

**WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
DISTRICT BOARD ROOM
410 N. MAIN STREET, YERINGTON, NEVADA**

**September 8, 2015
Tuesday 10:00 A.M.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Of the
Board of Directors of Walker River Irrigation District**

The Board of Directors of the Walker River Irrigation District will conduct a public meeting on September 8, 2015, beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Board meeting room at 410 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada.

NOTICE

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

The Board may remove or delay discussion relating to an agenda item at any time.

The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.

The meeting may be continued as deemed necessary.

The Walker River Irrigation District is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please contact Bridget Banta at (775) 463-3523 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Requests for supporting material provided to members of the Board, if any, should be directed to Bridget Banta at (775) 463-3523. Such supporting material, if any, is available at the District Office, 410 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada.

OFFICIAL AGENDA

Action may be taken only on those items denoted **“For possible action.”**

1. Public Comment

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comments need not be related to any item on the Agenda. Action will not be taken on any matter raised by the public until the matter is specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum **(For possible action)**
3. Consideration of Minutes of the August 7, 2015 regular meeting. **(For possible action)**
4. Water Master's report
5. Staff Reports including, but not limited to, those items listed:
 - A. Consideration of Bills and Payroll for payment **(For possible action)**
 - B. Manager's Report
 - C. Legal Counsel's Report
6. Update by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Walker Basin Conservancy on activities related to the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including Acquisitions and Conservation and Stewardship Activities.
7. Recess and convene as Board of Directors of Local Improvement District No. 4 (Saroni Canal) to consider and discuss extent to which Local Improvement District No. 4 includes laterals from the Saroni Canal, including without limitation, Laterals A and B. **(For possible action)**
8. Adjourn as Board of Directors of Local Improvement District No. 4 and reconvene as Board of Directors of District.
9. Consideration of and possible action on request by USGS proposed monitoring activities on WRID property in Bridgeport Valley to install and monitor low impact instrumentation for a period from now until the end of calendar year 2015. **(For possible action)**
10. Consideration of and possible action on request by Steven D. Schultz to conduct a Public Safety SCUBA Diver Training Course in Topaz Reservoir which will involve submerging, among other things, an environmentally cleaned automobile in the water, in order to provide participating divers a realistic training environment for purposes of response to emergency situations. **(For possible action)**
11. Annual Review on the performance of the Walker River Irrigation District General Manager Bert Bryan and consideration of possible adjustment in compensation. **(For possible action)**
12. Director Comments
13. Public Comment
Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comments need not be related to any item

on the Agenda. Action will not be taken on any matter raised by the public until the matter is specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

14. Adjournment

**WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Notice is hereby given that on September 8, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Walker River Irrigation District will conduct a meeting. The meeting will commence at 10:00 AM at the Walker River Irrigation District Office at 410 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada. The Official Agenda for that meeting is attached hereto and made a part of this Notice.

Date: September 1, 2015

ROBERT C. BRYAN
Manager

I, Robert C. Bryan, WRID Manager, do hereby certify that the foregoing Agenda was Duly posted on September 1, 2015 at the following locations:

Walker River Irrigation District Office, 410 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada
Lyon County Courthouse, Main Street, Yerington, Nevada
U.S. Post Office Bulletin Board, Main Street, Yerington, Nevada
U.S. Post Office Bulletin Board, Highway 208, Smith, Nevada
U.S. Post Office Bulletin Board, Highway 208, Wellington, Nevada



ROBERT C. BRYAN
Manager

August 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) Board of Directors was held on July 7, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM at the district board room, 410 N Main St, Yerington, Nevada by President Jim Snyder.

Present were:

Jim SNYDER	President
David GIORGI	Vice President
Richard NUTI	Treasurer
Dennis ACCIARI	Director
David LITTLE	Director
Bridget BANTA	Secretary
Robert BRYAN	General Manager
Gordon DEPAOLI	Legal Counsel
Dale FERGUSON	Legal Counsel
Jim SHAW	Water Master

Public Present were:

Jeff Dengel	Mike Faretto	Tom Reviglio	Cory Egbert
Guy Lemos	Clifford Thompson	Keith Trout	Toni Garms
Gary Garms	Steven Fulstone	Mike Bryan	Bob Bryan
Peter Fenili	Elmer Bull	Greg Hunewill	Dale Borsini
Bryson Masini			

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Fulstone had a suggestion to the board on the Bridgeport pasture lease. There is a lot of feed on the reservoir playa and have consultant look at it and extend the lease for the lessee because there is so much feed out there. Have the lessee pay for the additional time for feed.

