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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, WALKER RIVER PIAUTE TRIBE, Plaintiff-Intervenor, vs. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, et al., Defendants.	In Equity No. C-125-ECR Subfile No. C-125-B MINUTES OF THE COURT DATED: May 25, 2005
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WALKER RIVER PIAUTE TRIBE, Counterclaimants, vs. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, et al., Counterdefendants.	

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

Deputy Clerk: Gina Mugnaini Recorder: FTR

Counsel appearing in person: Susan Schneider (United States); Linda Bowman (U.S. Board of Water Comissioners); Gordon DePaoli and Dale E. Ferguson (WRID): George Benesch (Lyon Co.); Marta Adams (State of Nevada): John Howard and William E. Schaeffer (Landolts); and Laura Schroeder (Walker River Water Users).

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Counsel appearing telephonically: Alice Walker (Walker River Piaute Tribe); Simeon Herskovits (Mineral County & Walker Lake Working Group); Michael Neville (State of California); Stacey Simon (Mono County); and Michael Hoy

PROCEEDINGS: STATUS CONFERENCE

1:38 : p.m.: Court convenes.

The Court advises, that as has been done in the past, the proposed agenda of the United States and the Tribe will be used. The Court asks if there are any objections to the Fourth Report. No objections were voiced. The requests set forth in the Fourth Report are GRANTED. The order, which has been circulated, is approved and signed. The Fifth Report was filed on May 9th, 2005. Ms Schneider asks that consideration of this report be taken up at the next hearing. The Court asks if there are any objections, and hearing none, the Fifth Report will be taken up at the next hearing.

The next item on the agenda is the ongoing efforts to update the certificate of service. Ms. Schneider presents her report to the Court. The Court and the Clerk will meet and confer as to the updating of the certificate of service.

The Court next inquires as to the status of Mediation. Mr. DePaoli reports that mediation is on going and measures have been taken in an effort to speed things up. He is hopeful that, by the time the stay order is up, it will be determined if mediation will continue or not.

The next agenda item is the status of the service of process for Service Category A: Successors-in-Interest. Ms. Schneider gives her report to the Court on this category as well as Categories D, G, I, 3A and 3C. At this point it appears between 83% and 85% of service has been completed. Ms. Schneider reports that with this percentage of service completed they are now looking into the question of costs. The Court asks if there is any hope that service will be completed by the time the stay order ends. Ms. Schneider replies that at this point that does not appear to be possible. The Court states that there was an exparte application for an order appointing a process server filed in this matter and that order appointing a process server has been approved and signed.

The Court notes that that seems to take care of the agenda items and asks if there is anything else to be taken up. There being nothing further, the Court sets the next status conference for Tuesday, July 26, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., at which time the Fifth Report will be taken up.

Counsel shall contact the courtroom deputy, Gina Mugnaini, at (775) 686-5758, two days in advance of the hearing to advise her if they wish to participate telephonically and, if so, of the telephone number(s) where they may be reached for the hearing. The courtroom deputy will initiate the conference call.

A status report shall be submitted to the Court two weeks in advance of the status conference to identify the issues that need to be discussed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

1:55:55 p .m.: Court adjourns.

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