

# August 7, 2024

# Board Meeting

# Information

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**WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
YERINGTON, NEVADA**

**August 7, 2024  
Wednesday 10:00 A.M.**

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
of the Board of Directors of Walker River Irrigation District**

The Board of Directors of the Walker River Irrigation District will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Board meeting room at 410 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada.

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND HOSTED VIA ZOOM.**

The public may attend in person and provide public comment and also comment on Agenda items by emailing comments to [jessica@wrid.us](mailto:jessica@wrid.us). Comments received by email prior to 4:00 P.M. on August 6, 2024, will be entered into the record. Comments may also be submitted during the meeting and by participating in the Joint Zoom Meeting using the information below.

The District appreciates the public's patience and understanding during this difficult and challenging time.

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## NOTICE

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

The Board may remove or delay discussion relating to an agenda item at any time.

The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.

The meeting may be continued as deemed necessary.

Requests for supporting material provided to members of the Board, if any, can be provided electronically by a request to [jessica@wrid.us](mailto:jessica@wrid.us). Such supporting material, if any, will be posted on the Walker River Irrigation District website.

## OFFICIAL AGENDA

Action may be taken only on those items denoted **“For possible action.”**

1. **Public Comment**

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board’s jurisdiction. Public comments need not be related to any item on the Agenda. Action will not be taken on any matter raised by the public until the matter is specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

2. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

3. **Consideration of Minutes of July 8, 2024, Regular meeting. (For possible action)**

4. Water Master's report
5. Staff Reports including, but not limited to, those items listed:
  - A. Treasurer's Report
  - B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment. **(For possible action)**
  - C. Manager's Report
  - D. Legal Counsel's Report
  - E. Storage Water Leasing Program Update
  - F. Monthly Storage Transfers. **(For possible action)**
6. Update from the Division of Water Resources regarding groundwater pumping and upcoming fieldwork schedules.
7. Update by Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.
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: 3FTHF26H1VMA53479, 1997 Chevy Silverado 3500 VIN: 1GBHK34R4VF055339, and 1973 Kenworth Transport VIN: 129396, pursuant to the provisions of NRS Chapter 332. **(For possible action)**
9. Director Comments
10. Public Comment

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11. Adjournment

**WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Notice is hereby given that on August 7, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Walker River Irrigation District will conduct a meeting. The meeting will commence at 10:00 A.M. at the Walker River Irrigation District Office at 410 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada. The Official Agenda for that meeting is attached hereto and made a part of this Notice.

Date: July 31, 2024

ROBERT C. BRYAN  
Manager

I, Robert C. Bryan, WRID Manager, do hereby certify that the foregoing Agenda was duly posted on July 31, 2024, at the following locations:

Walker River Irrigation District Office, 410 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada  
Lyon County Courthouse, Main Street, Yerington, Nevada  
U.S. Post Office Bulletin Board, Main Street, Yerington, Nevada  
U.S. Post Office Bulletin Board, Highway 208, Smith, Nevada  
U.S. Post Office Bulletin Board, Highway 208, Wellington, Nevada  
Walker River Irrigation District's website (<http://www.wrid.us>)  
The Nevada Public Notice website pursuant to NRS 232.2175 (<https://notice.nv.gov>)

  
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ROBERT C. BRYAN  
Manager

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
<b>Total Bills &amp; Payroll</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>164,241.85</b>
<b>NFWF Submission</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>21,129.97</b>
<b>Total District Expenses</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>143,111.88</b>

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, and depending on the responses, replies are due October 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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Jim Snyder, President

ABSENT  
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Marcus Masini, Vice President

