

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on November 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.

Staff Present:

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

Public Present:

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

Public Present via Zoom:

None

1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Director ACCIARI was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of October 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 stated the season went smoothly. The reservoirs ended with 33% in Topaz and 38% in Bridgeport. Over the last 7 days, 690 acre-feet has been stored in Topaz and 430 acre-feet has been stored in Bridgeport and Joanne hopes the storage continues. There is 20 cfs of stock water being delivered in Smith Valley and on the East. Director GIORGI asked if Poor Lake was off; Joanne confirmed it was.

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

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of October 31, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 192,591.15
Cash in Money Market	\$ 1,716,400.32

Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 828,900.62</u>
Total	\$ 2,737,892.09

Secretary HALTERMAN reported that the final NFWF reimbursement for expenses up to June 30, 2025, had been received. There is still \$486,000 outstanding for the NRCS/USDA grant, and approximately \$175,000 due to the District from NDEM. With the government shutdown, all of the funds are on hold from USDA and NDEM.

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

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
Giomi, Inc.	101681	10/07/2025	\$ 73.74
MacCabe, Shawn	101682	10/07/2025	\$ 4,000.00
MBK Engineers	101683	10/07/2025	\$ 6,319.50
Purchase Power / Pitney Bowes	101684	10/07/2025	\$ 451.50
Sticks and Stones Building Material	101685	10/07/2025	\$ 57.09
Wells Fargo Card Services	101686	10/07/2025	\$ 338.54
Xerox Corporation	101687	10/07/2025	\$ 203.90
Carson Pump	300217	10/09/2025	\$ 11,198.00
City of Yerington	300218	10/09/2025	\$ 119.67
Jim Menesini Petroleum	300219	10/09/2025	\$ 394.89
NV Energy	300220	10/09/2025	\$ 275.83
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	300221	10/09/2025	\$ 293.29
Quill	300222	10/09/2025	\$ 226.42
Xerox Financial Services	300223	10/09/2025	\$ 30.22
Southwest Gas Corporation	300232	10/09/2025	\$ 37.36
AT&T	300215	10/13/2025	\$ 91.29
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	300224	10/14/2025	\$ 1,391.32
Mono County Tax Collector	300225	10/14/2025	\$ 40,994.90
Lyon County Recorder	101688	10/14/2025	\$ 52.57
MF Barcellos	101689	10/14/2025	\$ 1,478.12
PERS Administrative Fund	101690	10/14/2025	\$ 13,786.33
USBWC	101691	10/14/2025	\$ 66,192.08
Petty Cash	101692	10/14/2025	\$ 500.00
Public Employees' Benefits Program	101693	10/14/2025	\$ 2,610.69
Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool	300237	10/21/2025	\$ 5,877.00
Verizon Wireless	300228	10/22/2025	\$ 334.33
John Deere Financial Leasing	300231	10/25/2025	\$ 6,567.83
Spectrum Business	300230	10/27/2025	\$ 251.92

HomeTown Health	300234	10/28/2025	\$	4,429.92
HomeTown Health	300235	10/28/2025	\$	2,927.91
Southwest Gas Corporation	300233	10/29/2025	\$	56.90
Raley's	101694	10/30/2025	\$	123.19
Standard Insurance Company	101695	10/30/2025	\$	211.21
The Ferraro Group (2 months)	101696	10/30/2025	\$	15,000.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101697	10/30/2025	\$	49,226.62
MBK Engineers	101698	10/30/2025	VOID	
Payroll		10/15/2025	\$	10,037.58
EFTPS		10/15/2025	\$	1,730.48
Payroll		10/31/2025	\$	31,288.64
EFTPS		10/31/2025	\$	8,550.85
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	287,731.63

Director GIORGI asked if the Carson Pump bill was everything that was owed for fixing the well; GM BRYAN stated that bill included all work.

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 the current USGS gage readings were in the packet. Topaz was currently at 20,290 acre-feet (34% capacity) and Bridgeport was currently at 17,000 acre-feet (40% capacity). Since November 1st, 670 acre-feet has been stored in Topaz, and 450 acre-feet has been stored in Bridgeport.

The shop crew has continued routine repair and maintenance. The crews have started to burn on the Colony and Saroni Canals. The Colony was completed before stock water was turned on, and the burning on the Saroni is occurring between wind and other weather changes. During the week of the 17th, the crew will be working on a small project on the Blanchard property on the tunnel section of the West Walker. They will be assisting the Conservation District in repairing bank erosion.

After the October 7th meeting, GM BRYAN attended the Walker Watershed Workshop in Smith Valley. GM BRYAN emailed the presentation and notes to the Board for review. There will be follow-up meetings and workshops scheduled for the future and GM BRYAN will keep the Board informed of the dates.

On October 8th, the Saroni and Colony Canals held their annual meetings. The meetings went well. Lists for repair and maintenance were made and the budget and assessment recommendations were set.

On October 20th, GM BRYAN met with Lyon County Emergency Management in Hoyo Canyon to view and assess the sluffing problem. They walked a few draws and

properties obtaining GPS locations, measurements, and photos for the Emergency Manager to work on a solution. For several years, the material has come down the draws and entered the canals and roadways in the area.

GM BRYAN attended the USCID conference in Reno from October 21st through 24th. The last day included a tour of the Walker River. The tour started at the Topaz gatehouse. The attendees viewed the gates and discharge tube before heading to Yerington. They visited the Spragg Ditch headworks before coming to the office for lunch and to view pictures of District projects. They were impressed with the modernization of the District.

GM BRYAN stated there was a copy of an appraisal agreement with Johnson, Perkins, and Griffin for the three Wabuska properties. The total for all three properties was \$10,000 and the report should be back to the District within 45-60 days. President SNYDER asked if it were advisable to share with the people interested in buying; GM BRYAN stated he will address it however the Board would like him to.

GM BRYAN stated there will be a presentation at the December meeting from Nick Buckmaster with California Department of Fish & Wildlife. Nick will be presenting on the golden mussel concern in the reservoirs.

GM BRYAN reported that an application for permanent change of Newlands water from Gary Hardesty will be on the December agenda. Mr. Hardesty is moving Newland water from a ditch on the Tunnel Section and putting it on his property on the river. Vice President MASINI asked if it was his personal residence; GM BRYAN stated it was for his house on the river.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI reported that the State Engineer process on the Anaconda Pit de-watering application has been moved to a new status conference in January, February, or March 2026. The status conference is to see how it proceeds going forward.

E. Storage Water Transfers

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

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

Lauren BARTELS reported that the Smith Valley pumping amount is close to 23,000 acre-feet and their goal was 21,600 acre-feet. Mason Valley has pumped close to 75,000 acre-feet and the goal is 84,200 acre-feet.

Lauren and her crew were out doing water level measurements this week. Preliminary measurements show a 2-8' decline in most of Mason and Smith Valleys. The northern part of Mason Valley showed a 12-20' decline and the Smith Valley Artesia Area showed a 15-

20' decline. The preliminary measurements in the fall are not informative; the spring levels are more informative and give a better picture of the ground water rebound as there are still wells pumping. Lauren will be performing inventory on wells that do not have to report and those who are supposed to report but have not. NDWR pushed out an update on the user's database that should allow readings to be reported on a mobile device. Director GIORGI stated the new site is confusing.

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

Carlie HENNEMAN reported that the Walker Watershed Group will have their initial assessment report out in the next month and it will be available for review.

8. Director Comments

None presented.

9. Public Comment

None presented.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

ABSENT
Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director