

A meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on September 8, 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
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Jessica HALTERMAN	Secretary
Sandy NEVILLE	Water Rights Specialist
Gordon DePAOLI	Legal Counsel
Dale FERGUSON	Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Lauren Bartels, NDWR	Joanne Sarkisian, USBWC	Carlie Henneman, WBC
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Public Present via Zoom:

Isaac Metcalf	775-200-4888
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1. Public Comment

None presented.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

All Directors were present.

3. Consideration of Minutes of August 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

Treasurer NUTI requested to correct the spelling of Poore Lake on page 1.

Director GIORGI made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; 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 17,040 acre-feet (40%) and Topaz was at 25,470 acre-feet (42%). The decree on the East is 1861 and an 1862 everywhere else. Joanne stated she is delivering 144cs systemwide and that the only decree being delivered was 7cfs in the upper reaches; everything else is storage water. The ditches are up and running, the river has plenty of water, and Joanne is trying to hold pools for later water requests. Vice President MASINI asked where all of the sediment was coming from; Joanne stated storms are keeping the water muddy.

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

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer NUTI reported as of August 31, 2025:

Cash in Checking	\$ 97,187.22
Cash in Money Market	\$ 674,077.34
Cash in CDs	<u>\$ 824,359.15</u>
Total	\$ 1,595,623.71

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

Payee	Check No.	Date	Amount
Ameritas Life Insurance	101627	08/07/2025	\$ 1,391.32
D & S Waste Removal	101628	08/07/2025	\$ 24.00
Jim Menesini Petroleum	101629	08/07/2025	\$ 829.18
Lyon County Recorder	101630	08/07/2025	\$ 22.00
MacCabe, Shawn	101631	08/07/2025	\$ 6,000.00
Sierra Office Solutions	101632	08/07/2025	\$ 186.45
Sierra Rental and Transport	101633	08/07/2025	\$ 929.36
Blackbaud Inc	101634	08/07/2025	\$ 1,374.29
PrimePay	300200	08/11/2025	\$ 231.20
AT&T	300201	08/11/2025	\$ 86.27
Cody O'Brien	101635	08/13/2025	\$ 6,000.00
KB HAULING LLC	101636	08/13/2025	\$ 500.00
Pitney Bowes Global	300194	08/14/2025	\$ 248.42
Vision Service Plan - Nevada	300195	08/14/2025	\$ 209.86
City of Yerington	101637	08/14/2025	\$ 100.26
Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	101638	08/14/2025	\$ 5,800.50
MacLeod Watts Inc	101639	08/14/2025	\$ 1,800.00
MF Barcellos	101640	08/14/2025	\$ 1,740.63
NV Energy	101641	08/14/2025	\$ 430.33
PERS Administrative Fund	101642	08/14/2025	\$ 14,113.08
Purchase Power / Pitney	101643	08/14/2025	\$ 401.00
Xerox Corporation	101644	08/14/2025	\$ 283.93
Xerox Financial Services	101645	08/14/2025	\$ 30.22
The Ferraro Group	101646	08/15/2025	\$ 7,500.00
John Deere Financial	300198	08/25/2025	\$ 6,567.83
PRIMO Brands	300203	08/26/2025	\$ 198.72

HomeTown Health	300197	08/27/2025	\$	2,927.91
Spectrum Business	300202	08/27/2025	\$	251.92
Desert Research Institute	101647	08/27/2025	\$	16,704.91
Fawcett Electric	101648	08/27/2025	\$	500.00
Lyon County Treasurer	101649	08/27/2025	\$	3,269.63
MBK Engineers	101650	08/27/2025	\$	4,941.00
Quill	101651	08/27/2025	\$	423.80
Schneider Electric USA, Inc.	101652	08/27/2025	\$	8,721.00
Standard Insurance Co	101653	08/27/2025	\$	211.21
Woodburn & Wedge	101654	08/27/2025	\$	60,572.47
Payroll		08/15/2025	\$	9,823.43
EFTPS		08/15/2025	\$	1,763.93
Payroll		08/31/2025	\$	35,466.12
EFTPS		08/31/2025	\$	8,225.51
<i>Total Bills & Payroll</i>			\$	210,801.69
<i>Billed to NFWF</i>			\$	(32,715.91)
<i>Total District Expense</i>			\$	178,085.78

