UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA RENO, NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff(s),) IN EQUITY NO. C-125-ECR) Subproceedings: C-125-B and C-125-C) 3:73-CV-0125-ECR-WGC
VS.) 3:73-CV-0127-ECR-WGC) 3:73-CV-0128-ECR-WGC)
WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION, et al.,) MINUTES OF THE COURT
Defendant(s).) DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2012)

PRESENT: <u>HONORABLE WILLIAM G. COBB</u>, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Deputy Clerk: Jennifer S. Cotter Reporter: Donna Davidson

Counsel Present: Simeon Herskovits, Susan Schneider, Wes Williams, Jr., Karen Peterson, Gordon DePaoli, Dale Ferguson, Therese Ure, Marta Adams, and George Benesch

Counsel Appearing Telephonically: <u>Laura Schroeder, Stacey Simon, Chris Watson, and Michael Neville</u>

PROCEEDINGS: STATUS CONFERENCE

1:35 p.m. Court convenes.

The Court and Counsel confer regarding the current posture of the case and the steps that need to be taken going forward. The Court is advised that Chief Judge Jones will be conducting a hearing on February 21, 2012 for the purpose of making a final determination as to service issues. At that point, notification protocol, including publication issues, can be addressed by this Court. Once this matter is finalized, the threshold issues of the case can be considered.

IT IS ORDERED that a status conference regarding notification protocol is set for March 13, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. Counsel shall file any proposed drafts and alternative drafts with respect to this issue no later than March 6, 2012. Counsel wishing to appear telephonically shall dial <u>1-888-273-3658</u>, enter the access code <u>5820561</u>, and enter the security code <u>31312</u>, approximately ten (10) minutes prior to the hearing.

Ms. Schneider informs the Court that, in the past, the United States has provided a status report prior to any status conference. The Court requests that this practice be continued.

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Some discussion occurs regarding the Sixteenth Report of the United States of America Concerning Status of Service on Certain Persons and Entities and Request for Guidance (Doc. 1609 in 3:73-cv-0127-ECR-WGC).

IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Schneider shall submit a proposed order of dismissal, without prejudice, with respect to the parties as referred to in the Sixteenth Report Concerning Status of Service. Any objections shall be filed within **seven (7) days** after the submission of said proposed order.

Mr. Herskovits asks the Court to address certain service issues in Case 3:73-cv-0128-ECR-WGC. The Court determines that these matters will also be addressed at the status conference set for March 13, 2012. Mr. Herskovits shall file a service report no later than **March 6, 2012**. Should there be no decision by Chief Judge Jones by that time, Counsel shall file a short notice with the Court that the issue is still outstanding.

2:53 p.m. Court adjourns.

LANCE S. WILSON, CLERK

By: <u>/s/</u>

Deputy Clerk