

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on January 7, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the District Board Room, 410 N. Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President SNYDER.

Staff 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

Public Present:

Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Carly Venghaus, NDWR	Carlie Henneman, WBC
Dave Hockaday, BOCC		

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All 5 members were present.

3. Consideration of Minutes of December 8, 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 was at 37,000 acre-feet (64% capacity) and Topaz was at 36,820 (61% capacity). A small snowstorm is expected this evening and then it is dry from there. The current SWE is at 134% of average for this morning. Leavitt Meadows has 91" of snow, but only 26.7" of water. Joanne is hoping to get more snow. She is delivering 15cfs of stock water systemwide.

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

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of December 31, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 306,590.63
Cash in Money Market	\$ 2,177,769.81
Cash in CDs	\$ 833,468.06
Total	\$ 3,317,828.50

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journals
December 2025 Bills & Payroll

Payee	Check No.	Date		Amount
Spectrum Business	300277	12/01/2025	\$	251.92
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	300278	12/02/2025	\$	401.00
California Dept of Fish and Wildlife	101725	12/02/2025	\$	4,146.25
MacCabe, Shawn	101726	12/02/2025	\$	4,000.00
Spaeth Technologies Inc.	300279	12/03/2025	\$	402.50
PRIMO Brands	300280	12/10/2025	\$	104.33
Southwest Gas Corporation	300281	12/10/2025	\$	148.46
PrimePay	300282	12/10/2025	\$	208.84
City of Yerington	101712	12/12/2025	\$	192.37
JASON MILLIGAN	101713	12/12/2025	\$	950.00
Lyon County Recorder	101714	12/12/2025	\$	20.00
NV Energy	101715	12/12/2025	\$	41.84
NWRA	101716	12/12/2025	\$	200.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	101717	12/12/2025	\$	14.01
Raley's	101718	12/12/2025	\$	255.85
SCOTT ROBINSON	101719	12/12/2025	\$	950.00
USPS	101720	12/12/2025	\$	260.00
Wells Fargo Card Services Payment	101721	12/12/2025	\$	933.35
Xerox Corporation	101722	12/12/2025	\$	221.05
Xerox Financial Services	101723	12/12/2025	\$	30.22
Yerington Ready Mix	101724	12/12/2025	\$	320.66
PERS Administrative Fund	101727	12/12/2025	\$	13,089.86
Public Employees' Benefits Prog	101728	12/12/2025	\$	870.23
AT&T	300283	12/15/2025	\$	91.35
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300269	12/17/2025	\$	209.86
NV Energy	300284	12/17/2025	\$	180.04
Verizon Wireless	300285	12/22/2025	\$	334.33
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300267	12/24/2025	\$	209.86
John Deere Financial Leasing	300268	12/25/2025	\$	6,567.83
HomeTown Health	300264	12/29/2025	\$	7,129.00
HomeTown Health	300265	12/29/2025	\$	1,969.00
Pitney Bowes Global Financial	300266	12/29/2025	\$	225.46
Spectrum Business	300286	12/29/2025	\$	251.92

Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	101729	12/29/2025	\$	1,391.32
D & S Waste Removal	101730	12/29/2025	\$	203.64
GANNETT NEVADA-UTAH LOCALiQ	101731	12/29/2025	\$	254.12
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101732	12/29/2025	\$	1,076.37
NV Energy	101733	12/29/2025	\$	31.92
RAIN FOR RENT	101734	12/29/2025	\$	128,697.19
Standard Insurance Company	101735	12/29/2025	\$	548.69
The Ferraro Group	101736	12/29/2025	\$	7,500.00
THE PARTS HOUSE	101737	12/29/2025	\$	14.24
Woodburn & Wedge	101738	12/29/2025	\$	36,497.45
Quill	101739	12/29/2025	\$	139.07
Payroll		12/15/2025	\$	11,539.70
EFTPS		12/15/2025	\$	1,974.55
Payroll		12/31/2025	\$	24,267.59
EFTPS		12/31/2025	\$	4,609.88
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	263,927.12

Director GIORGI asked if pictures were taken of the setup from Rain for Rent; GM BRYAN stated lots of pictures were taken.

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 the current USGS gage readings were in the packet. Topaz was currently at 36,790 acre-feet (61% capacity) and Bridgeport was currently at 37,040 acre-feet (64% capacity). Since November 1st, 17,170 acre-feet have been stored in Topaz, and 10,490 acre-feet have been stored in Bridgeport.

The shop crew has continued with regular repairs and maintenance in Smith Valley. GM BRYAN hopes to move the excavators tomorrow and the crew will begin repairs on East Walker and the Drains before returning to Smith Valley in March to work on the Colony Ditch.