Director GIORGI asked what the bill for MacCabe was; GM BRYAN stated it is for the SCADA integrator. That bill had previously been through DRI and was funded via the NFWF grant, but with the ending of that grant, it is now funded through the SCADA budget item. Director GIORGI inquired about the O'Brien bill; GM BRYAN stated it was for the purchase of the new Connex storage box. Vice President MASINI inquired about the Schneider bill; GM BRYAN stated it was components for the automatic gates. Secretary HALTERMAN stated the bill will be funded by the NFWF grant because the purchase was made prior to June 30th. Vice President MASINI confirmed the Ferraro Group was for the lobbyist; GM BRYAN confirmed.

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 Topaz was currently at 25,470 acre-feet (42% capacity) and Bridgeport was currently at 17,040 acre-feet (40% capacity). The remaining storage balance to deliver is 11,241 acre-feet on the West and 13,769 acre-feet on the East.

The shop crew has continued repair and maintenance. A couple of weeks ago a rain event caused the loss of the Saroni Canal and issues on the Colony. The crew was working in the area for a few weeks repairing the damage. The equipment is being hauled back to the yard today to stage for the next event. As a result of the rain issues, there are some significant worsening problems in Hoye Canyon. GM BRYAN had a

meeting with Lyon County Emergency Management and the Planning Department regarding addressing the issues. They are going to start looking at other options to fix what is already there but also address sluffing issues. Lyon County will be looking for funding to assist. GM BRYAN has met with and spoken to property owners in the area, and they are willing to assist as well. GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated on the topic.

Earlier this year, the District well was rewired and put back together. Last week NDWR did a training program and something happened to the well. Staff contacted Tim Dane to do an assessment, and he recommended calling Carson Pump to assess the damage. Luckily, when staff contacted Carson Pump, they had a crew in the valley, and they were able to go look at the problem. They found that there were bolts that had snapped but it is unknown if the stem is bent. They are currently taking the well apart and will give a full assessment when they can. After the rewiring, the well was running well and sounded great. GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated on the repairs needed. The permit expires at the end of this month, so it will not be run for the rest of the season.

On August 14th, GM BRYAN attended the HudBay open house. He spoke to a few representatives who stated not much had changed since the last update. They are in the process of a feasibility study. They are still behind on understanding and acquiring water rights. GM BRYAN stated it was a good discussion, and he will keep the Board updated.

GM BRYAN stated he is trying to schedule the Saroni & Colony annual meetings for October 8th or 9th at the Smith Valley Library. Once we received confirmation on the date, the agenda will be posted a couple weeks prior and a packet will be sent.

On August 22nd, GM BRYAN and Secretary HALTERMAN had a meeting with NFWF representatives regarding the grant closeout reports and requirements. During that meeting, the NFWF representative stated there was a change in the Desert Terminal Lakes/BOR funding and they extended the funding for 18 months. The District would have the opportunity to submit a new application for the remaining approximately 12 million dollars. GM BRYAN has been collaborating with legal counsel on the potential application and keeping the remaining funding with the District. GM BRYAN is waiting for NFWF to open the application to find out exactly what is needed to submit a request. GM BRYAN will keep the Board updated.

D. Legal Counsel's Report

Counsel DePAOLI stated he did not have any updates.

E. Storage Water Transfers

Vice President MASINI inquired about the Lyon County to Garmsland transfers; Water Right Specialist NEVILLE stated it is land owned by Garms, but water owned by Lyon County and it is to transfer to a different Garms account.

Vice President MASINI made a motion to approve the transfers for August 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 stated Smith Valley pumping was at 16,000 acre-feet (73% of goal) and Mason Valley pumping was at 56,500 acre-feet (67% of goal). Lauren states the numbers are in a good place. There are a handful of wells continually over pumping and the NDWR office is talking about additional enforcement. The orders for the East Walker were passed, and they were to have meters installed by the end of August. Lauren will be out this week doing meter checks in the area.

