

# Walker River Irrigation District

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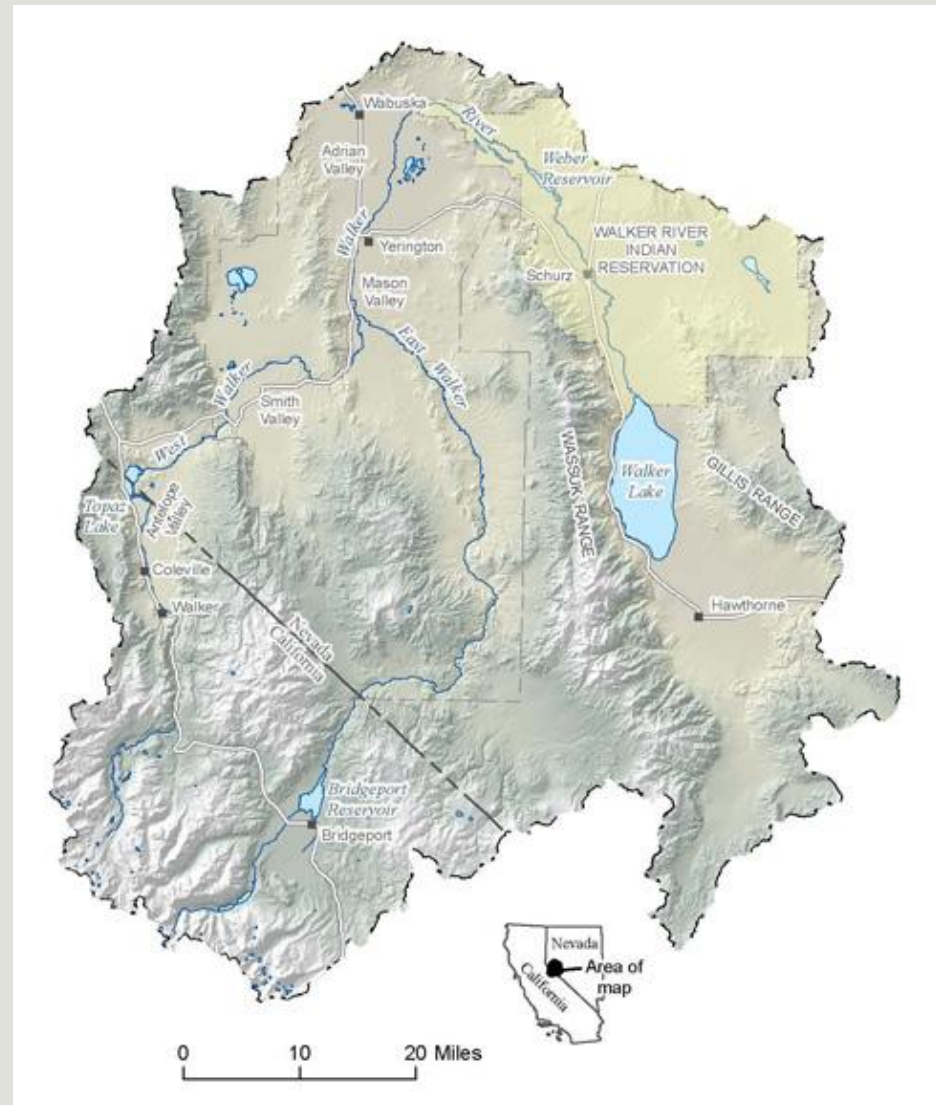
WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT (WRID)

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# WRID

Walker River Irrigation District (WRID) was formed in April 1919 under the authority of the Nevada Irrigation District Act, now NRS Chapter 539. WRID encompasses approximately 235,000 acres of which 80,000 are irrigated. WRID owns and operates two storage reservoirs; east fork storage is located in Bridgeport, CA and west fork storage is located at Topaz Reservoir, a bi-state facility. WRID operates and maintains extensive, approximately 200 miles, drainage systems in both Smith and Mason Valleys. WRID is an independent (not a Reclamation Project) irrigation district. WRID is governed by a 5-member Board of Directors. Directors are water right holders elected at Large, but must reside within a division of the district. They are elected to a four-year term. An elector of the district must own a water right.



# Bridgeport Reservoir

- Bridgeport Reservoir was completed in the early 1920's.
- WRID storage right is recognized by a California water right license and by the Walker river Decree right.
- Capacity of approximately 42,500 AF with refill rights.
- Bridgeport Reservoir is also used extensively for recreation with fishing, boating and swimming.



# Topaz Reservoir

- Topaz Reservoir was completed in the early 1920's.
- WRID storage right is recognized by a California water right license and in the Walker river Decree.
- Capacity of approximately 59,000 AF with refill rights.
- Topaz Reservoir is also used extensively for recreation with fishing, boating and swimming



*Photo by Robert Johnson*

# WRID Drains

- Along with owning and operating Bridgeport and Topaz Reservoirs the District owns approximately 200 miles of drains.
- The series of drains in Smith and Mason Valleys were created in the 1920's under the Local districts.
- Local 1 Colony Drain (Smith Valley)
- Local 2 East & Main Drains (Mason Valley)
- Local 3 West & Wabuska Drains (Mason Valley)



# Storage Allocations

- Allocations are set during the regular meeting of the WRID Board of Directors on or around the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March each Year.
- The period of storing in the reservoirs begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> and continues until March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Additionally, WRID can store, consistent with their rights, as long as the decree [natural flow] is set at full. (Topaz and Bridgeport Reservoirs until or around Mid July).



# Nevada Water Rights

- Permit Water certificate rights on the West Walker River from a period of May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Permit Water certificate rights on the East and Main Walker Rivers from a period of May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- WRID owns a underground well Certificate 8861 which has a full duty of 3269.63 AFA. The District well is available to water right holders in the district.



# Storage Irrigation Season

- Storage irrigation season runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup> every year.
- Users can order their storage water in any amount and at anytime during the irrigation season.

