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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE, Plaintiff-Intervenor, vs. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a corporation, et al.,	)	IN EQUITY NO. C-125 SUBFILE NO. C-125-B **NOTICE IN LIEU OF SUMMONS**

TO:

Lorraine M Cowee
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You have been named as a Defendant in a civil action filed in the United States District Court in Reno, Nevada, entitled *United States v. Walker River Irrigation District* and assigned the court docket number In Equity C-125, Subfile C-125-B. You have been named as a Defendant because you are among a large number of persons and entities identified as having an ownership interest in certain water rights that the Court has directed to be included in this case.

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, a NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND INTENT TO PARTICIPATE within 60 days after the service of the FIRST AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM of the United States of America and the FIRST AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, which are herewith served upon you.

Under the CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER (Apr. 18, 2000) governing this phase of the case, you are not obligated to answer either the FIRST AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM filed by the United States of America or the FIRST AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM filed by the Walker River Paiute Tribe except upon further order of the Court.

Copies of your NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND INTENT TO PARTICIPATE shall

also be mailed to:

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United States Department of Justice
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The plaintiff, the United States of America, has filed a FIRST AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, in an action entitled *United States v. Walker River Irrigation District*. The plaintiff-intervenor, Walker River Paiute Tribe, has also filed a FIRST AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM in the same case. A copy of each FIRST AMENDED COUNTERCLAIM is attached to this notice. The documents have been filed in the District Court and have been assigned docket number In Equity C-125, Subfile C-125-B. Also attached is the CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER (Apr. 18, 2000) governing this phase of the case.

The materials in this package include seven [7] documents that you should review; please note that two of these documents address the sale or other conveyance of your water rights or if you believe that you should not be a party to this lawsuit. These documents are listed in Attachment A to this Notice in Lieu of Summons, and are explained below. **Please read these materials carefully, as they are important to your legal rights and legal obligations.**

There are also two Orders included herein that require you to provide certain information to the Court and the United States in two different circumstances. First, the Court anticipates use of the form attached to the ORDER – DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST in connection with the initial service upon you of the documents in this package <u>if</u> you have no interest in any water right within <u>any</u> of the nine categories of PARAGRAPH 3 of the CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER (Apr. 18, 2000). If you contend that you have been included in this litigation in error because you have no such interest, you should follow the directions in the

Attachment A

Enclosed are the following seven [7] documents:

1. ***Notice in Lieu of Summons: That is the title of this document (see title at the top of this page). Please begin your review with this 5-page double-sided document.***

2. ***Notice of Appearance and Intent to Participate: (This document is single-sided.) You are hereby summoned and required to file this Notice of Appearance and Intent to Participate with the United States District Court for the District of Nevada within 60 days after service upon you of the enclosed First Amended Counterclaim of the United States of America and the First Amended Counterclaim of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. You must file the original with the District Court and send a copy of the document to each of the attorneys identified above. Please keep a copy of the document for your records.***

3. ***First Amended Counterclaim of the United States of America (July 31, 1997). (This document is double-sided.)***

4. ***First Amended Counterclaim of the Walker River Paiute Tribe (July 31, 1997). (This document is double-sided.)***

5. ***Case Management Order (Apr. 18, 2000). (This document is double-sided.)***

6. ***Order and Form – Disclaimer of Interest: This Order requires you to notify the Court and the United States if you contend that you have been included in this litigation in error because you have no interest in any water right within any of the nine categories set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Case Management Order (Apr. 18, 2000). If you contend that you have been included in this litigation in error, the Order – Disclaimer of Interest also requires you to provide certain information and documents related to the transfer of water rights that would be part of this litigation. If you disclaim any water right in this litigation, you must comply with the Order -- Disclaimer of Interest, and you may use the form entitled Disclaimer of Interest in Water Rights and Notice of Related Information and Documentation Supporting Disclaimer, which is attached to the Order -- Disclaimer of Interest, to provide this information. (The Order -- Disclaimer of Interest is double-sided. The form Disclaimer of Interest in Water Rights and Notice of Related Information and Documentation Supporting Disclaimer is single-sided.)*** Please note that you are a Defendant if you are a domestic user of groundwater, as described further in ¶ 3.c of the enclosed CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER.

7. ***Order and Form Regarding Changes in Ownership of Water Rights: This Order requires you to notify the Court and the United States whenever during the course of this litigation you sell or otherwise convey ownership of all or a portion of any water right within any of the nine categories set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Case Management Order (Apr. 18, 2000). If you sell or otherwise convey any water right in***

this litigation, you must comply with the Order Regarding Changes in Ownership of Water Rights, and may use the form entitled Notice of Change of Ownership of Water Right, which is attached to the Order Regarding Changes in Ownership of Water Rights, to provide this information. You should retain this Order and the attached form for use whenever appropriate during the course of this litigation. You may also wish to make additional copies of the form attached to the Order for use if you sell or otherwise convey ownership of applicable water rights on more than one occasion during the course of this litigation. You should note that this Order also requires you to provide certain information and documents related to the transfer of water rights. (The Order Regarding Changes in Ownership of Water Rights is double-sided. The form Notice of Change of Ownership of Water Right is single-sided.)