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 Conservancy filed 4 more applications on Friday. They have 1 left that they are holding off on. The Conservancy closed on their first California acquisition. They acquired the Poore Lake water which will stay with David Park for a few years and then they will work to get it in stream to Walker Lake. Vice President MASINI asked how the Poore Lake water works; Joanne stated it is stored decree, and Parks takes it later in the season. The decree started running last month at 14cfs. The water comes down and leaves the river through the big slough. Director GIORGI asked if there would be measuring devices; Carlie stated they have to work that out. Director GIORGI asked if it is going to go through the big slough; Carlie stated they don't know what it will look like.

8. Report Concerning California Division of Safety of Dams direction to schedule an inspection of the Bridgeport Reservoir Outlet Tunnel and to complete a permanent repair of the outlet tower/siphon spillway southeast corner by end of year 2025; including, consideration of General Manager's Recommendation to: (a) extend the time for completion of the repair; (b) conduct an underwater inspection of the Gatehouse at the time of the outlet tunnel inspection to evaluate the existing temporary repair and to identify the need for additional repairs, if any; (c) provide all required agency notices for the outlet tunnel inspection and underwater inspection; schedule both inspections for the same date after October 31, 2025; (d) arrange and contract for the underwater inspection and to services and equipment needed to meet any special requirements of the relevant agencies which may be required to satisfy provisions of the California Water Right License and Bridgeport Operations Manual; and (e) upon receipt of the results of the inspections, to provide further recommendations to the Board concerning implementation of required repairs in an efficient manner which would consider, among other things, the urgency of the repairs, their cost and avoidance of loss of stored water from the next and subsequent irrigation seasons.

GM BRYAN stated California Safety Dams reached out regarding the need to perform a lower-end conduit inspection. When that happens, the reservoir must be shut off and California Safety Dams will perform an inspection from inside the tube. Last time there was an inspection was in the early 2000's and, at the time, the District had to rent several pumps in order to meet the release requirement of 20cfs for fish flows. The second part of the communication was on when to expect the completion of the rehab to be done. GM BRYAN provided a letter in the packet that requests an extension of time from California Safety Dams. GM BRYAN stated, in 2021, there was hole in the southeast corner of the inverted siphon that was temporarily patched with a steel plate. The reason it is being followed up on is that it was a temporary patch and the 2021 report stated the permanent fix must be done within 3 years. To do the permanent fix, the reservoir level needs to be below 4000 acre-feet which has not happened since the temporary patch. GM BRYAN stated whenever or however the District approaches the permanent fix, we will need to go out to bid and water level needs to be lowered. The tube inspection would need to take place as close to November 1st as possible and GM BRYAN would like to have ITRC and MBK engineers on site to see if there are any other repairs that should be done. For the inspection, California Safety Dams is under the impression that a flush of water needs to be sent down and then the inspection could be performed. Per the Bridgeport Operations Manual, there are several agencies that need to be notified, and protocols followed if the reservoir level or flow changes are considered. Vice President MASINI asked where the pumps were placed the last time; GM BRYAN stated on the spillway. They used aluminum piping from the reservoir to the pumps and then piped over the spillway to the river. GM BRYAN stated that when the temporary patch was performed, concrete samples were sent to ITRC for testing and the result was just a weak batch of concrete. GM BRYAN stated he has not gotten a response on whether an extension has been granted and if it is granted, what the deadline will be. GM BRYAN advised staff to look into grant funding when available for the repair. Treasurer NUTI asked who has the authority to say whether the water needs to be pumped or if a flush could be sent down; Counsel DePAOLI stated it would likely be California State Board and California Department of Fish & Wildlife. Treasurer NUTI recommended submitting a request for approval from them to not pump if we do not have to. Vice President MASINI asked what would happen if an extension is not granted; GM BRYAN stated Param (California Safety Dams) was the one who requested to submit for the extension, but it still needs to be presented to the chain of command.

Treasurer NUTI made a motion to authorize the General Manager to proceed with scheduling the pumps and accessories and performing the notifications needed to satisfy the requirements of the Bridgeport Operations Manual for the inspection; Director ACCIARI offered a second. The vote was called for and passed.

9. Director Comments

None presented.

10. Public Comment

None presented.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Jim Snyder, President

Marcus Masini, Vice President

Richard Nuti, Treasurer

Dennis Acciari, Director

David Giorgi, Director

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