Gary Garms requested prior to voting on agenda item 7, have each director express how much interest they have received from the water users.

ROLL CALL

All 5 directors present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

President SNYDER requested Secretary BANTA read the minutes. Secretary BANTA read the minutes from July 7, 2015. Director LITTLE moved to accept minutes as read. Director NUTI seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the Local Improvement District #4 workshop held on July 27, 2015 were presented. Director NUTI moved to accept minutes of Local Improvement District #4 workshop. Director GIORGI seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WATER MASTER REPORT

Watermaster Jim SHAW reported Bridgeport has 4128 acre ft of water and most everyone has been served their storage. We are at tribe only water at an 1859. The last day for the tribe is August 27. If there is any water available after that we will make the adjustment as allowed. Topaz has 3690 acre ft. There is still some storage water out from some late comers to be served. There may be some water that will not be served.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director NUTI wanted to inform the board that he and President SNYDER gave approval for staff to be able to go online to see the bank account statements. They cannot do any online transfers, but they can see the activity to be able to reconcile sooner. Director LITTLE requested to know how the reconciling was going with the staff. Director NUTI advised it is going better. There was an issue with the ABILA software this month, but he spoke to Joan Sciarani and she stated there was improvement being made. Director NUTI presented the cash journal and advised the voided checks and checks zeroed out because of the ABILA software. ABILA had to access the books from their place and make adjustments. It is straightened out at this point.

Cash in Checking	319,006.19
Cash in Money Market	1,254,718.99
Cash in CD's	1,238,510.32
Total Cash & Equivalents	2,812,235.50

BILLS

118286	7/27/2015	Alhambra	158.66
118284	7/27/2015	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	1,574.80
118294	7/27/2015	Arigoni, Robert	530.00
118259	7/13/2015	ARRIGHI, BLAKE & ASSOCIATES	1,325.00
118277	7/27/2015	Artistic Fence	477.85
118279	7/27/2015	Assurant Health	6,791.15
118266	7/13/2015	AT&T	103.07
118265	7/13/2015	AT&T Mobility	146.44
118245	7/6/2015	BERKLEynet	919.00
118283	7/27/2015	BERKLEynet	903.00
118293	7/27/2015	Cruz, Maria	350.00
118252	7/13/2015	Desert Research Institute	9,685.09
118282	7/27/2015	Desert Research Institute	11,469.19
118297	7/29/2015	Desert Research Institute	10,617.76
118300	7/30/2015	Frontier	495.44
18248	7/13/2015	Giomi, Inc.	103.94
118253	7/13/2015	Grove Madsen Industries	47.39
118249	7/13/2015	Hanson Technology	195.00
118281	7/27/2015	Hanson Technology	115.00
118287	7/27/2015	Hardesty's General Repair	279.69
118270	7/13/2015	High Desert Internet	174.95
118255	7/13/2015	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	766.50
118280	7/27/2015	Hunewill Construction Co., Inc.	488.34

