

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

Present:

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

Public Present:

Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Carly Venghaus, NDWR	LD Bowden, SVMVCD
Carlie Henneman, WBC	Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Judith Harker

Public Present via Zoom:

200-4888

1. Public Comment

Judith Harker wanted to invite everyone to the HudBay Open house on Tuesday August 18, 2026, from 6-8pm at the Smith Valley Community Hall. Ms. Harker provided flyers for those interested. There is a QR code on the flyer where citizens can submit questions and comments ahead of the meeting in hopes that the input will be included in the open house information. Ms. Harker stated there has been a lot of exploratory drilling occurring. The Citizens to Protect Smith Valley have a neutral stance on the project and would like to see the resources protected. The group currently has an MOU with HudBay for collecting baseline and hydrologic data. The initial timeline given by HudBay was at least 20-years before any work would start, but new information is that the first ore cars and blasting could begin as soon as 9-years from now. Ms. Harker requested that attendees wear something that says 'Smith Valley' as a lot of information and focus has been geared toward Mason Valley, but the mine will impact Smith Valley significantly.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Treasurer NUTI was absent.

3. Consideration of Minutes of the July 7, 2026, 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 stated the Bridgeport pool is at 28,560 acre-feet (67% capacity) and the Topaz pool is at 34,980 acre-feet (58% capacity). The decree is Tribe only as of today. The delivery is 300cfs and there is over 30% loss on the East. President SNYDER asked if the loss is worse this year compared to last year; GM BRYAN stated last year was worse. Joanne stated that once the orders drop, the losses will increase to 40-50%.

5. Staff Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report

Secretary HALTERMAN reported as of July 31, 2026:

Cash in Checking	\$ 113,730.98
Cash in Money Market	\$1,883,046.25
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 848,422.03</u>
Total	\$2,845,199.26

Secretary HALTERMAN stated a current Net Position report was provided in the packet.

B. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment

Cash Disbursement Journals

Bills & Payroll July 2026

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
HomeTown Health	300353	7/13/2026	\$ 8,488.00
Pitney Bowes Global	300354	7/13/2026	\$ 213.42
PrimePay	300355	7/13/2026	\$ 250.06
PRIMO Brands	300356	7/13/2026	\$ 31.38
Purchase Power	300357	7/13/2026	\$ 603.75
Spaeth Technologies	300358	7/13/2026	\$ 402.50
Vision Service Plan	300359	7/13/2026	\$ 209.86
Ameritas Life Insurance	101907	7/13/2026	\$ 1,446.37
CDWR	101908	7/13/2026	\$ 19,936.00
City of Yerington	101909	7/13/2026	\$ 119.67
D & S Waste Removal	101910	7/13/2026	\$ 203.64
Jim Menesini Petro	101911	7/13/2026	\$ 4,928.91
John Deere Credit	101912	7/13/2026	\$ 524.16
Local Gov't EMRB	101913	7/13/2026	\$ 40.25
Lyon County Recorder	101914	7/13/2026	\$ 75.75
MF Barcellos	101915	7/13/2026	\$ 3,705.37
NV Energy	101916	7/13/2026	\$ 374.95
O'Reilly Automotive,	101917	7/13/2026	\$ 44.60

PEBP	101918	7/13/2026	\$	675.23
Quill	101919	7/13/2026	\$	129.09
Standard Insurance	101920	7/13/2026	\$	248.59
THE PARTS HOUSE	101921	7/13/2026	\$	1,023.27
USBWC	101922	7/13/2026	\$	33,763.00
USI Insurance Services	101923	7/13/2026	\$	42,096.39
AT&T	300364	7/14/2026	\$	91.50
NPAIP	300365	7/20/2026	\$	4,615.00
Verizon Wireless	300366	7/21/2026	\$	334.28
Quill	300367	7/23/2026	\$	298.45
HomeTown Health	300360	7/28/2026	\$	8,488.00
John Deere Financial	300361	7/28/2026	\$	6,567.83
Southwest Gas	300362	7/28/2026	\$	37.13
Vision Service Plan	300363	7/28/2026	\$	209.86
Blackbaud Inc	101924	7/28/2026	\$	12,284.24
Champion Chevrolet	101925	7/28/2026	\$	65,162.25
CSC	101926	7/28/2026	\$	175.00
Lyon County Treasurer	101927	7/28/2026	\$	3,269.63
New Gen Automotive	101928	7/28/2026	\$	469.98
Quill	101929	7/28/2026	\$	57.58
Standard Insurance	101930	7/28/2026	\$	248.59
USBWC	101931	7/28/2026	\$	11,704.00
WRID	101932	7/28/2026	\$	695.76
Wild West Pest Mgmt	101933	7/28/2026	\$	190.00
Woodburn & Wedge	101934	7/28/2026	\$	28,835.00
Xerox Financial Svcs	101935	7/28/2026	\$	929.63
The Ferraro Group	101936	7/28/2026	\$	7,500.00
Spectrum Business	300368	7/29/2026	\$	260.79
PAYROLL		7/15/2026	\$	13,337.30
EFTPS		7/15/2026	\$	2,391.98
PAYROLL		7/31/2026	\$	37,786.74
EFTPS		7/31/2026	\$	8,969.22
Total Bills & Payroll			\$	334,443.95

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

Director GIORGI asked what the California Water Resources payment was for; Secretary HALTERMAN stated it is the annual assessment for our California water rights. Vice President MASINI asked if the new truck was gas or diesel; GM BRYAN stated it was gas.

