/2025	\$	2,580.63
Payroll		1/13/2025	\$	28,712.73
EFTPS		1/13/2025	\$	5,372.94
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	505,449.81
NFWF Submission			\$	(180,813.63)
Total District Expense			\$	324,636.18

Vice President MASINI confirmed the Ferguson bill was the pipe for the drain project; GM BRYAN confirmed and stated the first half has been billed for reimbursement and the second half will be billed in October.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the bills; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated there is a breakdown of the USGS gages in the packet. Topaz is currently at 27,730 acre-feet (46% capacity) and Bridgeport is currently at 23,290 acre-feet (55% capacity). Topaz has stored approximately 12,430 acre-feet since November 1st and Bridgeport has stored approximately 9,450 acre-feet. The latest storm did bump up the snow level and the basin went from 67% of median to 77% of median for today. The update from the weather service indicated the Walker basin has about a 30% chance to have an above average year. There is another storm

in the forecast next Wednesday that will potentially be a big help. The April-July flow forecast is near average with the East being a little higher than the West. January was one of the worst months in quite some time and the percentage dropped.

The shop crew is continuing the project on the West Drain. Due to the groundwater seeping in the last couple of weeks, progress has been slowed. The crew is running 6 pumps to keep the area dry so the pipes can be installed. All of the pipes should be in the ground by next week and then the headwall and slurry around the Nichol Merritt can be completed. There will be some cleaning and grooming to do once the area dries out and GM BRYAN would like to leave a wind row in the middle, so no one drives on it. Within the next couple weeks the long reach will be working at the G&H and the heavy excavators will be taken to Smith Valley to work on the Colony and Saroni. Once the long reach is done with the G&H work, it will be taken to Topaz to do some work at the diversion.

On January 8th, the District received a surprise inspection from NV OSHA. They inspected the office, shop, and yard. There were several safety violations but most of them were minor. The electrical panel in the janitor closet will need to be moved as it is too close to the sink and the other two electrical panels must have a 3-foot clearance all around so a few items will need to be moved. GM BRYAN stated a storage box will be purchased to store items instead of having the shop function as a storage facility. Sometime within the next couple of months, NV OSHA will send the District a certified letter that will note all of the findings and the timeline in which they will need to be fixed. There could also be fees associated with the findings, but since WRID is a small entity, the fees will be based on the number of employees. Once the findings are mitigated, the District will need to send pictures to OSHA and then they will visit for a subsequent walk through.

Last week, GM BRYAN attended the NWRA and Mid-Pacific Regional conferences in Reno. Both conference were good and there was great discussion on what is being discussed and what is coming from the State Engineer's Office. GM BRYAN will monitor the changes and will keep the Board apprised.

On February 20th, the Lyon County Commissioners will be discussing the conditional use permit for the Libra Solar Project. To recap, Libra Solar has a permit for a solar reserve in Mineral County, but the only access is via East Walker Road in Mason Valley. There is a District crossing that will be impacted by the traffic, so GM BRYAN is working with Libra Solar. Libra Solar has made a proposal to pave the road from Hwy 208 to Reese River Road, but several of the area residents are not in support of the project. There is also a proposal for power lines from through the Wildlife Management Area going north to BLM land that Libra Solar is proposing. GM BRYAN has been working with Libra Solar and other agencies because all of the proposed projects will impact the Wabuska Drain directly and there is a potential that the projects will affect the drainage. GM BRYAN will stay involved and keep the Board apprised.

On February 24th, the District will be having the annual ditch rider meeting. They will be given their tablets, decree sheets, ditch tables, and lease agreements. If there is anything specific anyone would like the ditch riders to know, please let GM BRYAN know before the meeting.

This week the 83rd legislative session started. There is a stack of bills pertaining to water and one on cloud seeding. GM BRYAN will keep track of the language and will keep the Board apprised.

The annual spring-to-spring water level meeting with NDWR has been scheduled for March 12th. The Smith Valley group will be from 10a-12p at the Smith Valley Library and the Mason Valley group will be at the WRID office from 2p-4p.

Director GIORGI asked where the power lines will be going; GM BRYAN stated there is already a dedicated easement that goes through the Wildlife Management Area and behind Chico's.

President SNYDER asked if any of the federal funding issues were impacting the District; GM BRYAN stated his phone rang a lot last week. The grants that the District have were not affected.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated he is trying to see what legislation has already introduced and is likely introduce related to water. Counsel DePAOLI will work with Bert to relay information. Some things were worked on in between sessions and a lot of it has to do with continuing the program to retire groundwater rights in over appropriated basins. Counsel DePAOLI stated they will need to have an attorney client information session to cover things going on related to both the change applications and the litigation with Mineral County.

E. Stored Water Leasing Program update

Angela BEZZONE reported that USGS finalized the gage data and that it has been updated in the reports and submitted to California State Water Resources Control Board. There was slightly more water delivered to Wabuska than originally reported at the gage. MBK is completing the program summary report to look at the system and to observe the participants and users' experiences. The report will include the pros and cons of the program. MBK will be scheduling meetings with the agencies and users they have not met yet.

F. 2025 Election Update

Secretary HALTERMAN stated this is an election year and Divisions 1 and 5 are up for election with the election date being Tuesday April 8th. Vice President Masini is currently representing Division 1 and Director Acciari is currently representing Division 2. Nominations open on February 18th and close on March 18th. There is a \$25 nomination fee. Registration is always open and those users who are new

water right holders or have changed any information since registering, must register by March 31st. Letters have been mailed to all users with election and registration information. If there is no opposition in either District, no election will be held.

6. Presentation and Consideration of FY 2023-2024 Audit Report by Sciarani & Co.

Jim SCIARANI presented the completed audit report. Jim stated the audit was delayed due to Secretary HALTERMAN being out of the office a few times. Highlights included:

- Overall, it was a good year.
- Graphs were presented that showed cash and investments have increased since last year, assessments increased the revenue, there was a profit gain this year, operating expenses were high last year due to flood mitigation and modernization costs, and the legal expenses were lower last year due to no major court cases.
- There was over \$750,000 received in federal grant reimbursement so there was a single audit.
- What is new: acquired the Colony Ditch.
- Page 12- Not able to ascertain to acquire capital infrastructure with the Colony so nothing was booked. Assessment revenue increased due to the increase in rates. The delinquent assessments were small this year; Secretary HALTERMAN has been doing a good job in collecting the outstanding assessments.
- Page 13- shows the revenue over expenditure amounts. The reservoir did have a loss of \$80,000 due to the flood mitigation expenses.
- Page 38- shows the details of the ditch company transactions. With the ditch companies, Secretary HALTERMAN has 25 sets of books to keep track of. President SNYDER asked for clarification on what the ditch companies were; Jim stated Secretary HALTERMAN must perform the payroll bookkeeping for the private ditch companies.
- Page 36- is the balance sheet on the federal grants.
- Page 37- shows the profit and loss on the federal grants.
- Page 10- is the balance sheet that lists the assets. The total is \$3.4 million in liquid assets.
- Page 11- is the second half of the balance sheet that shows the current liabilities. There is a total of \$916,000.
- Pages 1-4- is the independent auditor's report and opinions. The District's financial position has improved over the last year. Every balance sheet account is analyzed and tried up. There were approximately 40 journal entries for the District; Lyon County has zero. Part of the opinion is to test internal controls. The audit testing includes payroll testing, cash disbursement testing, among other testing.
- Page 40-41- is the compliance report. Jim stated they are required to do testing and reporting on deficiencies. There were three significant weakness findings this year- bank reconciliation timeliness, booking of receivables, and reconciling the federal grants. The bank reconciliation did not reflect an accurate outstanding check balance; the accounting system was pulling checks that had been cleared and this has been corrected. The receivables were not being reported to the correct accounts. Jim recommended having a report from the accounting system that shows all receivables. Jim also recommended having a separate excel sheet to reconcile the receivables. The federal grant reconciliation process needs to be timelier. Jim stated the June 2024 payables were included in the July receivable and needs to be billed for reimbursement

in June. Jim suggested that the process includes two people looking at the reimbursement requests.

- Page 53- there should be a Corrective Action Plan, but it was not completed in time for the audit presentation. Jim will work with Secretary HALTERMAN to have that completed as soon as possible.
- Management Letter- includes concerns that are not necessarily significant enough to put into the audit report. Concerns include billing of the assessments. The testing indicated there was approximately \$60,000 difference in billing and payments. The issue was a timing problem where some delinquencies were taken off of the list when they should have been left on the list. There was a receivable from Douglas County that was not relieved when the payment was received. The error was a software error that did not post the payment. The third concern is that the receivables were reversed to the payable accounts instead of the receivable accounts. The last concern is that Secretary HALTERMAN was told to book the payables as of June 30th and she did but reversed them in the current year and that should not have been done.

Jim stated there are a few changes for next year- the single audit requirement was raised from \$750,000 to \$1 million in federal funding.

President SNYDER stated Secretary HALTERMAN has been giving a monthly net position but requested more information on the net position in the audit; Jim stated the net position shows the current assets minus the current liabilities and shows the liquidity.