118292	7/27/2015	IDCSERVCO	3,783.16
118275	7/13/2015	Lyon County Treasurer	980.89
118276	7/27/2015	MBK Engineers	1,483.75
118254	7/13/2015	NAPA AUTO & TRUCK PARTS	20.97
118272	7/13/2015	Nevada Employment Security Division	1,308.73
118273	7/13/2015	Nevada Employment Security Division	436.25
118263	7/13/2015	NV Energy	37.51
118264	7/13/2015	NV Energy	303.66
118271	7/13/2015	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	45.97
7/01-7/31/2015		Payroll	19,815.17
118278	7/27/2015	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC	212.02
118289	7/27/2015	Power Plan	1,945.27
118261	7/13/2015	Public Employees' Benefits Program	792.65
118257	7/13/2015	Quill	465.90
118285	7/27/2015	Quill	148.59
118274	7/13/2015	Ree Brinkerhoff	675.00
118301	7/30/2015	Ree Brinkerhoff	450.00
118302	7/30/2015	Ree Brinkerhoff	300.00
118268	7/13/2015	Southwest Gas Corporation	40.93
118288	7/27/2015	Standard Insurance Company	171.35
118296	7/29/2015	State Collections & Disbursement Unit (SCaDU)	580.00
118298	7/29/2015	Sticks and Stones Buildings Material Inc	928.88
118251	7/13/2015	The Paul Laxalt Group	6,500.00
118250	7/13/2015	True Value	137.95
118260	7/13/2015	USBWC	8,695.50
118291	7/27/2015	Verizon Wireless	565.84
118290	7/27/2015	Walker River Irrigation District	352.22
118299	7/29/2015	Wells Fargo Card Services	2,723.47
118246	7/13/2015	Wells Fargo Insurance Services	15,401.18
118256	7/13/2015	Western Nevada Supply Company	47.71
118262	7/13/2015	White Cap Construction Supply	3,209.86
118295	7/27/2015	Woodburn & Wedge	28,967.45
118269	7/13/2015	Xerox Corporation	300.09
118267	7/13/2015	Yerington, City of	95.20

Total Bills

\$163,392.61

Director Giorgi made a motion to pay the bills. Director Little seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Local Improvement District #4 measuring device will be pouring the last of the cement Monday. There was a small delay because of the rain.

GM BRYAN advised they have started breaking ground for the antenna installation in Hoyer Canyon which will be the link that connects the server and SCADA to be able to control the 8 reservoir gates from the office.

GM BERT advised he obtained a quote from Proto Fab for the gates at Topaz. They quoted \$14,123.94 per gate. All 8 gates would cost \$112,000.00. GM BERT believes that is a little expensive and is reaching out to try to obtain other figures from different companies.

GM BERT advised Dr Stuart Styles from ITRC at Cal-Poly will be down next week. There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 with the ditch companies for the East side of the river. The presidents from each ditch company have been asked to be there. As a result of the workshop for Local Improvement District #4, GM BERT advised he will be taking Dr Stuart Styles on a field trip to show him the key areas to go over. This will occur after the Saroni Advisory Board meeting August 10th.

GM BERT advised for several years federal funding has helped with operations of the USGS gages in the Walker Basin. September 30, 2015, the federal funding will be capped out and they will be discontinuing a number of their gages in the Walker Basin unless someone can cover the cost of the gages. Each gage's operating cost is 421,600.00. The USGS has Cooperative Water Program funds that bring the cost down to \$10,800.00 per gage. If more cooperators pitch in, the cost will be lower. Currently WRID and USBWC pay for the gages that are needed to perform daily duties and will continue to do so. There are 3 gages the National Weather Service use for their yearly projections around the Topaz Diversion and below the Topaz Reservoir that will be shutting down.

Watermaster SHAW advised he looks at them every day but advised his board decided they did not need the gages.

Director NUTI expressed concern of some of the gages being turned off. GM BERT advised there were other gages not on the chopping block that will still be in use. Watermaster SHAW advised we will continue to pay for the ones we need and that are detrimental to our daily operation.

GM BERT went over the the upcoming Nevada Drought Forum Meeting in Sparks in August. It's main focus is on agriculture. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th at 9:00 am at the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Main office in Sparks. The meeting will also be accessible via video conference to Cooperative Extension Offices in several counties. Our closest venue will be the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension –Lyon County Office on Main Street in Yerington. There is also a scheduled drought summit that will be taking place in Carson City September 21-23. More details will be available soon.

LEGAL REPORT

Regarding Local Improvement District #4's insurance coverage, Counsel DePaoli advised GM BRYAN and Jenny Redmon put him in touch with a gentleman at Wells Fargo Insurance services. They cover the POOL coverage for the Nevada public agencies. He explained to him what we wanted to be sure of and looked at the coverage form. The document is sufficiently broad and the Improvement districts are to be covered. He has requested to have the information on the improvement districts so he has the information added to the insurance paperwork. We are a little short on documentation for some of the LID's. It appears they are covered just by the name and we are going to follow up on the further information.