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Richard Nuti, Treasurer

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Dennis Acciari, Director

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David Giorgi, Director

**Walker River Irrigation District**  
**July 2024 Storage Water Transfers**

DATE	TRANSFEROR			River Section		TRANSFeree		FROM	TO
	USER #	CARD #	AC FT	FROM	TO	USER #	CARD #	USER NAME	USER NAME
7/1/2024	3538	60129	0.2220	WEST	WEST	1500	37956	Miklta	Oxsen
7/1/2024	1991	52080	0.3120	WEST	WEST	1500	37956	Stevens	Oxsen
7/1/2024	2944	59512	0.5148	WEST	WEST	2180	56100	Houghton	Weaver
7/1/2024	4013	60894	0.4806	WEST	MAIN	4075	60795	Guarneros	Jacobs
7/1/2024	4013	60894	0.4734	EAST	MAIN	4075	60795	Guarneros	Jacobs
7/1/2024	4188	60916	0.3057	EAST	EAST	529	12594	Thomas	Peri
7/1/2024	4189	60917	0.0772	EAST	EAST	529	12594	Thomas	Peri
7/1/2024	3029	59654	0.5056	WEST	MAIN	393	8849	Hyne	Circle Bar N
7/1/2024	3029	59654	0.4981	EAST	MAIN	393	8849	Hyne	Circle Bar N
7/1/2024	2369	59209	1.2849	EAST	EAST	201	4815	Chisolm	Bowden
7/1/2024	2705	50065	0.0633	WEST	WEST	3621	60271	Smith Valley His	Hanson
7/1/2024	1020	25201	2.7453	WEST	MAIN	845	20151	Hunewill	Gorigi
7/1/2024	1020	25201	1.3730	EAST	MAIN	845	20151	Hunewill	Gorigi
7/1/2024	160	3790	0.0374	EAST	EAST	162	3791	Bitler	Bitler
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7/1/2024	4021	60729	0.0594	WEST	MAIN	1811	59126	Menesini	Sceirine
7/1/2024	4021	60729	0.0586	EAST	MAIN	1911	59126	Menesini	Sceirine
7/1/2024	2393	59658	0.3603	WEST	WEST	2828	59321	Costa	Day 100
7/1/2024	4161	60888	0.8236	EAST	EAST	3040	59666	Freemen	Bakos
7/1/2024	3517	60116	0.0604	WEST	WEST	4301	61077	Rutherford	Farias
7/1/2024	1707	41228	1.9040	EAST	EAST	700	60980	Whisperingt Riv	Frade
7/1/2024	1707	41229	34.3260	EAST	EAST	700	60980	Whisperingt Riv	Frade
7/1/2024	1707	56323	80.7557	EAST	EAST	700	60980	Whisperingt Riv	Frade
7/1/2024	1704	56324	91.7226	EAST	EAST	525	12490	Whisperingt Riv	Desert Pearl
7/1/2024	2979	59578	3.07170	WEST	EAST	2050	54000	Kinkaid	Ward
7/1/2024	2979	59578	1.5128	WEST	EAST	2050	54000	Kinkaid	Ward
7/2/2024	1811	59128	26.3340	WEST	MAIN	3734	60598	Sceirine Ranch	SE Properties
7/2/2024	1811	59128	13.2660	EAST	MAIN	3734	60598	Sceirine Ranch	SE Properties
7/3/2024	1033	59315	29.6523	WEST	WEST	1162	29213	Hutchins	Lekumberry
7/3/2024	3888	60611	7.2277	WEST	WEST	1162	29213	Moody	Lekumberry
7/6/2024	1918	50702	16.0000	EAST	EAST	2846	59337	Snyder	Snyder
7/8/2024	3801	60528	5.0697	WEST	WEST	650	16200	Ferranto	Fenili
7/8/2024	2694	28091	8.0000	WEST	WEST	2846	59337	LJ LAnd	Snyder
7/8/2024	2694	28091	62.0725	WEST	WEST	3745	60441	LJ Land	LJ Land
7/9/2024	3974	60809	100.0000	EAST	EAST	3971	60659	Little	Little
7/15/2024	776	18703	200.0000	WEST	WEST	773	18706	Fulstone	Fulstone
7/15/2024	2885	59585	3.8550	EAST	EAST	2107	54960	Smith	Tomac
7/15/2024	2885	60782	6.7520	EAST	EAST	2107	54960	Smith	Tomac
7/15/2024	819	19660	10.0255	WEST	WEST	1010	24507	Gattuso	Hunewill
7/15/2024	3748	60565	10.0000	WEST	WEST	1235	59399	Stavang	Marriott
7/16/2024	1326	34708	75.0000	EAST	EAST	1920	50301	Snyder	Snyder
7/16/2024	1326	34708	75.0000	EAST	EAST	1270	32200	Snyder	Snyder

7/16/2024	1918	50505	75.0000	EAST	EAST	2588	28090	Snyder	LJ Land
7/18/2024	3767	60535	74.0198	EAST	MAIN	1400	36800	WBC	NDOW
7/18/2024	3767	60536	73.7048	EAST	MAIN	1400	36800	WBC	NDOW
7/18/2024	3767	60537	37.2693	EAST	MAIN	1400	36800	WBC	NDOW
7/18/2024	3767	60538	23.0461	EAST	MAIN	1400	36800	WBC	NDOW
7/18/2024	2858	60095	71.3142	EAST	EAST	700	16904	Desert Pearl	Frade
7/19/2024	2858	60096	63.8196	EAST	EAST	700	16904	Desert Pearl	Frade
7/23/2024	1916	50194	50.0000	EAST	EAST	1270	32100	Snyder	Snyder
7/23/2024	1918	50204	50.0000	EAST	EAST	1920	50301	Snyder	Snyder
7/24/2024	1143	28313	83.3285	EAST	EAST	1153	28910	L'Abbe	Lantana
7/26/2024	4288	61062	1.1100	WEST	WEST	2747	59164	Smith	Smith

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