President SNYDER asked if it made sense for Sciarani & Co. to assist with the budgeting to project what to expect over the next year. Jim stated he could present a budget that includes what was budgeted vs what was actually received and spent. Jim stated if the District wants to provide budgets for each fund, Sciarani & Co. could assist with projecting them. At year end, Secretary HALTERMAN must convert the District from a cash basis to a full accrual basis by booking expenses and receivables to actual.

Jim stated Secretary HALTERMAN had a lot on her plate this year with being out of the office, so the audit was delayed, and it was difficult to get things done at the pace it should have been done.

Treasurer NUTI offered a motion to accept the FY 2023-2024 Financial Audit Report as presented; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

7. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS reported that the annual meeting will be March 12th from 10a-12p at the Smith Valley library for the Smith Valley users and then 2p-4p at the WRID office for the Mason Valley users. Jodi and Lauren have been in the field getting measurements. This year the annual meeting is a month earlier, so the April 1st readings will not be available. The meeting will discuss trends in pumping, discuss the 2024 pumping numbers and setting the 2025 goals.

8. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Carlie HENNEMAN reported the Conservancy closed on a Smith Valley property and, with that sale, acquired 617 acre-feet of Newland water and almost 600 acre-feet of supplemental rights. President SNYDER asked what property the sale was; Carlie stated it was Rob Lewis' Dreyer Ranch. Treasurer NUTI asked if the Conservancy owns the land; Carlie stated the Conservancy purchased the water and FIM purchased the land. Carlie believes the intention is for FIM to move groundwater to the property if not, they will plug the well. Director GIORGI asked what the final payment per acre was; Carlie was not sure of the amount.

9. Director Comments

None presented.

10. Public Comment


None presented.

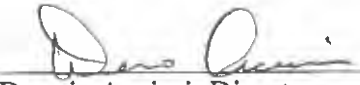
11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President


Marcus Masini, Vice President


Richard Nuti, Treasurer


Dennis Acciari, Director


David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on March 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel
Dale FERGUSON	Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Carlie Henneman, WBC	Peter Stanton, WBC
Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Jodi Roan, NDWR	Malania Sagi, SVMVCD
Ed Ryan		

Public Present via Zoom:

Tim Bardsley, NOAA	Wes Walker, MBK	Tom Renner
Scott Parker		

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the February 7, 2025 Regular Meeting

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

4. Recess as Board of Directors and convene as Board of Corrections for corrections of assessments pursuant to NRS 539.680

The Board of Directors recessed, and the Board of Corrections was convened at 10:05am. President SNYDER asked if there were any corrections requested; Secretary HALTERMAN stated she did not receive any before the meeting and none were presented today.

5. Adjourn as Board of Corrections and reconvene as Board of Directors

The Board of Corrections was adjourned, and the Board of Directors was reconvened at 10:06am.

6. **Water Master's Report**

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 26,790 acre-feet (63% capacity) and Topaz was 33,290 acre-feet (55% capacity). The current snowpack is 83% SWE. Joanne stated 150cfs of decree is being delivered. The irrigation season started at an 1878 on the West and 1879 on the East but has changed to 1880/1881 due to the rain. Joanne is uncertain how long the decree will hold, but there is not a lot of demand right now. There is a USBWC Board meeting on March 20th. The Tribe will start on April 15th.

7. **Staff Reports:**

A. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer NUTI reported as of February 28, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 167,634.08
Cash in Money Market	\$1,012,508.31
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 811,161.50</u>
Total	\$1,991,323.89

B. **Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment**

Cash Disbursement Journals

February 2025 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check #	Date	Amount
Southwest Gas Corporation	300142	2/6/2025	\$ 503.21
Allied Sanitation and Septic Services	101400	2/6/2025	\$ 285.75
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	101401	2/6/2025	\$ 8,091.12
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101402	2/6/2025	\$ 248.67
MF Barcellos	101403	2/6/2025	\$ 5,715.35
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101404	2/6/2025	\$ 170.07
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101405	2/6/2025	\$ 8,568.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	101406	2/6/2025	\$ 35.00
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101407	2/6/2025	\$ 52.37
Sierra Office Solutions	101408	2/6/2025	\$ 51.66
THE PARTS HOUSE	101409	2/6/2025	\$ 205.28
Wells Fargo Card Services Payment	101410	2/6/2025	\$ 4,036.30
Yerington Ready Mix	101411	2/6/2025	\$ 9,783.59
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101412	2/13/2025	\$ 1,121.80
City of Yerington	101413	2/13/2025	\$ 98.16

JASON MILLIGAN	101414	2/13/2025	\$	2,320.00
Lyon County Recorder	101415	2/13/2025	\$	37.56
NV Energy	101416	2/13/2025	\$	277.30
Quill	101417	2/13/2025	\$	317.54
SCOTT ROBINSON	101418	2/13/2025	\$	2,320.00
Xerox Corporation	101419	2/13/2025	\$	210.14
Xerox Financial Services	101420	2/13/2025	\$	32.88
Public Employees' Benefits Program	101421	2/13/2025	\$	870.23
Desert Research Institute (2 months)	101422	2/13/2025	\$	31,878.69
PERS Administrative Fund	101423	2/13/2025	\$	24,553.61
USBWC	101424	2/13/2025	\$	58,091.31
Giomi, Inc.	101425	2/13/2025	\$	343.33
HomeTown Health	300143	2/27/2025	\$	7,357.83
Alhambra	300144	2/27/2025	\$	139.89
AT&T	300145	2/27/2025	\$	86.24
PrimePay	300146	2/27/2025	\$	448.10
Verizon Wireless	300147	2/27/2025	\$	322.63
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300148	2/27/2025	\$	342.96
Sciarani & Co.	101426	2/27/2025	\$	27,000.00
Sunbelt Rentals	101427	2/27/2025	\$	6,954.89
The Ferraro Group	101428	2/27/2025	\$	7,500.00
JASON MILLIGAN	101429	2/27/2025	\$	1,405.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101430	2/27/2025	\$	1,405.00
RICHARD RAMSEY	101431	2/27/2025	\$	555.75
Sierra Office Solutions	101432	2/27/2025	\$	82.30
Payroll		2/15/2025	\$	13,752.22
EFTPS		2/15/2025	\$	2,025.25
Payroll		2/28/2025	\$	23,127.10
EFTPS		2/28/2025	\$	4,267.81
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	256,991.89
NFWF Submission			\$	(59,307.63)
Total District Expense			\$	197,684.26

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the bills; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated there is a breakdown of the USGS gages in the packet. Topaz is currently at 33,270 acre-feet (55% capacity) and Bridgeport is currently at 26,840 acre-feet (63% capacity).

The shop crew completed the installation of the pipe in the drain through the City. There is more clean-up to complete, but the main tasks are done, and the drain is open. The crew has transitioned work to Smith Valley. They are getting the Saroni and Colony canals ready for water and doing some work at the Topaz diversion.

GM BRYAN stated the staff continues to work to mitigate the OSHA violations. We still have not received the official report but are trying to take care of the problems immediately. The power panel that was in the janitor closet has been moved to the hallway, the exit signs have been upgraded, and other small electrical fixes have been made.

At the February 20th Lyon County Commissioners meeting, the Conditional Use Permit filed by Libra Solar was discussed and approved. Libra Solar submitted a CUP request for a transmission line that will span from Wabuska through the valley and enter Mineral County near East Walker Road. At the meeting, several people spoke their disapproval, but ultimately the CUP was approved.

GM BRYAN has been following the legislative session and the water bills. A full list of water-pertinent bills is available upon request.

GM BRYAN reminded everyone of the March 12th NDWR well user meeting. The Smith Valley group will meet at 10am at the Smith Valley Library, and the Mason Valley group will meet at 2pm at the WRID office. NDWR will report on last year's pumping data, current water levels, and what to expect this year.

GM BRYAN introduced the draft budget for the FY2025-26 year. If there are any questions, contact GM BRYAN or Secretary HALTERMAN.

The Campbell Canal special election will be held at the WRID office on April 16th. GM BRYAN reminded users to get registered or update the registration if needed.

Director GIORGI asked if the solar company had contacted the District on crossing the High Ditch; GM BRYAN the culvert is in good shape, but he is more worried about the crossing at the Greenwood/Hall. GM BRYAN stated he will stay in contact with Libra Solar and will keep the Board updated. There are several area residents that are not in agreement with the project and the increased traffic on East Walker Road, but GM BRYAN stated Lyon County Road Department is working with Libra Solar and there is a proposal to pave East Walker Road up to the

intersection with Reese River Road across from the Pitchfork Ranch. Director GIORGI asked why the solar company had not contacted the ditch companies; GM BRYAN stated they are using the District to spearhead the communication and if there are any concerns, let him know. President SNYDER asked GM BRYAN if he had to sign off; GM BRYAN stated he would need to sign off on any building and he will get a sign off from all ditch companies as well.

Vice President MASINI asked if each of the NDWR presentations will be the same; GM BRYAN stated each presentation is tailored to each basin specifically and the presentations will be sent out after each meeting.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI said the litigation with the United States had two parts to it- the claims for Walker River Indian Reservation, which were resolved, and the other part deals with upstream allotments for the Bridgeport Indian Colony and some downstream allotments for the Army Depot. The United States and legal counsel are looking into what it will take to move the claims along. Counsel DePAOLI's recollection is that those issues are going to be much easier to resolve than the WRIR claims.