Counsel DePaoli also reported the Tribe and the United States have appealed the dismissal of their claims in the case of C127. The United States has also appealed the mineral county claim, C128. He advised, on Wednesday, the 5th we had a mediation assessment conference dealing with the appeals that relate to the state engineer order and the state of California order on agenda item 7 for the board today. We didn't have everyone on the call who was involved. Learned all the appeals related to that order and the appeals related to the dismissal of the tribe and Mineral County claims will happen in front of the same panel.

The place in line for WRID was determined from the order the appeals were filed. WRID won't hit the argument stage anytime this year or anytime next year. Likely be sometime in 2018.

Director LITTLE requested to know what happens between now and then. Counsel DePaoli advised there will be a schedule for briefing and then nothing until the argument stage of the hearing.

Counsel Ferguson advised after briefs are filed the 9th circuit can order the oral argument. Counsel DePaoli advised that is what won't happen this year or next year.

DIRECTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO THE APPEAL BY THE DISTRICT OF THE MAY, 28, 2015, ORDER OF THE COURT IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL.

Director NUTI made a Disclosure:

Before the Board considers Agenda Item Number 7, I would offer the following disclosure pursuant to NRS 281A.420. This Agenda Item involves the District's appeal of the order of the United States District Court concerning State Engineer Ruling No. 6271 and the Report of the California Water Resources Control Board regarding Temporary changes to the District's storage water rights for Bridgeport and Topaz Reservoirs. I am the President of Six N Ranch, Inc. Six N Ranch participated in the proceedings before the Nevada State Engineer, California Water Resources Control Board, and the United States District Court concerning certain matters addressed in the order of the United States District Court. In certain instances, that participation involved Six N Ranch taking positions that were different from the positions taken by the District in those proceedings. In addition, the attorney for Six N Ranch has made an appearance in the appeal involved in Agenda Item No. 7.

I have concluded that the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in my situation would not be materially affected by the participation of Six N Ranch, Inc. in the proceedings before the Nevada State Engineer, California Water Resources Control Board, and the United States District Court, and, as a result, I will be voting on this matter. I have discussed this potential conflict with the Board's legal counsel and he agrees with my decision to disclose this matter, and to then participate in any vote that ensues.

Counsel DePaoli advised as he has previously stated, he apologizes the appeal got filed before this process today. If he could do it again, he would have done everything he could to have a meeting prior to this decision. He also apologize to the water users for putting them in that position.

Gary Garms requested to know how much input each director received on this. Do they not know what is happening or do they want more time. What is the water user asking and saying to the directors of each area.

Director LITTLE advised the acres in his area and the concern is minimal. The consensus of the district is to continue on the path we are on and advised when he says consensus he is saying consensus of the acres.

Director GIORGI advised his group met and asked about the decision with counsel without the water users. They all agreed the appeal was the right thing to do.

Director NUTI advised he has spoken to about a dozen people between Yerington and Smith Valley. There are those that are adamant that the appeal is good and there are those that are adamant the appeal is bad. He advised it is pretty much 50/50 if you can split the appeal in half. They would be ok going ahead with the stipulation but not with the water leasing program.

Director ACCIARI advised everybody has good and bad opinions. He expressed he is not sure he wants to make that decision for everyone else. Let the water users make a decision and vote on it.

Director LITTLE stated there is a reason there is a board and they are here to make the decision for the water users. The directors need to be educated on what the water users want.

Toni GARMS stated there has been a group of people that disagree with the board's decisions.

Director LITTLE stated it is a vocal minority and we need to consider all water users.

President SNYDER advised he has sat in meetings with a lot of the water users. Once the position was explained, it was much better understood. The majority of the users are accepting the appeals. There was more concern over the leasing program than anything else. President SNYDER advised the way he understands going forward with this, in order to implement the leasing program in the future, it requires more action on our part. Counsel DePaoli advised the leasing program is delayed until that appeal process is over. There is quite a bit of time there. NFWF will probably say when we get through the process that the process is too old. A participant agreement would have to be agreed upon. You also have to have water which we do not have much of. This board, totally independent of the changes, can put on the agenda when it wants to, to decide if there is or isn't a leasing program. There will be plenty of opportunities to change the decision. The grant expires December 2017. It will have to be looked at in some point and time and will clearly be a decision to the board to extend that.