C. Manager's Report

GM BRYAN stated there is a breakdown of the USGS gages in the packet. Topaz is currently at 35,000 acre-feet (58% capacity) and Bridgeport is currently at 28,560 acre-feet (67% capacity). There are around 24,813 acre-feet on the West and 19,011 acre-feet on East to deliver.

The shop crew continues to do regularly scheduled repairs and maintenance. They did complete the repairs and maintenance on the Wabuska drain and have been spraying in various locations.

On July 22nd, GM BRYAN attended a stakeholder meeting with DWR and other stakeholders regarding the State Water Plan. It was a good discussion, and GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated on future meetings.

The Lyon County Commissioners held a data center ordinance workshop on August 3rd. The workshop was well attended, and the staff were given directions on what needed to be changed. The ordinance will come back to the Commissioners at a later date.

The Copia Power application to change to a PUD for the Monarch Data Center was approved yesterday at the Lyon County Commissioner meeting. There was a lot of public comment and input, and the item was approved with a 3-1 vote. GM BRYAN is working with Copia Power on this and other projects and will keep the Board updated on any progress.

Nevada Safety Dams will be performing an inspection at Topaz on August 11th.

As mentioned earlier, HudBay will be hosting an open house on August 18th from 6-8pm at the Smith Valley Community Hall. GM BRYAN will attend and will give an update at the next meeting.

GM BRYAN will be attending the USCID conference in Reno from October 20th through the 23rd.

Vice President MASINI asked for an update on the fall repairs on the Bridgeport Gatehouse; GM BRYAN stated the District has not received the report from California Safety Dams. Param was delayed in India right after the inspection but stated he would send the report 2-3 months ago. GM BRYAN stated he is not pushing for a report, but the District will need to contract the work out and will need time to contact the contractors and get the required bids. Until the District knows exactly what the report will require for repairs, it is difficult to proceed with

anything. The District's engineers have a report ready, but the finality depends on the report from California Safety Dams. Within the next 4-5 years, California Safety Dams will require the District to fix the spillway, but that has not been addressed in a formal report as of yet. Grants will be pursued for the spillway repair as it will be expensive.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated there was another round of Singatse applications. There are now additional protestants on the new applications including Mineral County & Walker Lake Working Group, Great Basin Watch, the Sierra Club, and another entity. Counsel has not heard anything more from the State Engineer's Office on how they want to proceed.

E. Storage Water Transfers

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the July transfers; 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 stated Smith Valley has pumped 10,800 acre-feet (44% of goal and approximately 1,000 acre-feet more than last year at this time), Mason Valley has pumped 41,000 acre-feet (45% of goal and approximately 4,000 acre-feet less than this time last year), and East Walker has pumped 1450 acre-feet.

Vice President MASINI asked what the goal was for East Walker; Lauren stated there is not enough data to realistically set a goal, but she could look the data they do have and try to work with it. Carlie HENNEMAN asked if there was long term data; Lauren stated there is some historical data, but the reporting had not been consistent.

Vice President MASINI stated he was looking at the spring report, and the pumping goal was around 84,000 acre-feet and the total number pumped on the report was around 83,000, but the online interactive map shows Mason Valley pumped only 67,000 acre-feet. Lauren stated she will check on the inconsistency, but it may have to do with the pumping goal including all wells in the aquifer and the interactive map is showing irrigation wells. Vice President MASINI asked if the 83,000 on the presentation could be broken down into type of wells (i.e., geothermal, agriculture, etc.). Lauren stated it should be easy to provide that breakdown.

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 reminded everyone that the leasing auction closes on Monday. The Conservancy is hosting their annual Under a Nevada Sky on September 12th in Genoa. Carlie provided information cards on the event.

8. Director Comments

President SNYDER suggested looking into the possibility of Lyon County, City of Yerington, WRID, and the State engineer providing a public meeting on the types of water rights. There is a large lack of understanding of water rights and how they are regulated. President SNYDER requested that WRID assist in working with the other entities to get factual information to the public. Vice President MASINI and Director GIORGI agreed with the suggestion as there are a lot of misunderstandings right now. GM BRYAN stated the District has hosted water right meetings that were well attended and the public was able to ask questions.

9. Public Comment

None presented.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

ABSENT

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director