E. Stored Water Leasing Program update

Wes WALKER reported that yesterday wrapped up the 2024 season with the season-ending meeting. The District and MBK received the approval from NFWF to do an overall summary of all of the program years. It will summarize the process leading up to the program and each of the 5 individual years. MBK has met with users and agencies to get input. The goal is to have the report out in early May.

F. 2025 Election Update

Secretary HALTERMAN stated everything is the same as the last meeting. Nominations close on March 18th and registration closes on March 31st. There is one nomination for each District at this time. Secretary HALTERMAN will be confirming all of the registrars and inspectors just in case there is to be an election.

8. Presentation by Tim Bardsley with NOAA regarding the current year weather and water outlook for 2025 irrigation season.

Tim Bardsley presented a slide presentation, highlights included:

- The water year started out dry in October, November and December were not too bad, January was not good, and February was quite good.
- There is a strong snowstorm expected next Monday through Thursday.
- The 15-day precipitation probability is wet across the 15-days, but the probability of over 4" is low.
- The 8-14-day temperature outlook is cooler than normal.
- The one-month outlook indicates cooler temperatures and equal chances for precipitation.
- The seasonal outlook shows equal chances for temperatures and precipitation.
- The snowpack is approximately 83% of median and 78% of median peak.

- The odd of reaching a normal peak SWE is a 25%.
 - The low elevation snowpack is below normal.
 - The soil moisture is a bit better than last year, but still lower than normal.
 - The observed streamflow is significantly below last year, especially on the East Walker.
 - The water supply outlook on the West Walker below Little Walker is 136kaf (84% of Mean, 99% of Median) and on the East Walker 42.9kaf (66% of Mean, 104% of Median).
 - The expected runoff peak is end of May/early June depending on weather conditions.
 - The drought status improved from Abnormally Dry to Class 1 Improvement.
9. **Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.**
Lauren BARTELS reminded everyone about the March 12th groundwater update meetings. The presentations will be available for anyone not able to attend.
10. **Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.**
Carlie HENNEMAN reported that the Conservancy closed a water-only deal in Smith Valley for 3.5 cfs and 79 acre-feet of storage.
11. **Discussion and consideration of storage water allocation for the 2025 irrigation season.**
GM BRYAN stated there was a breakdown supporting the allocation recommendation for each reservoir. GM BRYAN recommends not exceeding a 40% allocation for Bridgeport and 34-40% allocation for Topaz. The snowpack is leaner on the East, so the allocation is a little bit tighter on that side compared to the West. Director GIORGI asked if it is easier to calculate at 34 or 35%; GM BRYAN stated it did not make a difference. GM BRYAN stated he has worked with MBK on each of the allocations and is comfortable with the recommendations on each side. GM BRYAN also has confidence that there could be a future re-allocation if given the authority.
- Director ACCIARI made a motion to set the allocation for Bridgeport at 40% and Topaz at 37% and to give the General Manager authority to issue a re-allocation at a later date; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.
12. **Discussion and determination of the season of delivery of storage water in 2025 as provided in Section 9.3 of District Regulation No. 9**
GM BRYAN stated historically, the season started on April 1st. There is normally not a lot of demand in March.
- Vice President MASINI made a motion to start the irrigation season on April 1st; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

13. **Discussion and determination of the last date to allow irrigation season changes in place of use of storage water from reservoir to reservoir as provided in and required by Section 6.1 of District Regulation No. 6**

GM BRYAN stated for the past three years, less than 500 acre-feet have been transferred each year.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to set the last date for reservoir-to-reservoir transfers as April 15th and the amount not to exceed 1500 acre-feet or a number comfortable with the General Manager and Water Master; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

14. **Consideration for making available and delivering well water for the District Well under Nevada State Engineer Permit No. 25813, Certificate No. 8861 to lands within the District beginning April 1, 2025**

GM BRYAN stated the current rate is \$25 per acre-foot. The District well will need to be re-drilled at some point and quotes ranged from \$80-150,000, so the Board may want to increase the rate and build up funds to offset the cost when it is time to perform the work. Secretary HALTERMAN stated the cost to run the well last year was \$14 per acre-foot, so there was some money retained in the fund.

Director GIORGI made a motion to run the well and to increase the rate to \$30 per acre-foot; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

15. **Review and consideration of a District Board Resolution to: (1) approve Conditional Stipulations to resolve certain protest issues regarding Application Nos. 92893 through 92899, filed by the Walker Basin Conservancy with the Nevada State Engineer to change the manner of use and place of use of certain water rights or portions of certain water rights, adjudicated by the Walker River Decree from irrigation use to instream flow for wildlife purposes from their point of diversion to Walker Lake; and (2) authorizing the District legal counsel, in consultation with the District Manager to: (a) execute each Conditional Stipulation on behalf of the District; (b) file the Conditional Stipulations with the Nevada State Engineer; and (c) take all other reasonable actions as may be necessary to implement the Conditional Stipulations, including supporting approval by the Walker River Decree Court of modifications to the Walker River Decree consistent with the Conditional Stipulations and permits issued pursuant to them.**

Counsel DePAOLI stated the initial applications were filed in July 2023 with the District protesting in September 2023. Because of the timeframe required of the State Engineer to act, last year there was a stipulation to the State Engineer to postpone to July 25, 2025. Legal Counsel and management have worked with and spoken to the Conservancy to resolve these and the Board has a proposed stipulation to resolve the protests. If the protests are not resolved, the applications will proceed to a hearing. The issues related to the appropriate point of non-diversion being that the existing diversions were in multiple places. The initial proposal was to use the Strosnider gage, but that is a fair distance from the diversion locations. A proposal was made to install a gage at the Santa Margarita bridge and use that as the point of non-diversion for all water rights. There is an agreement to have

the gage put in and be the point of non-diversion with the initial funding by the Conservancy and an expectation of State Parks to fund the gage going forward. If the funding does not pass, the parties will come together to find funding. If there is no gage, the water master is not required to administer the changes. Another issue was the consumptive use portion of the rights, the East Walker Hydrographic Basin determination has a 3.5-acre feet per acre limit as the consumptive use. That was looked at and it was thought that the area should be closer to Smith and Mason Valley, but the effort and cost would exceed the benefit of requesting a change. Another concern was the protection of the consumptive use component at the diversion. The water cannot be diverted by others but will suffer losses on its way downstream from the Santa Margarita bridge. The stipulation provides losses of the consumptive piece from the Santa Margarita bridge to Strosnider will be offset by the non-consumptive component. If it is exceeded, the consumptive use portion will suffer. The Walker River Accounting Tool will account the accounting. The rights will not be increased if there are accretions. In Counsel's judgement, the proposed resolution is acceptable. Counsel DePAOLI stated the stipulation is not a waiver of any rights or positions the District might want to take on future changes, it is not a precedent for future changes and if the SE approves new permits consistent with the stipulation, the District will be obligated to support the modification of the decree consistent with the permit.

A. Public Comment

None presented.

B. Board Discussion

Treasurer NUTI asked if all of the gates would be dismantled; Peter STANTON stated that it would be a question for the State because it is on State Lands, but he did not see why they would not be.

C. Board Action

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to approve the written resolution of the Walker River Irrigation District Board accepting the conditional stipulations resolving the protests of the Walker River Irrigation District to Walker Basin Conservancy's change applications 92893-99 and to approve the directives listed in Item 15; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed unanimously.

16. Director Comments

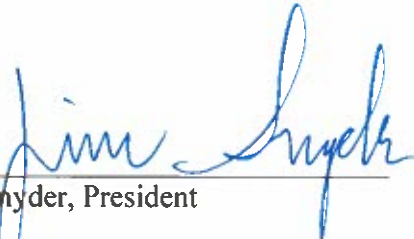
President SNYDER stated Senate Bill 172 is not a water bill but does pertain to labor. The bill is requiring farmers to pay overtime. President SNYDER stated they need all the help they can get to protest the bill. Vice President MASINI stated KOLO wants to do an interview regarding the bill. Treasurer NUTI stated Capitol Press had an article stating workers are upset because they are being held to 8 hours.

