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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA
RENO, NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff.

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

vs.

WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, et al.,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE,

Counterclaimants,

vs.

WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, et al.,

Counterdefendants.

In Equity No. C-125-ECR Subfile No. C-125-B

MINUTES OF COURT

DATE: MARCH 20, 2001



PRESENT: HONORABLE ROBERT A. McQUAID, JR., U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Deputy Clerk: Rosemary Damron Recorder: Tapes 01-035, 01-036, 01-037

Counsel Appearing: Susan Schneider, Scott McElroy, Alice Walker, VTreva Hearne, Gordon de Paoli, Dale Ferguson, George Benesch, Marta Adams, Linda Bowman, Michael Neville

PROCEEDINGS: FURTHER STATUS CONFERENCE REGARDING THE CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

9:00 a.m. Court convenes.

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The Court and counsel discuss the issues of identifying people for service and the issue of lis pendens, the issue of potential transfers of water rights, and how to deal with domestic users. The Court is satisfied with the way the U.S. and Tribe are attempting to identify parties.

Recess: 11:50 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

IT IS ORDERED that an order similar to Exhibit 4 of the Memorandum of the United States and the Walker River Paiute Tribe Concerning the Identification of Counter-defendants by Case Management Order Categories and Use of Notices of Lis Pendens (Doc. #133, filed on March 13, 2001) will be re-worded to have the effect that the people are advised of this action and if a person transfers a water right, that person is required to notify Ms. Schneider and the Court. The Court is not ordering the service suggested in Exhibit 3 of the government's memorandum.

The Court hears the arguments of counsel regarding the Joint Motion of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and the United States of America for an Order Requiring the Identification of All Decreed Water Rights Holders and Their Successors (Doc. #481, filed on June 30, 2000 in case number C-125). The Court takes the matter under submission and will issue a Report and Recommendation to Judge Reed. This Court will recommend that the motion be denied.

IT IS ORDERED that a Status Conference shall be held on Friday, April 20, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Local counsel shall appear in person; out-of-town counsel may appear telephonically and shall advise the courtroom deputy, Rosemary Damron, at (775) 686-5835, two days in advance of the hearing, of the numbers where they may be reached for the conference. Among the issues to be discussed at the next conference: a modified version of Exhibit 4 concerning an order regarding transfers of water rights; notice in lieu of summons; a reasonable time frame from the U.S. and Tribe when they may complete a service list. At the next conference, the Court will set a date for hearing the Motion to Dismiss and to Substitute Proper Parties on behalf of the Intervenor (Doc. #354 in the C file).

2:30 p.m. Court adjourns.

By: Deputy Clerk