Director NUTI expressed the board may think twice before we let water leave the valley like that and lease it to our own if necessary.

Director LITTLE inquired if we can lease the certificate water to other farmers within the district?

Counsel DePaoli advised the local farmers would receive certificate water first. There is a possibility the water could be used to recharge the ground, but that would have to go through the state engineer.

Director NUTI expressed his concern for farmers with strictly newland water and we give off the wrong image if we send water elsewhere.

Director LITTLE made a motion to go forward with the appeal. Director GIORGI seconded the motion.

Dale Borsini requested to know if this has to happen right now and let's wait until we get more information on the state engineer and the wells. Everyone else seems a little indecisive. If we go by acres and everyone comes in to vote, we know where everyone stands. He requested to know if Walker Lake is considered a place of use and are we trying to consider it as a place of use?

Counsel DePaoli advised decree prohibits delivery of water to Walker Lake. The judge also said the place of use can be the entire river until it meets the lake, which would get the water to the lake. That is not going to be a road block to the acquisition program and the acquisition of water. In connection with

Mineral County's public trust claim, the best defense to why there is no public trust requirement for any court to adjust water rights is because Nevada law allows for changes to water rights to allow needs to be met to Walker Lake. That part of the appeal does not prohibit or stop the water from getting into Walker Lake.

Steven FULSTONE inquired to know if the lease program set any precedence for stored water being used outside the irrigation district.

Counsel DePaoli advised it does not. It is a temporary program and it is solely and strictly for this one program and the regulation that allows for it that the board adopted expires on its own terms with no further action from the board. It cannot be reinstated unless the board reinstates it.

Director NUTI advised with the NFWF transfer, none of this provides any precedence.

Counsel DePaoli advised NFWF is free to file applications when it comes down to it. It applies only to the one application.

Director NUTI read from the litigant's questionnaire, "Although some or all of these litigants may have an interest in participating in mediation, the need to make legal precedent for future changes to water rights suggests that this appeal may not be suitable for mediation." Director NUTI advised that does set precedence for the future.

Counsel DePaoli advised that does not set precedence. This refers to 2 things in the judge's ruling. The judge's ruling does set precedence to two things. 1.) You cannot have a place of use that includes Walker Lake. 2.) The part of the ruling that says any change has to be further limited to a showing that further limited by whatever the NFWF's predecessors and interests need to be limited to the same number of days the predecessors and interests had called for the water in an average year. That is something the parties cannot agree to. This is something they cannot do with the mediation process.

Director NUTI advised if the 9th circuit agrees with the ruling, it sets precedence.

Counsel Ferguson advised that was correct.

Tom REVIGLIO stated we are more of a farming community than a leasing community.

Director LITTLE advised the appeal is already in place. Today we need to make a decision on whether to continue the appeal or not.

Counsel DePaoli advised he would like to have some direction on this to decide whether we continue on with the appeal or not. With the leasing program, it is going to expire prior to the appeal process going through.

Counsel DePaoli advised if there is major concern on the leasing program, there is plenty of time to turn that around. There will definitely be an opportunity to discuss what issues we will bring up in the brief.

President SNYDER advised there is a motion on the table that needed to be voted on. Director NUTI and Director ACCIARI opposed. Directors GIORGI, LITTLE, SNYDER voted for the appeal. Motion carries.

REPORT BY NFWF/WALKER BASIN CONSERVANCY

Jeff Dingle advised the program is moving along. They have two more irons in the fire.

Elmer Bull with the Walker Basin Conservancy advised he is starting this coming week accepting bids for grazing pitchfork ranch. It will be November-February. There will be an ad in the paper and would like bids submitted until the 21st of August. First crop harvested on pitchfork and Sutter ranches. They did suffer damage to some of the hay crop and the yield was better than we anticipated. They have joined the NV Hay Growers Assoc. The Yerington conservation youth crew is their last week of work. Going to host a barbecue on Monday which will be their last day of work.

Brief recess called by President SNYDER until 1155. It is currently 1142.