17. Public Comment

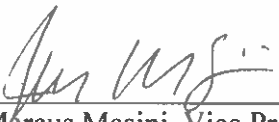
None presented.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



 Jim Snyder, President



 Marcus Masini, Vice President



 Richard Nuti, Treasurer



 Dennis Acciari, Director



 David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on April 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director, via phone
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom

Public Present:

Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Carlie Henneman, WBC	Kat Dow, WBC
Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Jodi Roan, NDWR	Adam Sullivan, NDWR
Ed Ryan		

Public Present via Zoom:

Isaac Metcalf

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present with Director GIORGI on the phone.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the March 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

Director ACCIARI made a motion to approve the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported Bridgeport was at 26,680 acre-feet (63% capacity) and Topaz was 33,130 acre-feet (55% capacity). The decree dropped today to an 1872 on the East and an 1873 everywhere else. The Tribe starts on April 15th and will be taking 30cfs. Joanne is delivering only a couple of feet of storage.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of March 31, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 99,151.66
Cash in Money Market	\$1,086,391.96
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 813,260.82</u>
Total	\$1,998,804.44

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment
Cash Disbursement Journals
March 2025 Bills & Payroll

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Lyon County Recorder	101443	3/12/2025	\$ 22.54
MBK Engineers	101444	3/12/2025	\$ 1,977.50
Mickey Mutual Ditch Co.	101445	3/12/2025	\$ 9.54
Municipal Treatment Equipment Inc.	101446	3/12/2025	\$ 3,613.13
NV Energy	101447	3/12/2025	\$ 255.93
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Payroll		3/31/2025	\$	32,393.08
EFTPS		3/31/2025	\$	8,195.04
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	285,133.46
NFWF Submission			\$	(52,239.94)
Total District Expense			\$	232,893.52

Vice President MASINI inquired about the Pape Machinery bill; Secretary HALTERMAN stated the \$8,568 is the monthly rental fee for the loader and if there is another bill, it was for a repair on the excavator. Vice President MASINI asked how many hours the loader is being used; GM BRYAN stated we have had the loader long enough to purchase two loaders. Most of the funding came from the grant, but the bill is consistently over \$8,000 per month, and when it is used on projects, it is used for a couple hundred hours per month. There is work to be done on the drains, but then it will be sent back to Pape. Vice President MASINI asked if we have had it rented the whole time; GM BRYAN stated it has been rented since the flooding in 2023. Treasurer NUTI asked if the District could buy the loader; GM BRYAN stated we would need to check with Pape. Vice President MASINI stated it seems like the loader is consistently being used. GM BRYAN stated the District borrowed loaders from Peri & Sons for the recent drain project. Vice President MASINI requested to see if the District could purchase the loader or get one comparable.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the bills; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

C. **Manager's Report**

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 33,140 acre-feet (55% capacity) and Bridgeport is currently at 26,680 acre-feet (63% capacity). There has not been a notable change to the pool since the beginning of the storage season. The district

well started on April 1st. GM BRYAN reminded everyone that when water is awarded, call for storage to use that water while it is available.

The shop crew is doing repairs and maintenance on the district drains, canals, and the Topaz Diversion. Hoping to get started on the drain project again to get the finishing touches completed. The District has also been working with Prime West Construction to replace the culvert at Hwy 208/Pursel Lane. It took about 5 years to get the permit. The concrete culverts have been delivered to the site and GM BRYAN is hoping to break ground within the next couple of weeks. The District will coordinate with the fire department, postal service, school district, and law enforcement. The through traffic detour will be Cremetti Ln to Mackenzie Ln, but the road will be open to local homeowners.

The District received the certified letter from OSHA on April 2nd. The letter had a full list of safety and health violations, but nearly all of them have been abated. GM BRYAN has gone over the list with legal counsel. The few items left to abate will be done when the electrician returns this week. OSHA did give us a fine, but if we do not contest the findings and agree to abate all of them, the total is reduced from \$13,476 To \$6,738. Although the OSHA representatives said there would be a 30-day allowance to fix everything, the letters have a deadline of April 18th.

On March 13th, the Nichol-Merritt Ditch Company board began the petition to become a Local Improvement District. Approximately 90% of the ditch acres have signed the petition. Sandy has been working on the map and the legal description, and the item will be on next month's agenda.

On March 12th, NDWR held its Smith and Mason Valleys well water update meetings. They discussed the spring-to-spring water levels, last year's pumping data, and this year's goals.

The legislative session is active. GM BRYAN provided a full list of bills in the packet and will keep the Board aware of the progress.

GM BRYAN stated there is a copy of a letter sent from the District to the ditch companies reminding them of burn permit requirements. MVFD reached out to the District to help remind everyone of the requirements due to a couple of recent brush fires caused by unattended ditch burning.

There is an NDWR pre-hearing on May 20th at 9am at their office in Carson. The State Engineer's Office will be here to discuss the Singatse Peak Services Applications 93718-93721 and 93723-93725.

Director GIORGI asked what the status of the Hwy 95a-East project was; GM BRYAN stated the District had not heard anything more than bids will be solicited and awarded this spring.

Vice President MASINI asked if there was going to be a re-allocation; GM BRYAN stated the basin is at 101% of median for the day but to watch the median trend start to dip down based on the date. Based on the latest ensembles from the river forecast centers, there is definitely a potential for a re-allocation if the runoff comes at the right time. The soil moisture is currently above normal. Depending on mother nature, GM BRYAN is hoping to see if the buffer will increase in May/June.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated the discovery schedule in the Mineral County case for experts, lay witnesses, and depositions have been extended by 4 months, however the close of discovery deadline remains at March 20, 2026. In terms of the May 20th prehearing conference that Bert mentioned, an attorney-client information session will be scheduled to provide input on how legal counsel suggests the District approach the conference and anything that comes out of it.

E. Stored Water Leasing Program update

GM BRYAN stated based on the report given last month, MBK has been able to talk to the remaining people they were waiting for. GM BRYAN received a rough draft last Friday and hopefully the final draft will be ready mid-May.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to accept the transfers for March 2025; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

G. 2025 Election Update

Secretary HALTERMAN stated there was no opposition in either open District, so Vice President MASINI and Director ACCIARI retained their positions. The official swearing in and appointments will be held next month. The Campbell Canal Special Election is April 16th here at the District.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS stated the snowpack is looking better due to the recent storms. The Smith Valley pumping goal is still 21,600 acre-feet and the reported pumping is less than 1% but many wells have not been reported since December. The Mason Valley pumping goal is 84,200 acre-feet and current reported pumping is 5% of the goal with most of wells already reporting and almost all of the pumping is from Homestretch and the power plant. Lauren will continue to provide monthly pumping data, and the pumping web map is still available on the NDWR website.

Vice President MASINI stated there was an article circulating about Lyon Copper & Gold receiving their 6,000 acre-feet of water back and now that article has been removed from the website. Vice President MASINI asked if there was any information or comment available on that; Adam SULLIVAN stated he will address that topic in the public comment item.

7. Update by the Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Carlie HENNEMAN stated they are getting a little bit of water to Walker Lake. There has been 400 acre-feet at Wabuska, and 370 acre-feet have made it to the lake.

8. Consideration and action on proposed District Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, including the fixing of the charges and levying assessments for that fiscal year on the water right lands within the District, on lands with appurtenant stored water rights within the District, on water right lands within the Local Improvement Districts within the District, on water right lands held by the High Ditch within the District, on reserved water rights, presently or formerly appurtenant to water right lands within the District, and Equipment Rental and Interfund Rental rates.

GM BRYAN stated there are a couple changes to the letter. The NFWF grant will be ending on June 30, 2025, and there is no grant money carryover. GM BRYAN stated the District is actively pursuing grant opportunities. Treasurer NUTI stated the NFWF grant covered the funding for a lot of things and the funding must come from somewhere else; GM BRYAN stated the SCADA integrator has been contracted through DRI since 2012 and there is no funding for that position going forward. GM BRYAN stated there will be pain in the District unless funds are increased. GM BRYAN stated he would like to charge for things like water cards, copies, and other office tasks. GM BRYAN stated there are hundreds of hours being worked but not billed out and there will not be any more freebies. GM BRYAN stated he has a proposal on his desk that is taking a lot of staff and legal time to review but no money is coming in for reviewing the project. GM BRYAN stated that all of the private ditch companies who received modernization from the grant will no longer be able to have the maintenance, repair, or replacement covered by the District and grant funds. GM BRYAN is working with ITRC to get a report on the maintenance of the equipment for the ditch companies. Treasure NUTI stated he does not believe the District should absorb the costs of the Accounting Tool; GM BRYAN stated the District's engineers put it together and our staff and the Water Master input the data and that data helps track the water but also helps with the East Walker transfers. And with the change in the government, the USGS staff are not allowed to leave more than 2 hours away from their office so they will rely on the Accounting Tool as well. Carlie stated she made a note to follow up on the funding as that tool is very beneficial to the Conservancy. Treasurer NUTI stated a lot of the additional cost to the District is due to NFWF coming into the valley and should not burden the users because of it. Carlie stated the Conservancy is committed to keeping the Accounting Tool and will talk to GM BRYAN.

At this time, there is no recommendation to increase any rates this year and current assessment rates are:

- General \$13/acre
- Reservoir \$6/acre
- Equipment \$4.50/acre
- Local #1 \$1/acre

- Local #2 \$2/acre
- Local #3 \$1.30/acre
- Local #4 \$20/acre
- Local #5 \$10/acre
- High Ditch \$10/acre

In the General and Equipment funds, the retirement expense has increased due to the contribution rates changing. Local #2 and Local #3 have seen a significant increase of solar power companies wanting to come into the valley and have burdened the District with reviewing solar farm plans. Every proposal needs to be reviewed by GM BRYAN, legal counsel, and our engineers. If the District does not participate in the review, our infrastructure will not be protected. Secretary HALTERMAN stated she is in communication with Lyon County on collecting an impact fee to cover all expenses involved in reviewing the solar projects and other large projects. GM BRYAN stated the hope is to bring the impact fee proposal to the Board at the June meeting.

