

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA
RENO, NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	IN EQUITY NO. C-125-RCJ
)	Subproceedings: C-125-B and C-125-C
Plaintiff(s),)	
)	3:73-CV-0125-RCJ-WGC
)	3:73-CV-0127-RCJ-WGC
vs.)	3:73-CV-0128-RCJ-WGC
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WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION, et al.,)	MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
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Defendant(s).)	DATED: January 6, 2015
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PRESENT: HONORABLE WILLIAM G. COBB, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Deputy Clerk: Katie Lynn Ogden **Reporter:** FTR

Counsel Present: Wes Williams Jr., Andrew “Guss” Guarino, Gordon DePaoli, Dale Ferguson, Therese Ure, Bryan Stockton, Simeon Herskovits, George Benesch, Matt Curti, and Jan Zabriskie

Counsel Appearing Telephonically: Erin Mahaney, Annadel Almendras, Stacey Simon, David Negri, Harry Swainston and George Keele

Special Appearances: Eileen Rutherford (Senior Paralegal obo United States of America, Telephonically), Jim Shaw (Water Master) and Lia Griffin (USDC Clerk’s Office Operations Manager)

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS: STATUS CONFERENCE

1:14 p.m. Court convenes.

I. Discussions Relating to Case No. 3:73-CV-00128-RCJ-WGC, In Equity C-125-C

A. Status as to Service on California Riparian Water Rights Holders

Mineral County counsel Simeon Herskovits reports there are close to 500 additional California riparian water rights holders that remain unserved (other Nevada water rights holders have been served). The compiling list of California riparian water rights holders who remain to be served is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Once the list is complete and funds for service are allocated, Mineral County projects it will complete service by late summer 2015.

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B. E-Service Order and Case Management Order

Counsel suggests deferring the preparation of a Proposed E-Service Order and Case Management Order in the C-125-C subproceeding pending conclusion of the Motion to Dismiss (Doc. # 751). The court concurs.

C. Website Development

Counsel agrees establishing a website for the C-125-C subproceeding is appropriate at this time.

The court requests the United States District Court Clerk's Office to begin the process of developing a website for the C-125-C subproceeding, similar to the website implemented for the C-125-B subproceeding.

II. Discussions Relating to Case No. 3:73-CV-00127-RCJ-WGC, In Equity C-125-B

A. Superseding Order Regarding Service and Filing in Subproceeding C-125-B On and By All Parties (Doc. # 2100)

Counsel for the United States of America Guss Guarino indicates he will investigate whether service of the Superseding Order (Doc. # 2100) on "non-appearing parties" has been accomplished or not. The United States is directed to file a notice advising the court of its investigation no later than **Tuesday, 1/20/2015**.

i. Current Results of the Superseding Order Being Served

As a result of the Superseding Order being served, United States District Court Clerk's Office Operations Manager Lia Griffin reports the following responses generated by unrepresented parties:

- 131 parties requesting to be served by mail or postcard;
- 249 email addresses added to the C-15-B subproceeding docket;
- 277 return mailings; and
- 3 death notices or notices the party is no longer a water rights holder.

ii. Postcard Service

Ms. Griffin states after January 13, 2015, the clerk will file a notice that will identify the unrepresented parties requesting postcard service. Additionally, Ms. Griffin indicates the court will continue to maintain the list of unrepresented parties requesting postcard service and file a notice of the updated list quarterly.

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