Reconvene-11:56

GRANT OF EASEMENT-STEPHEN MARSHALL PALMER

Corey Egbert advised Palmer is trying to move the drain to improve irrigation and potential farm there.

Director LITTLE requested to know if the drain was going to be made longer or shorter.

Director GIORGI advised it looks as if they are just squaring up the fields.

Director LITTLE requested to know if it is deeded or prescribed.

GM BRYAN advised it is currently prescribed, but if this is approved today, it will become a deeded drain.

Director NUTI asked if it is guaranteed to flow water.

GM BRYAN advised the section is cleared out and there is not much fall.

President SNYDER advised it looks as if it is lengthening the drain.

GM BRYAN advised Rick Christian shot the drain and there is not much difference in the fall as the current drain. There is not much change with the proposal. The entry and exit are not changing.

Tom Reviglio advised in 1981 they relocated the drain on the Circle Bar N and it is beautiful. Give the benefit of the doubt to this gentleman.

President SNYDER requested to know if GM BRYAN has had any history of issues of this drain. Is there any trouble with how it works in the past?

GM BRYAN advised they have maintained the drains and in the past, there has been problems with water pooling up.

Director LITTLE advised that is all of the drains.

GM BRYAN advised yes. There is a lot of water in that area. There are times where that drain is full.

President SNYDER requested to know who could be potentially impacted with that.

GM BRYAN advised if it's a water issue, historically the water was proposed to be pushed back into the system, but that water didn't meet standards the tribe was comfortable with. The water Corey has asked to move, the state engineer's office has approved his water to be used for irrigation.

Director LITTLE stated points of entry and exit are not changing. We do get a deeded easement out of it and we want to square up the fields.

Director GIORGI moved to approve the easement agreement with Stephen Marshall Palmer and direct GM BRYAN to authorize and execute the agreement. Director LITTLE seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY SCUBA DIVING TRAINING COURSE IN TOPAZ RESERVOIR

Director LITTLE expressed concern that there is some liability if people are hurt or killed during the exercise.

Counsel DePaoli advised the vehicle will be donated from a wrecking yard in Fernley and any environmentally hazardous items removed. It is also designed to help in training in emergency situations. We would need a whole lot more information for the board to say yes or no. At minimum he would want Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to sign off on the vehicle.

President SNYDER advised he would like to be helpful and if it appears it is minimal risk he would be looking to move forward.

Director ACCIARI requested to know how long the vehicle would be submerged.

GM BRYAN advised historically it has been allowed

Director GIORGI requested to know if WRID's liability cover anything on this kind of exercise. Counsel DePaoli advised we would have to check on the liability aspect of our insurance. We could ask them to get their own liability insurance. You can say yes, no or get us more information. Director LITTLE made a motion to have GM BRYAN continue on and get more information. Director NUTI seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF GM BRYAN

President Snyder advised he would entertain a motion to post pone GM BRYAN's review to another meeting. Director NUTI advised he was okay with it as long as the board moves forward with it at the next meeting with no further delay.

Director NUTI made a motion to postpone the annual review of GM BRYAN to the board meeting in September and no later. Director LITTLE seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clifford Thompson requested his information be put on next month's agenda on his documentation he has provided.

President SNYDER requested to know what he would like the board to do with the information.

Clifford Thompson advised the forrest is supposed to be maintaining the water shed and would like the board to call the forest service in and explain why they are not doing what they are supposed to do. They have destroyed the watershed instead of taking care of it.

President SNYDER advised the board will let him know and take this into consideration on whether we can put this on our agenda for next month.

Director LITTLE made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director ACCIARI seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33.