GM BRYAN reviewed and explained the revenues and expenses provided in the packet. A cash balance projection was provided. President SNYDER confirmed that the projected cash balance was a loss at the end of next year; Secretary HALTERMAN confirmed it was a loss and explained that the projection is based on if every expense was spent to the fullest and every assessment was paid. Last year the cash balance did increase even though there were a few flood mitigation expenses.

Vice President MASINI questioned why the interfund equipment rental charges were significantly lower than the regular rental rate; GM BRYAN stated that was something set up many years ago. Vice President MASINI stated the rates need to be reviewed as it is not up to private ditch companies to pay for projects on the Saroni and the Colony and he was not aware that taking over a ditch resulted in private ditch companies paying for the district owned ditch projects. President SNYDER asked if the budget could be approved at this meeting and the rental rates be brought back at a later date; Counsel DePAOLI stated the overall budget could be approved and the motion could include modifying the rates at a future meeting.

President SNYDER stated it seems like the projected cash balance will be eating into the reserves and he is concerned about that. GM BRYAN stated three funds are assessed to all water right holders- General, Reservoir, and Equipment- so increasing one of those funds would be the best way to increase the revenue overall. President SNYDER asked what the increase would need to be to cover the projected loss; Vice President MASINI stated it would be approximately \$1.80 per acre. Joanne stated their assessment was increased \$0.50 per acre to bring it to \$4.00 per acre. President SNYDER asked if there was anything else that could be done to decrease the loss; GM BRYAN stated that the District assessments are the lowest in Nevada, but the US Board assessments were increased, and people may complain about that. Secretary HALTERMAN stated the General Fund cash balance did increase approximately \$140,000 last fiscal year. President SNYDER asked how much per acre that calculated to be; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it was approximately \$1.80 per acre. GM BRYAN stated the District will run based on what the Board approves; President

SNYDER wanted to point out that if the District is using reserves, it is not living within its means.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the presented budget with the interfund rental rates being discussed at a later meeting; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstained.

Secretary HALTERMAN stated she will continue the analysis on internal bills to see where costs can be cut; President SNYDER stated that would be a good idea. GM BRYAN stated that is why a breakdown of the bills is provided each month.

9. Director Comments

None presented.

10. Public Comment

State Engineer SULLIVAN thanked the Board for allowing NDWR to use the room on May 8th at 1:00pm for a hearing on designation of basin water in the East Walker basin and a proposed meter order for that same basin. The meter order will be the same as the Mason Valley basin.

State Engineer SULLIVAN stated there is a hearing on May 20th at the NDWR office for the Singatse Peak change applications. There are a number of protestants and there are a number of issues that warrant a hearing. Half of the protested applications are on the order of 2,000 acre-feet that were previously forfeited. The forfeiture process is very confusion, unclear, and has a lot of room for interpretation so Adam believes the entire process warrants explanation and attention. The qualification for forfeiture of groundwater rights is that the rights must be certificated and not used for at least 5 consecutive years. There are a lot of protections built into the administrative and legal aspects, so complete forfeiture hardly ever goes through. In the Singatse Peak Services case, the State Engineer's Office had to enter into a settlement agreement that rescinded the forfeiture that was declared a few years ago and now they are addressing the change applications.

Adam discussed his concerns with the forfeiture process and explained that any water law change needs to come from the users; without input from whom the laws affect, the changes will not get any traction in legislation.

Treasurer NUTI requested to know what part of the valley the Singatse applications pertain to; Adam stated the pit, the MacArthur deposit, and the Bear deposit on the northwest portion of Mason Valley. Treasurer NUTI asked if the applications cover the dewatering; Adam stated the applications are to move the points of diversion from where they are now to the center of the pit. Vice President MASINI stated there is concern that the changes will drastically affect the surface water rights; Adam stated some of the protests are on the effect on existing water rights, and other protests are on ground water contamination from gold mining and mobilizing the contaminated groundwater. Treasurer NUTI confirmed that the State Engineer's Office does not address the contamination aspect, only the transfers; Adam confirmed that and added that there is overlap in public interest on contaminating

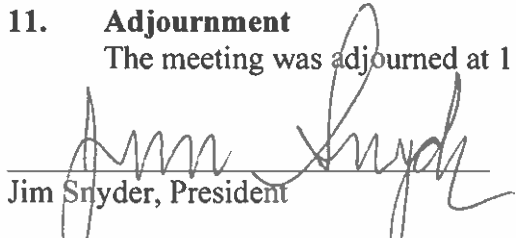
the river and canals and mobilizing the contaminated groundwater. Vice President MASINI requested clarification on the 6,014 feet that were given back to Singatse Peak; Adam stated that out of the 6000 acre-feet, about 2,000 acre-feet were forfeited about 4 years ago by the State Engineer's Office based on information submitted or not submitted, another approximately 2,000 acre-feet are in good standing, and the other approximately 2,000 acre-feet were sold and moved within the basin. The 2,000 acre-feet that were forfeited a few years ago were addressed in the settlement agreement and given back to Singatse Peak Services with the stipulation that none of the water can be sold and if it is not used, it is subject to forfeiture. Vice President MASINI asked if the 2,000 acre-feet that were sold will be given back to Singatse Peak Services; Adam stated they would not be given back and that with the 2,000 rescinded acre-feet plus the 2,000 acre-feet in good standings means the mine holds roughly 4,000 acre-feet of water. Vice President MASINI asked why the article was pulled from the website; Adam stated he did not know. Vice President MASINI asked if the State was involved in the water purchases in the NFWF grant; Carlie advised the State did give the Conservancy money to purchase groundwater rights.

Treasurer NUTI stated there is always a lingering concern that if groundwater is not used for 5 years, the user will lose the rights, but supplemental users are being told not to worry about that because they are encouraged to use surface water and not the groundwater. Adam stated the rules do need to be clearer. Statute says that after 5 consecutive years of non-use, the rights are subject to forfeiture, but there are ways to get time extensions. Adam stated he feels that if the water is not used and there is no intention on using the water, then the State does have a duty to act. Treasurer NUTI asked if the State would forfeit portions of unused rights if the user has become so efficient that the full duty is not used; Adam stated that the State will not forfeit portions of a right, and he believes the efficiency needs to be incentivized somehow.

Vice President MASINI asked if anyone was aware that Break-A-Heart was pumping water into the ponds in Wabuska to show usage; Jodi stated that is her basin and she was not aware of that happening. She stated Break-A-Heart relies on surface water primarily and when that is abundant, they do not pump water. She stated the last two years showed no change in the meter, but she will look into the question.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President


Marcus Masini, Vice President


Richard Nuti, Treasurer


Dennis Acciari, Director


David Giorgi, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on May 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel, via Zoom

Public Present:

Kat Dow, WBC Lauren Bartels, NDWR

Public Present via Zoom:

Dave Hockaday, LCBOCC

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present.

3. Declaration of Election of Directors Pursuant to NRS 539.117

Secretary HALTERMAN advised Marcus Masini and Dennis Acciari ran unopposed and retained their seats for District 1 and District 5, respectively. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to declare the results of the election; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

4. Oath of Office for newly elected Directors and presentation of Certificates of Election

Secretary HALTERMAN read the Oath of Office out loud with Vice President MASINI and Director ACCIARI verbally accepting.

5. The Board of Directors will organize and elect a President

Director GIORGI made a motion to retain Jim Snyder as President; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

6. The Board of Directors will organize and elect a Vice President

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to retain Marcus Masini as Vice President; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

7. The Board of Directors will organize and appoint a Secretary who need not be a member of the Board and who also may be the Treasurer

Director ACCIARI made a motion to retain Jessica Halterman as Secretary; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

8. The Board of Directors will organize and appoint a Treasurer who need not be a member of the Board and who may also be the Secretary

Vice President MASINI made a motion to retain Richard Nuti as Treasurer; Director GIORGI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Consideration of Minutes of April 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

10. Water Master's Report

No representative was present.

