## Walker River Irrigation District

WATER YEAR 2023 FLOOD OPERATIONS



#### Current Conditions and Forecasts

## Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)



## Basin Soil Moisture



## April – July Runoff Forecast

Exceedance	River Forecast Center	2017 Actual	Observed to Date
East Walker River near Bridgeport			
50% (Median)	290 TAF	208 TAF	65 TAF
25%	298 TAF		
10%	311 TAF		
West Walker River below Little Walker near Coleville			
50% (Median)	465 TAF	406 TAF	64 TAF
25%	472 TAF		
10%	483 TAF		

Based on 5/16/23 forecast from California Nevada River Forecast Center



#### Potential Reservoir Operations – 50% Exceedance

Bridgeport Reservoir 50% Exceedance Forecast



Topaz Reservoir 50% Exceedance Forecast





#### Estimated Downstream Flows – 50% Exceedance

#### East Walker River Flows 50% Exceedance Forecast



### West Walker River Flows 50% Exceedance Forecast



Main Walker River Flows 50% Exceedance Forecast



# Conclusions



## Flows at Mason

April – July flows for East Walker at Bridgeport plus West Walker at Coleville total 614 TAF in 2017

 2023 combined is 765 TAF @ 50% forecast

Gage height peaked at 10.94 feet, approximately 2,910 cfs

 Estimated max of ~4,200 cfs (~12.2 ft) during 2023 @ 50% forecast



## Conclusion

Effective reservoir management will help downstream conditions, but not prevent all flooding

The 50% Exceedance Forecasts conditions result in flows and operations greater than 2017

- Anticipate extended length of flood conditions as compared to 2017 (about 7 weeks of high flows)
- 2017 runoff pattern helped prevent worse conditions