

JOB OPENING: Chief Deputy Water Commissioner/Water Master

The U.S. Board of Water Commissioners is made up of six court-appointed commissioners, one from each of the divisions within the Walker River watershed. This board appoints a **Chief Deputy Water Commissioner/Water Master**, who serves at the pleasure of the board, and, with general guidance from the board, administers the flows of the Walker River as set forth in the C-125 Decree for the 130,000+ water right acres in California and Nevada including the Walker River Irrigation District, the Walker River Paiute Tribe and others.

The job entails all duties set forth in the C-125 Decree and the 1953 Rules and Regulations for the Distribution of Water of the Walker River, including:

Preparation of yearly budget and plan for the equitable distribution of water for each irrigation season; setting and collecting of yearly assessments of water right acreage; updating and maintaining of water right records and water usage records; supervision of one office manager, 4 part-time river riders and 7-10 ditch riders; overseeing of water ordering and delivery schedules; regulating system reservoirs in conjunction with reservoir owners; determining decree priorities to be served according to river flow; accessing and analyzing weather and flow data; assessing snowpack to determine expected runoff and water availability; working with local, state and federal agencies; assisting legal counsel in preparation of documents for on-going lawsuits; keeping board members and federal judge informed; mediating disputes between water right owners; communicating with press regarding general operations and incidents; inspecting diversions to assure adherence to Decree; monitoring condition of river banks, tributaries and diversion structures and informing owners or responsible parties of needed repairs; maintaining vehicles and other U.S. Board equipment; interacting and corresponding with members of the public regarding water rights.

Requirements:

Two to five years of experience and/or education in water management recommended but not required.

Candidate must possess the ability to:

Communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing; operate a computer, including word processing, spreadsheet and internet functions; legally drive on highways and in adverse off-road conditions; maintain excellent working relationships with staff and other entities' personnel; hike varied distances in difficult terrain; perform physical labor requiring moderate exertion; interpret and act upon board actions; understand and comply with California and Nevada water law; read and comprehend technical manuals and data.