11. Staff Reports including, but not limited to, those items listed:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of April 30, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 179,893.51
Cash in Money Market	\$ 1,048,373.35
Cash in CDs	\$ 815,285.96
Total	\$ 2,043,552.82

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journals

April 2025 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
NOVUS Glass	101478	4/10/2025	\$ 1,737.00
Southwest Gas Corporation	300158	4/14/2025	\$ 282.16
City of Yerington	101479	4/14/2025	\$ 126.51
GANNETT NEVADA-UTAH	101480	4/14/2025	\$ 651.62
Giomi, Inc.	101481	4/14/2025	\$ 266.10
HorsePower Express LLC	101482	4/14/2025	\$ 412.50
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101483	4/14/2025	\$ 469.08
Marianne Leinassar	101484	4/14/2025	\$ 500.00
Municipal Treatment Equipment	101485	4/14/2025	\$ 3,351.00
Nationwide Insurance	101486	4/14/2025	\$ 300.00
NV Energy	101487	4/14/2025	\$ 272.04

O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101488	4/14/2025	\$	70.32
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101489	4/14/2025	\$	13,821.27
PERS Administrative Fund	101490	4/14/2025	\$	11,887.66
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	101491	4/14/2025	\$	221.71
Public Employees' Benefits	101492	4/14/2025	\$	870.23
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101493	4/14/2025	\$	963.22
Quill	101494	4/14/2025	\$	562.89
Sierra Office Solutions	101495	4/14/2025	\$	158.82
Wells Fargo Card Services	101496	4/14/2025	\$	1,747.09
Xerox Corporation	101497	4/14/2025	\$	345.73
JASON MILLIGAN	101498	4/15/2025	\$	1,610.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101499	4/15/2025	\$	1,610.00
Alhambra	300159	4/24/2025	\$	114.91
HomeTown Health	300160	4/24/2025	\$	7,357.83
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300161	4/24/2025	\$	325.00
AFC Industries full	101500	4/24/2025	\$	47.66
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101501	4/24/2025	\$	1,121.80
California Dept. of Water Res	101502	4/24/2025	\$	19,936.00
MF Barcellos	101503	4/24/2025	\$	3,896.72
The Ferraro Group	101504	4/24/2025	\$	7,500.00
U.S. Geological Survey	101505	4/24/2025	\$	24,982.00
Will Servoss	101506	4/24/2025	\$	455.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101507	4/24/2025	\$	24,829.09
CMC TIRE INC SPO	101508	4/30/2025	\$	1,319.39
Desert Research Institute	101509	4/30/2025	\$	12,918.95
MBK Engineers	101510	4/30/2025	\$	14,792.50
NV Energy	101511	4/30/2025	\$	3,009.39
Sierra Office Solutions	101512	4/30/2025	\$	121.66
Payroll		4/15/2025	\$	9,929.79
EFTPS		4/15/2025	\$	788.08
Payroll		4/30/2025	\$	30,527.40
EFTPS		4/30/2025	\$	8,596.20
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	214,806.32
NFWF Submission			\$	(29,915.05)
Total District Expenses			\$	184,891.27

Vice President MASINI inquired about the NOVUS bill; GM BRYAN stated they are the company that replaced 4 windshields. Vice President MASINI asked about the service fee on the credit card; Secretary HALTERMAN stated that by the time the Wells Fargo credit card statement comes in the mail, the due date is only a few days later and a check cannot be processed and signed in time to get paid by the due date. Secretary HALTERMAN has called Wells Fargo to attempt to make a phone payment, get a paperless statement, and to change the due date, but none of that is doable with the type of account. GM BRYAN stated the District has had that credit card since before his tenure, but staff is looking into a banking and credit card change; Vice President MASINI stated that needs to be looked into. Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the bills; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 34,470 acre-feet (57% capacity) and Bridgeport is currently at 25,980 acre-feet (61% capacity). The weather service gave a briefing this morning and indicated based on the April 1st projection to today, the system lost 10,000 acre-feet on West and 4,500 acre-feet on the East that did not come down. The soil moisture is average. The peak is expected to be May 26th on the West and May 30th on the East but that could change. There is warmer weather expected during this week before a cool down next week. The decree is on Full this week on the West, Tunnel, Main and Antelope Valley sections and an 1890 on the East section. GM BRYAN has received a few questions about a re-allocation since the decree is on Full, but it is still too early to figure out. GM BRYAN has a little bit of a buffer in the reservoirs, but there is still approximately 31,000 acre-feet already allocated to come out of both sides. GM BRYAN will work with Joanne to see if there can be a reallocation once the decree comes off of Full. Treasurer NUTI asked if the pools are holding; GM BRYAN stated they are holding, but now there is a bigger buffer on the West than the East.

The shop crew has continued the regular repair & maintenance on all of the drains and reservoirs. Last week, the West Drain culvert replacement project was completed at SR208/Pursel Lane. NDOT is in a bad fiscal position right now so the 95A project has been delayed until 2026. All of the other projects on the NDOT list have been removed. NDOT did indicate there are a lot of concerns with the culverts under the state highways being that the majority of culverts are CMP with a shelf life of 25 years and they are almost 40 years old at this point. At some point, there is going to be a need to replace the culverts and issues will arise with the ownership of the culverts and who will pay for the replacement. GM BRYAN reminded everyone to contact the State if a culvert needs to be cleaned and not to clean it without their approval.

GM BRYAN reported the OSHA violations have been abated, and the payment has been submitted. There is a program called SCATS that will come in to do a safety audit and, if there is a finding, they will not issue a fine and will allow the District to correct the finding. GM BRYAN stated he does not think it needs to be done yearly, but it may

be a good thing to do every couple of years. President SNYDER asked who pays for that service; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it is a paid service through POOL & PACT, but she will send the information out because they may do private entity services.

GM BRYAN provided a breakdown on the progress of the legislative bills and will keep the Board updated on any changes.

On April 11th, GM BRYAN had a meeting with the UNR snowpacks advisory group led by Loretta Singletary. They were working on the modeling, and they had questions on how the allocations were set each year. The hope for them is to fine tune the model and then come back to give the Board a presentation. The model may be beneficial in planning each year.

GM BRYAN reminded everyone of the Singatse Peak Applications 93718-21 and 93723-25 pre-hearing conference at NDWR on May 20th at 9am. GM BRYAN did meet with the Singatse Peak Services representatives yesterday who gave a presentation of their extensive modeling of the entire basin. They have suggested ideas for what or how they would like to do some of their operations. They do initially plan to drain the pit within 40 years and keep the pit dry for mining operations. They also have plans to begin production on the MacArthur deposit and that does not require de-watering. They would like to give a presentation at the July meeting.

Next month, there will be an application for the change of point of diversion by Borsini's. They are applying to transfer New Lands water only from the Hall Ditch to the Fox Ditch. The application is on file and available for review in the front office. Treasurer NUTI asked if both ditch companies must approve the change before the application is filed; GM BRYAN stated the applicant does need to get approval from both ditches. Director GIORGI asked if the ditch company still bills for the decree water if it stays in the original ditch; GM BRYAN stated the ditch company should send a bill for any water remaining in the ditch. President SNYDER asked if the water righted acres will change for each ditch with the approval of the transfer; GM BRYAN stated the water righted acres will change on each ditch- one will decrease and one will increase. Vice President MASINI stated the increase/decrease and assessments change should be a ditch company issue and not a WRID issue; GM BRYAN confirmed.

GM BRYAN reported that next month the proposed fee protocols and amounts will be on the agenda for discussion. The proposed fees will be for water cards, usage statements, and impact fees for large scale projects amongst other fees. With the large-scale projects such as the solar projects, the District is losing thousands of dollars with staff time and legal review, so a fee is being proposed based on a template from other irrigation districts. Vice President MASINI stated the District works a lot with the Conservancy and State Parks on their concerns and water right questions and asked how the fees would work with that; GM BRYAN stated the fees would be across the board. The District is doing a lot of research and review for those entities and the fees would apply to them as well. GM BRYAN stated the District can now accept credit

card payments to make payments easier. Unfortunately, the fees will impact even those users who have one water card, but the District is eating the cost of every change requested, every card printed, and all of the hours spent on the requests. There is currently no mechanism to cover the cost to the District. If there are any further suggestions, let GM BRYAN or Secretary HALTERMAN know.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated he did not have an update.

E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update

GM BRYAN received an email from Wes with MBK. They plan to have a draft within the next week, and it will be circulated to the Board. Once the report has been reviewed, they will provide a final copy by the end of May. The final report will be submitted to all program cooperators. Vice President MASINI asked if there were inquiries from farmers on whether the program was going to continue; GM BRYAN stated he has had a few inquiries but not a large amount. Treasurer NUTI stated that because of the program, people are wanting to sell their water for \$150 per acre-foot now.

F. Storage Water Transfers

Treasurer NUTI asked if the NDOW water was being transferred out of the valley; Sandy NEVILLE stated it was staying in the valley and was just being transferred amongst users. Vice President MASINI made a motion to accept the transfers for April 2025; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

G. 2025 Election Update

Secretary HALTERMAN stated an update will be given on a later agenda item.

12. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS stated that the Smith Valley pumping goal is 21,600 acre-feet and 1% of that goal has been pumped and the Mason Valley pumping goal is 84,200 and 8% of that goal has been pumped. The reporting has improved since last month, but Lauren will be doing field readings on the meters that were not reported. Tomorrow at 1pm there is the East Walker designation hearing to overview the dedication order and the meter & reporting order and then to hear testimony. The meeting will be in the WRID board room.

13. Update by Walker basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities

Kat DOW stated today is the 1st day of their retail sale at the Sutter property. They will have a full list of available plants, and they plan to have the retail sale 3 days per month. President SNYDER requested the full list be emailed out.

14. Consideration of petition defining the boundaries of and requesting the District Board of Directors to for Local Improvement District No. 7 to acquire, operate maintain, repair, and improve the Nichol-Merritt Ditch and Canal.

