



State Water Resources Control Board

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Walker River Irrigation District c/o Angela Bezzone MBK Engineers 455 University Ave., Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95825 Email: bezzone@mbkengineers.com

Dear Ms. Bezzone:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOTICING AND PUBLICATION OF PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY TRANSFER AND CHANGE INVOLVING WATER RIGHT LICENSES 6000 AND 9407 (APPLICATIONS 2221 AND 1389) OF WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT IN MONO COUNTY

The petitions for temporary transfer and change involving instream flow dedication have been determined to be complete. Please note that you are not authorized to divert or use water in a manner proposed by these petitions, and not already authorized under your water rights, until an order has been issued for the project. This letter identifies requirements for public notice with which petitioner must comply; it is not intended to serve as a list of all applicable noticing requirements, including those with which the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) must comply.

The California Water Code requires that the petitioner provide public notice of the petition for temporary transfer, and that the State Water Board provide the petitioner a public notice of the petition (enclosed) and a list of water right holders on file with the State Water Board who may be affected by the transfer. The Walker River is an interstate stream and as such, the downstream right holders in both California and Nevada must be notified. The State Water Board has downstream records for water right holders in California and that mailing list is enclosed. However, the petitioner will be required to obtain a list of all downstream diverters in Nevada to provide notice to those parties.

The enclosed notice is to be copied and mailed to the attached mailing list and the downstream water right holders in Nevada immediately and no later than November 22, 2021.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Licenses 6000 and 9407 involve waters of the Walker River adjudicated by the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in the federal Walker River Decree *(United States of America v. Walker River Irrigation District*, Case In Equity, C-125). Thus, in addition to applicable California law, the change petitions must be processed in accordance with the Amended Administrative Rules and Regulations adopted by the federal district court in Case No. C-125, as amended through June 3, 1996. Therefore, you are directed to have the public notice published, five times during a period of four consecutive weeks, in each of the newspapers listed below, commencing no later than November 22, 2021 and ending on or before December 20, 2021.

The Record-Courier 1503 Highway 395, Suite G Gardenerville, NV 89410

Mason Valley News 41 North Main Street Yerington, NV 89447

Mammoth & Eastern Sierra Times Sierra Center Mall, 452 Old Mammoth Rd. P.O. Box 3929 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Mineral County Independent-News 501 D Street, P.O. Box 1270 Hawthorne, NV 89415

Please note that the Mineral County Independent-News publishes once a week.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO COMMENCE PUBLICATION ON OR BEFORE THE REQUIRED DATE WILL MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HAVE A REVISED NOTICE PUBLISHED. The expense of publication is to be paid by the petitioner.

You must file with the State Water Board, the United States Board of Water Commissioners, and the Nevada State Engineer, proof of publication within 30 days after the final date of publication of the last published notice, and no later than by January 19, 2022. Proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper, attached to a copy of the notice, as published. Should you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact Kate Gaffney by e-mail at kathryn.gaffney@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondences or inquiries should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Kate Gaffney, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Scott McFarland, Senior WRCE Petitions and Licensing Unit Division of Water Rights

Enclosure: Notice

cc: United States Board of Water Commissioners 410 N. Main Street Yerington, NV 89447

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