USGS proposed monitoring activities on WRID property in Bridgeport Valley

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is considering water right transfers and/or leasing from Bridgeport Valley for downstream instream use. California law requires an assessment of potential impacts to local groundwater resources to protect existing water rights and the resource. To assess potential impacts, scientists need to know aquifer properties and relations between surface water and groundwater in the valley. Land ownership in Bridgeport Valley is dominated by the Centennial partners in the center of the valley, and WRID near Bridgeport Reservoir. The USGS is seeking permission from WRID to install and monitor low impact instrumentation for the above stated purposes for a brief period from now through end of the calendar year 2015. This would involve the installation and monitoring of temporary drive-point piezometers (mini shallow wells installed by hand) and stream-stage monitors southwest of Bridgeport Reservoir. Installation of the piezometers will include the use of a steel drive rod to make a hole for a 1-inch PVC pipe that will serve as the piezometer. Stream stage will be measured in a 3-inch PVC pipe that does not penetrate the stream bottom (similar to that shown figure 1). Piezometers will be less than 15 ft below land surface with casing above ground at a height less than 2 feet. Disturbance from instrument installations is expected to be limited to less than 1 square foot. Piezometers and stream stage monitors will be visited monthly and discontinued and removed in early calendar year 2016. No water-quality samples will be collected.



Figure 1. Photo from 5/6/2013 of stream (canal) stage and piezometer instrumentation at Canal 1A shortly after installation, Schurz, Nevada.

Bert WRID

From: Scuba Steve <nvscubasteve@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 8:38 AM
To: Bert WRID
Cc: Barry Dunford
Subject: PADI Public Safety Diver Training at Topaz Lake

Bert,

Thank you for getting back to me with the questions the WRID Directors have regarding the training we would like to conduct at Topaz Lake. I will address each question below:

Regarding liability and litigation - the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) requires all instructors to carry, as a minimum, a 1,000,000.00 insurance policy covering scuba diving instruction and related activities. The insurance carrier is Vincencia & Buckley. Additionally, all participants in the training will complete a very comprehensive liability release, assumption of risk agreement and medical statement that is specific to the training they are participating in. These waivers include acknowledgments to the risks of the training and acceptance of those risks. Participants in the training also waive their rights to future litigation should any incidents occur resulting in injury or death from diving related training. The liability waivers and insurance carried by the instructors should hopefully address your Directors concerns regarding "injury to person." We will also name WRID as an additionally insured on the insurance policies of the instructors conducting the training. PADI and PADI Instructors commonly add pool facilities and other public entities where we conduct scuba training as additionally insured on our policies to address concerns similar to those expressed by the WRID Directors.

Douglas County has agreed to allow the training to occur using the Douglas County facilities located at Topaz Lake and the training will only require divers entering and exiting the water in a manner appropriate to the training being conducted. Some of the local agencies, DCSO and Dept of Wildlife have expressed an interest involving their boat crews for surface support so boats may be used as part of this training and I do not believe that would or should create concerns for WRID. I do not see any potential for damage to occur to any property belonging to Douglas County or the other participating agencies.

I am not familiar with the property or facilities that WRID has at Topaz Lake that our proposed training might impact. Perhaps if you could provide some greater detail on the property they are concerned about I can address the issues regarding "injury to place or property" with greater detail.

I am not aware of any "formal EPA" process or certification that could be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency. I did some preliminary research when writing this email and do not think that an EPA approval is something we able pursue. The vehicle will be stripped to the frame and body power washed and degreased so no fluids or contaminants will enter the water. This is a process we have used in the past with great success.

The automobile will only be in the water during the training evolutions involving divers being in the water for the purposes of performing rescue and recovery scenarios. These training evolutions will require the divers to remove the vehicle from the water so the actual time the automobile will be in the water of Topaz Lake can be measured in hours over the course of the training, not days. The vehicle will be returned to the donating party at the conclusion of the training and not left at the lake. I hope this addresses the question of how long the vehicle will be in the reservoir.

PADI has not scheduled the dates for this training yet because we are waiting for the approval of WRID. Since the waters of Topaz Lake are monitored and regulated by WRID for down stream irrigation we do not want to prematurely register participants from throughout the United States for this training without WRID approval to conduct the training. If WRID authorizes this training we will schedule the dates as soon as possible and inform you when we will hold the training event.

I assume that this will have to be addressed at your next WRID open meeting correct? How often does the board meet? If at all possible I will do my best to attend the next meeting so I can answer their questions directly. I apologize for not being able to be there today I just couldn't break away from my office on Friday August 7, 2015. Thank you for your time and assistance in helping us move this project forward. We look forward to working with WRID and providing an excellent training experience to our emergency first response public safety divers that protect and serve underwater.

Kindest regards

Steven Schultz
PADI# 267230