GM BRYAN stated the Nichol-Merritt Ditch petition was included in the petition along with the boundary legal description and map. If approved, a resolution will need to be signed. The next step will be for legal counsel to proceed with forming a Local Improvement District. Director GIORGI asked how the maintenance is performed; GM BRYAN stated the ditch is fairly self-sustainable with Peri's and Thompsons doing the maintenance. Director GIORGI asked if the District could handle it; GM BRYAN stated the District has been managing the ditch for the past few years. GM BRYAN stated the ditch will be run just like the other ditches already owned by the District where the ditch advisory board will dictate what is done on the ditch. Director GIORGI made a motion to form Local Improvement District No. 7; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

15. Declaration of Local Improvement District #6 Campbell Ditch Special Election results Pursuant to NRS 539.155

GM BRYAN stated the Campbell Ditch Special Election was held on April 16th and more than 66% of the votes cast were a 'Yes' vote. The next task will be to work with legal counsel on setting a date for the hearing at District Court. Treasurer NUTI made a motion to declare the election results of the Local Improvement District No. 6 special election pursuant to NRS 539.155; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

16. Annual Review on the performance of the Walker River Irrigation District General Manager Robert C. Bryan and consideration of possible adjustment in compensation.

Counsel DePAOLI stated the review was not ready and suggested to table the item to next month.

17. Discussion, consideration, and decision on authorization and method of payment for purchase of 2024 John Deere 544P Front Loader for approximately \$218,000 from Pape Machinery pursuant to N.R.S. 332.195 (joinder) under Contract No. 011723-JDC through the Sourcewell Purchasing Program, subject to review and approval of related documentation by District Manager and Legal Counsel.

GM BRYAN stated the District has been leasing a loader for over 2 years and the rental fees could have covered the purchase price for a loader at this point. There is a quote for a 2024 John Deere 544P Front Loader in the packet. There are financing terms available as well as a lump sum option. The quoted loader is located in Reno right now and would be available immediately if the purchase is approved. Director ACCIARI made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 John Deere 544P front loader at the 0% interest option, and to see if a set of forks could be included; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

18. Director Comments

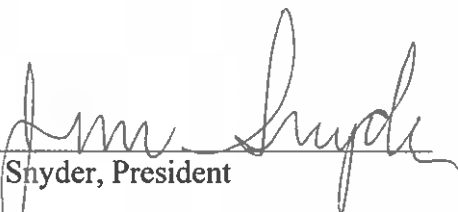
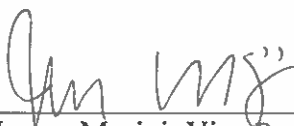
None presented.

19. Public Comment

None presented.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President
Richard Nuti, Treasurer
David Giorgi, Director
Marcus Masini, Vice President
Dennis Acciari, Director

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on June 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Present:

Jim SNYDER	President
Marcus MASINI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
David GIORGI	Director
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Kat Dow, WBC	Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC
Carlie Henneman, WBC	Paul Costa	Ed Ryan

Public Present via Zoom:

None

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present.

3. Consideration of Minutes of May 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

4. Water Master's Report

Joanne SARKISIAN reported that Bridgeport is at 28,910 acre-feet (68%) and Topaz is at 53,710 acre-feet (89%). Both sections of the river are on Full decree, so water is being stored in the reservoirs at an even rate. Once the decree comes off of Full, Joanne will work with GM BRYAN on setting a re-allocation. The systemwide delivery is 558cfs with only 15cfs being storage water.

5. Staff Reports including, but not limited to, those items listed:

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of May 31, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 110,099.91
Cash in Money Market	\$ 1,003,572.42
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 817,558.59</u>

Total \$ 1,931,230.92

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment
Cash Disbursement Journals
May 2025 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
Southwest Gas Corporation	300163	05/05/2025	\$ 82.04
NV OSHA	300166	05/06/2025	\$ 6,738.00
Fawcett Electric	101513	05/07/2025	\$ 250.00
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. 1423	101514	05/07/2025	\$ 1,000.00
NV Energy	101515	05/07/2025	\$ 179.94
Petty Cash	101516	05/07/2025	\$ 200.00
Primepay	300168	05/12/2025	\$ 231.20
Alhambra	300162	05/14/2025	\$ 164.89
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101517	05/14/2025	\$ 2,204.80
AT&T	300167	05/14/2025	\$ 86.26
City of Yerington	101518	05/14/2025	\$ 201.51
GANNETT NEVADA-UTAH	101519	05/14/2025	\$ 77.72
Giomi, Inc.	101520	05/14/2025	\$ 490.57
JASON MILLIGAN	101521	05/14/2025	\$ 2,900.00
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101522	05/14/2025	\$ 315.13
John Deere Credit	101523	05/14/2025	\$ 41.79
Lyon County Recorder	101524	05/14/2025	\$ 48.50
Mason Valley Equipment	101525	05/14/2025	\$ 435.00
MF Barcellos	101526	05/14/2025	\$ 3,740.27
NV Energy	101527	05/14/2025	\$ 41.47
PERS Administrative Fund	101528	05/14/2025	\$ 12,240.62
Public Employees' Benefits	101529	05/14/2025	\$ 870.23
Purchase Power / Pitney	101530	05/14/2025	\$ 466.19
Quill	101531	05/14/2025	\$ 140.08
SCOTT ROBINSON	101532	05/14/2025	\$ 2,900.00
Sticks and Stones Buildings	101534	05/14/2025	\$ 1,882.39
THE PARTS HOUSE	101535	05/14/2025	\$ 386.87
USBWC	101536	05/14/2025	\$ 20,819.46
Wells Fargo Card Services	101537	05/14/2025	\$ 8,033.71
Xerox Corporation	101538	05/14/2025	\$ 556.50
Southwest Gas Corporation	101533	05/14/2025	\$ 82.04

Verizon Wireless	300169	05/21/2025	\$	332.58
HomeTown Health	300164	05/28/2025	\$	7,357.83
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300165	05/28/2025	\$	209.86
CSC	101539	05/28/2025	\$	259.05
MBK Engineers	101540	05/28/2025	\$	4,307.50
Pape' Machinery Exchange	101541	05/28/2025	\$	17,136.00
Petty Cash	101542	05/28/2025	\$	200.00
Quill	101543	05/28/2025	\$	149.95
Raley's	101544	05/28/2025	\$	269.40
Woodburn & Wedge	101545	05/28/2025	\$	28,664.80
JASON MILLIGAN	101546	05/28/2025	\$	1,360.00
SCOTT ROBINSON	101547	05/28/2025	\$	1,360.00
The Ferraro Group	101548	05/28/2025	\$	7,500.00
Spectrum	300170	05/29/2025	\$	251.92
Payroll		05/15/2025	\$	21,838.90
EFTPS		05/15/2025	\$	4,186.08
Payroll		05/31/2025	\$	29,888.83
EFTPS		05/31/2025	\$	8,450.24
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	201,530.12
NFWF Submission			\$	(36,182.03)
Total District Expense			\$	165,348.09

Director GIORGI asked if NFWF had paid; Secretary HALTERMAN stated they have not paid and they owe approximately \$760,000 and the last day of the grant is June 30, 2025. Director GIORGI asked if the outstanding amount was accruing interest; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it is not. President SNYDER asked if the District has any recourse in getting the money; GM BRYAN stated there is no opportunity for recourse and the grant agreement ends on June 30th and the grant expires on September 30th. President SNYDER asked if there was any concern in receiving the outstanding balance; GM BRYAN stated there is no concern at the current juncture, but as time goes on, there is some uncomfortableness. Director GIORGI asked if the District assessments are being increased to cover the outstanding balance; GM BRYAN stated all of the expenses for the grant are reimbursable. President SNYDER asked Counsel DePAOLI if he had any comment; Council DePAOLI stated that if for any reason NFWF did not reimburse for expenses as outlined in the grant agreement, the District would have recourse, but it is unknown how long it would take. GM BRYAN stated it is not the first time they have been late on sending payments.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the bills; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated Topaz is currently at 53,710 acre-feet (90% capacity) and Bridgeport is currently at 28,930 acre-feet (68% capacity). Since the last meeting, the reservoir pools have increased significantly. Once the decree comes off of Full, GM BRYAN will work with the Water Master to calculate a re-allocation. GM BRYAN has already visited with the engineers on acceptable re-allocation numbers. There is not a lot of snow left, and the runoff is declining.

The shop crew has continued repairs and maintenance throughout the District. They are going to be replacing a failed culvert near the golf course. There is a city water main and a main gas line that goes across the pipe, so it will be a bit of a challenge.

GM BRYAN provided an update breakdown on all of the proposed legislative bills and will send an email on all of the ones that have been approved and signed.

On May 8th, NDWR held a hearing on the proposed orders on Hydrographic Basin 109 in the East Walker area. There were only a few public members in attendance and not a lot of negative feedback. It appears that the basin will be designated with the same regulations as Smith and Mason.

GM BRYAN has had several meetings over the last couple of weeks regarding the Libra Solar project, the Greenlink project, other solar reserves, data centers, and battery storage facilities. A proposed impact fee will be discussed later in the meeting. All of the proposed project reviews have been creating a lot of work for District staff. GM BRYAN stated it is important for the District to be involved in the proposals because our infrastructure is being impacted. At the current juncture, a lot of staff and legal time is being spent on the reviews, and the cost is being covered by the water right holders. GM BRYAN had a meeting last week with multiple ditch companies regarding the paving of East Walker Road. Some of the traffic for the solar project will be twice the weight of the District's excavator and transport so there is concern of the culverts failing.

On May 20th, GM BRYAN and legal counsel attended a pre-hearing conference at NDWR regarding the Singatse Peak Services protests. There was an estimated timeframe given, but nothing official has been given in writing.

