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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, WALKER RIVER PAIUTE 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: Tuesday, July 26, 2005
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE, Counterclaimants, vs. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, et al., Counterdefendants.	)	

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

Deputy Clerk: Gina Mugnaini Reporter: Kathy French

Counsel appearing in person: Linda Bowman (U.S. Board of Water Commissioners); Dale E. Ferguson (WRID); John Howard (Landolts); Laura Schroeder (Walker River Water Users); Cheri K. Emm (Mineral County); and Louis S. Test (FIM, Inc.)

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Counsel appearing telephonically: Susan Schneider (United States); Alice Walker (Walker River Paiute Tribe); Marta Adams (State of Nevada); and Stacey Simon (Mono County)

PROCEEDINGS: STATUS CONFERENCE

1:36 : 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 Fifth Report. Ms. Schneider advises the Court and the parties of what changes to the report have been made. No objections were voiced. The requests set forth in the Fifth Report are GRANTED. The order is approved and signed.

The next item on the agenda is the ongoing efforts to update the certificate of service. Ms. Schneider presents her report to the Court. Ms. Schneider 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. Ferguson reports that mediation is on going and some progress is being made.

The next agenda item is the status of the service regarding services categories described in paragraph 3 of the CMO. Ms. Schneider indicates that additional status reports are to come. She will meet with Clerk Brenda Gorbet to see if the process may be streamlined. Copies of the six (6) page service report/table will be distributed to all counsel. Ms. Schneider reports that Category C-3 service has experienced some delay due to the illness of the person responsible for this task, but indicates that that process should continue in the next few weeks. A cost motion for the individuals personally served is being prepared.

Ms. Walker addresses the status of the development of proposed procedures regarding mailing, notice and other contacts with unrepresented persons and entities served in this action. She said that some time in the past she had mentioned putting together a committee to deal with getting notice to the unrepresented parties when threshold issues are to be heard by the Court. The Court understands that, while this is not as pressing an issue as other things taking place in this case, he would like to have a committee put in place by the next hearing and have Mr. Howard included in this committee.

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 Wednesday, September 28, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

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.

1:53 p .m.: Court adjourns.

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