On December 9th, California Division of Safety Dams performed the inspection of the Bridgeport outlet tube. The pumps were set up ahead of the inspection and worked perfectly. For the inspection, the gates were closed completely, and a crew inspected the discharge tube. There were a lot of pictures and a video taken to assess any damage or concerns. A camera was used to look at the temporary patch on the southeast corner of the gatehouse. There was no indication of any repairs needed other than the temporary patch needing a permanent repair. GM BRYAN will share the report once it is received. Dr. Styles is going to start a draft memo on the permanent repair that will be shared with California Safety Dams.

On December 15th, Nevada Safety Dams performed the inspection at Topaz Reservoir. They visited the diversion, spillway, gatehouse, and discharge tube. The final report has not been received but the initial indication was that everything looked good.

On January 5th, the Lyon County Board of County Commissioners discussed the Winston Solar PUD request at their board meeting. The PUD is a completely different process than what was proposed before. The Commissioners voted to extend the item for 90 days while more information is obtained. GM BRYAN has been in contact with the project representatives due to the project impacting the Nelson Drain.

Also on January 5th, the City of Yerington held a public workshop on the Libra Solar agreement to lease groundwater. The agreement is for 500 acre-feet annually from the Cremetti Well for dust suppression and construction support. There are a few discontent people on East Walker who are opposed to the overall project, but no other opposition was stated regarding the agreement. GM BRYAN met with several impacted ditch companies regarding the crossings. There was a proposal to replace the culverts, but SB Energy is not willing to replace them. There are steel plates over the crossings to protect the infrastructure. Jump bridges will be installed once the heavier equipment and items will be transported.

On January 29th at 10:00am, there is a public status conference hearing on the Singatse Peak Services application in the Tahoe Room at NDWR. GM BRYAN will give an update on the hearing at the February meeting.

District staff have been communicating with NDOT on the preliminary construction plans for resurfacing Hwy 95a-East. There are several canal and drain crossings and it is still unclear if NDOT is going to pay to replace them. The project is scheduled to go out to bid on March 18th. GM BRYAN would like to get all of the users impacted by the project as well as the Ditch Riders to discuss a plan for water delivery.

GM BRYAN will be attending the NDWR annual conference in Las Vegas during the week of February 2nd.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI was absent but advised GM BRYAN that he had nothing to report.

6. Presentation and Consideration of FY 2024-2025 Audit Report by Sciarani & Co.

Secretary HALTERMAN requested the item be tabled to next month as she was unable to get the auditors some of the information they have requested. Secretary HALTERMAN stated the auditors have stated the report is close to being final, but there are a couple outstanding areas that need to be finalized.

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

Lauren BARTELS introduced Carly Venghaus as the new Basin Specialist for the Dayton/Eagle Valley/Walker River areas. Lauren and Carly will be doing field work tomorrow and will be collecting water levels in mid-February. The annual meeting dates and times will be set soon. Lauren stated Adam Sullivan is no longer the State Engineer and Chris Thorson is filling the role until a new person is appointed.

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

Carlie HENNEMAN stated the Conservancy is working to sell 530 acres of the Willow Stay property. The process will be public and will be posted in the next few weeks. The Conservancy will be giving consideration to purchasers who want to bring water back to the property and keep it in agriculture.

Treasurer NUTI confirmed the Conservancy's intention was for someone to transfer water from another piece of land to this property therefore drying up the other piece; Carlie stated the land they are selling is good ag land, and they are thinking that someone may not have as good of land as this and the water could be transferred to this good piece.

GM BRYAN stated the District was working with NFWF several years ago on potentially gifting the District a piece of land in Smith Valley to expand our infrastructure. He inquired whether any of this land could be considered for that purpose; Carlie stated the Conservancy is open to discussions.

Carlie stated Kat is no longer with the Conservancy.

9. Discussion and consideration pursuant to Walker River Irrigation District Regulation No. 6A Sections 6A.6 and 6A.7 of Application No. FM-375 of Hardesty Family Trust, of Mason Valley, Nevada, made for permission to permanently change the point of diversion and place of use of 5.1686 acre-feet of stored water from Topaz Reservoir heretofore apportioned by the Walker River Irrigation District to APN 04-391-02 presently diverted from the West Walker into the D&GW Ditch within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, T. 11N., R. 25E3, MDM. The proposed new place of use is APN 012-0411-11, and the proposed new point of diversion is from the West Walker River by a river pump located within NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, T. 11N., R. 25E., MDM.
GM BRYAN stated the publication and response periods for the transfer have been fulfilled. The water right will be transferred from the D&GW ditch to a river pump off of the Tunnel Section. There will be a meter that will be read by the USBWC staff. The ordering of water will follow the 2-day out requirement.

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

10. Director Comments

None presented.

11. Public Comment

None presented.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director

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