On May 22nd, GM BRYAN had a meeting with WBC where they discussed their upcoming transfers for all of their water in Smith and Mason Valleys. Draft transfers have been viewed, but no final documents have been submitted.

GM BRYAN reported that the Borsini water transfer will be on the July meeting agenda for hearing and approval. The application is in the front office for review.

Vice President MASINI asked Counsel DePAOLI if the District had any liability if the outdated culverts fail when crossed. Counsel DePAOLI stated he is working with GM BRYAN on getting replacement standards set, but in the meantime, he does not think the District has any liability. GM BRYAN stated he is working on easement agreements and there is a lot of overlap with the multiple projects being proposed.

Vice President MASINI stated engineers are all over the valley checking culverts and drains. GM BRYAN stated he is aware, and he had a meeting with NDOT. A lot of the culverts are failing but they are not District owned. NDOT has a no-cut rule so if a culvert has to be replaced, it is a 5-year process to get a permit. NDOT has a budget deficit, so all projects have been put on hold, and they are talking about furloughs. Vice President MASINI stated he did not get the impression the engineers are with NDOT, they are possibly with NV Energy or other companies. Vice President MASINI stated it is a regional company and will email the information to GM BRYAN. GM BRYAN stated he had a meeting with the engineers, and he has the District engineers putting together a standard for culverts and drain lining. Vice President MASINI stated the District may get calls because they are testing flows and other things.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated he did not have an update.

E. Storage Water Transfers

Director GIORGI made a motion to accept the transfers for May 2025; Vice President MASINI offered a second. The vote was called for and the motion passed.

Vice President MASINI asked if reservoir to reservoir transfers will be allowed with the re-allocation; GM BRYAN stated it will not be allowed.

GM BRYAN stated the well motor is being repaired, so there are no well-water transfers.

6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.

Lauren BARTELS stated Smith Valley pumping is at 5,600 acre-feet (26% of goal) and Mason Valley pumping at 15,600 acre-feet (19% of goal). Lauren stated they are accepting written testimony on the East Walker Basin designation orders until the end of today. NDWR will review the testimony and then will issue the orders.

Director GIORGI asked if NDWR is still giving a 30% shrink allowance on usage; Lauren advised it is set at 30%.

7. Update by Walker basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.

Kat DOW stated they are about to open up a storage leasing option. WBC will be leasing 2500 acre-feet out of Bridgeport and 400 acre-feet out of Topaz. The auction bid form will

go live on their website on Friday June 13th at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 5:00 p.m. on June 23rd. All of Kat's contact information is listed on the form and there is a QR code on the flyer for easier access to the bid form.

Carlie HENNEMAN stated there has been a lot of turnover at NFWF and the Conservancy's funding has been slow as well.

8. Discussion and possible direction from the WRID Board regarding the proposal to purchase an 80-acre lot APN 014-081-06 owned by WRID in Wabuska.

GM BRYAN stated there is a map and an appraisal on the above property in the meeting packet. The owner of the adjacent property wants to put in a geothermal plant and needs to install a reinjection pump a certain distance from the plant and would like to purchase the District property. The appraisal submitted was \$240,000 but the offer is \$250,000. GM BRYAN is looking for direction on how to proceed from the Board at this time. GM BRYAN feels that the property value is going to increase with the proposed activity in the area. Treasurer NUTI asked if the District property was considered landlocked; GM BRYAN stated the county maps show an access road from Hwy 95a to our property, but there is no dedicated easement. Counsel DePAOLI stated it has not been researched whether the property is landlocked or not, but it appears the appraisal is low because the assumption is that the property is landlocked. President SNYDER asked if the property could be sold with the condition of having a permanent easement established; GM BRYAN stated the project leader, KJ, has indicated they want to purchase the property with no easements or agreements, but he is willing to give a presentation to the Board if needed. GM BRYAN stated he and staff could research access roads and easements before the next meeting. Vice President MASINI recommended being very cautious with proceeding based on all of the activity in the area.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to direct GM BRYAN and legal counsel to look into any and all easements relating to the property and to request a future presentation on proposed projects; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Review and discussion of preparing a regulation establishing a schedule of fees to be charged to the public and constituents for administrative assistance including, but not limited to, printing/copying documents, water right history search, document search, water right agreements, non-sale based water card ownership updates, meeting moderation & minute taking, building permit inspections, ITRC Meter Gate and Flume Design Reports, staff gauges, and non-water right holder project review impact applications.

GM BRYAN stated the proposed fees are included in the packet and would like to discuss the proposal and get any feedback before they are brought back for approval. The administrative fee schedule was discussed approximately a year ago and now has a comparison with TCID. The fees are intended to cover the expenses incurred for time spent on various requests. The proposed Infrastructure Impact Fee applies to large, proposed projects, such as the solar projects, battery storage facilities, etc., that are costing the

District constituents staff time and legal costs. There would be an application fee and a construction fee. GM BRYAN and Counsel DePAOLI gathered fee information from other irrigation districts that have similar situations and created a proposal that fits WRID. GM BRYAN stated he reached out to Lyon County about charging up front fees for the project like they do for the water right assessments, but the County is unable to collect on our behalf and recommended collecting the money at our office. Vice President MASINI requested clarification on collecting the fees from water right holders; Secretary HALTERMAN stated the impact fee would be for non-water right holders. A question was previously asked by a water right holder whether he/she would be subject to these fees if they would like to put a pipe across a ditch from one field to another and that incident would not apply to this impact fee proposal. Secretary HALTERMAN stated she could change the wording to clarify that the impact fee proposal is for non-agricultural, commercial based projects that are beyond the requirements of a general building permit. The District has already set a requirement to review all building permits within Smith Valley, Mason Valley, and the City of Yerington. There is a \$50 fee that is associated with the building permit review, but the intent of the impact fee is for the large projects that require Conditional Use Permits or any permits beyond a general building permit. Secretary HALTERMAN stated she would remove 'non-water right holder' from the language to eliminate the chance of someone purchasing a small water-righted property to avoid paying the impact fees. President SNYDER asked if there was a projection on what amount of income this fee would bring in; GM BRYAN stated that has not been considered yet. Vice President MASINI asked if the proposal would apply to projects that do not impact the infrastructure and take only a few moments to review; GM BRYAN stated that would be a case-by-case basis and this does not apply to building homes, garages, or other structures that fit into the requirement of a regular building permit. Secretary HALTERMAN stated she will work to change the language based on the discussion before bringing it back to the Board. GM BRYAN asked the Board to review the proposed fees and to provide feedback. Treasurer NUTI confirmed that the ITRC fees would be paid up front if someone wants to put in a meter gate and that amount would cover the report; GM BRYAN confirmed. Vice President MASINI stated he read the impact fee document and thought that whoever prepared it did well; GM BRYAN stated he would like the Board to review the document and give feedback if anything needs to be changed.

10. Annual review on the performance of the Walker River Irrigation District General Manager Robert C Bryan and consideration of possible adjustment in compensation.

Counsel DePAOLI stated he sent a summary of the evaluation to all the Board members but would provide a summary for the meeting. The ratings were based on the following scale: 5= excellent, performs exceptionally; 4= good, performs adequately; 3= satisfactory, meets expectations; 2= fair, performs unsatisfactory and requires supervision; and 1= unsatisfactory, fails to perform. GM BRYAN was rated as follows:

- Job Knowledge: 4.8; has extensive job knowledge and works at staying ahead of issues
- Interactions & Communications: 4.6; has strong, positive, professional skills, has enhanced the District relationships with other agencies
- Decision Making: 4.6; no comments
- Planning & Organization: 4.4; no comments

- Public Relations: 5; no comments
- Work Environment & Safety: 3.8; should be aware of safety regulations that make safety a priority
- Overall Performance: 4.8; continues to do a commendable job
- Action Plan:
 - o Area of Strength: excels in all areas of the job
 - o Area of Improvement: in light of recent OSHA inspection, safety must be a higher priority
 - o Goals: completion of OSHA requirements and assurance of safety going forward
 - o Salary Increase: range from 0-7%, average 3.8%, recommended effective date was May 2, 2025.

Director GIORGI made a motion to increase GM BRYAN's salary 5% effective on his anniversary date; Treasurer NUTI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed. All members expressed gratitude for GM BRYAN and his dedication to the District.

11. Director Comments

None presented.

12. Public Comment

Paul COSTA stated he has neighbors on the Simpson Colony Canal that are dumping horse manure in the canal, and he asked if that is why there is so much grass growing in the ditch and causing more turbidity and algae growth. He also has a neighbor that has property on each side of the canal and other neighbors are using the maintenance access road for personal use. The neighbor has installed gates on the east maintenance road and signs that say the road is for maintenance only, but people are still using the road on the west side of the canal for personal use. Paul believes the District needs to be aware and should be involved in enforcing the appropriate use of the canal and roads. GM BRYAN asked where the manure was being dumped; Paul stated is a property on the west side of the canal, a few parcels south of Day Lane.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.


Jim Snyder, President


Marcus Masini, Vice President


Richard Nuti, Treasurer


Dennis Acciari, Director


David Giorgi, Director