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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, v. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a corporation, et al., Defendants.	Case No. C-125-ECR Subfile No. C-125-C MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL; AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM E. HVIDSTEN

COMES NOW, William E. Hvidsten, Esq., of the law firm of De Cuir & Somach, and Timothy A. Lukas, Esq., of the law firm of Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard, Anderson and Pearl, counsel of record for certain members of the former Walker River Basin Water Users

Association, and moves this Court, pursuant to L.R. IA 10-6 for an Order Allowing the Withdrawal of Counsel for those members.

This Motion is based upon the fact that the Walker River Basin Water Users Association has disbanded, and no new entity has taken its place to provide legal representation to its members. The individual members have not retained De Cuir & Somach or Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard, Anderson ~~and Pearl~~ for representation in this matter, and the matter continues to move forward. This Motion is supported by the Affidavit of William E. Hvidsten.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2000.

DE CUIR & SOMACH
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By: _____
WILLIAM E. HVIDSTEN
Attorney for Defendant

Dated this 14th day of March, 2000.

HALE, LANE, PEEK, DENNISON,
HOWARD, ANDERSON ~~and PEARL~~

By: _____

Attorneys for Defendant

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO)

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM E. HVIDSTEN

William E. Hvidsten, Esq., being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am an attorney licensed by the State of California to practice before all courts of that State. I am admitted pro hac vice to this court as of March 26, 1998.

2. The firm of De Cuir & Somach was retained by the Walker River Basin Water Users Association (Association) to represent the individual members of the Association in this action and has made appearances on behalf of certain members. Pursuant to L.R. IA 10-2, De Cuir & Somach associated as co-counsel the firm of Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard, Anderson and Pearl, as its resident member of a bar of this Court.

3. The Association has disbanded and no new entity has taken its place to provide legal representation to its members. The individual members represented in this action by the firms of De Cuir & Somach, and Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard, Anderson and Pearl were all members of the former Association, and were represented solely in that capacity.

4. The individual members were notified in January 1999 that they were no longer represented as a group in this matter, and individual representation was offered. Copies of the letters sent to the members are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. Jeff Hunewill, a director of the former Association, and now Chairman of the Bridgeport Rancher's Organization (BRO) to which many former Association members also belong, selected alternate counsel for representation in this matter. Mr. Hunewill has sent a letter to BRO members informing them of the new counsel's willingness to represent the group and the necessity of releasing De Cuir & Somach from representation. A copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

6. I recently received Substitutions of Attorneys for counsel to replace De Cuir & Somach and of Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard, Anderson and Pearl in this matter. Those parties submitting the Substitutions of Attorneys are Sario Livestock Company, Ronald Arrache

and Carolyn Strosnider. The substitutions will be submitted to this Court when they are fully signed. To my knowledge, the remainder of the parties have not committed to representation. Those who I believe have not committed to representation are listed in Exhibit C.

7. I have knowledge of and am competent to testify to the matters stated herein, except to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I, William E. Hvidsten, do hereby swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing assertions are true.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2000.

WILLIAM E. HVIDSTEN

State of California)
) ss.
County of Sacramento)

On March 9th, 2000, before me, Ann S. Hafter, personally appeared William E. Hvidsten proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

ANN S. HAFTER
Commission # 1247484
Notary Public - California
Sacramento County
My Comm. Expires Dec 27, 2003

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Ann S. Hafter, Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

PROOF OF SERVICE (Federal)

COURT: United States District Court - District of Nevada
CASE NAME: United States of America, Plaintiff, Walker River Paiute Tribe, Plaintiff-Intervenor, v. Walker River Irrigation District, et al.
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I am a citizen of the United States, employed in the City and County of Sacramento. My business address is 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 1900, Sacramento, CA 95814. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the foregoing action.

On ~~March~~ april 4, 2000, I served the following:

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL; AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM E. HVIDSTEN

X (by mail) on all parties in said action, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope in a designated area for outgoing mail, addressed as set forth on the attached service list. At De Cuir & Somach, mail placed in that designated area is given the correct amount of postage and is deposited that same day, in the ordinary course of business, in a United States mailbox in the City of Sacramento, California.

_ (by personal delivery) by personally delivering a true copy thereof to the person and at the address as set forth on the attached service list.

_ (by overnight delivery service) via Federal Express addressed to the person at the address as set forth on the attached service list.

_ (by facsimile transmission) to the person at the address and phone number as set forth on the attached service list.

Please See Attached Service List

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on ~~March~~ april 4, 2000, at Sacramento, California.

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~~Marlene Martin~~

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January 6, 1999

Ron Arrache
Post Office Box 2468
Lancaster, CA 93539

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
Mineral County Litigation

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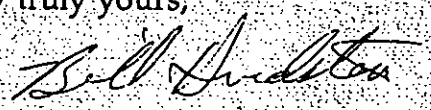

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c/o E. J. and M. E. Artesani
3024 Hauser Way
Carson City, NV 89701

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2022 Nevada State Highway, No. 208
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Deborah Hartline
Post Office Box 1343
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Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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January 26, 1999

Terry Hawkins
Margaret Hawkins
945 E. Main Street, #168
Fernley, NV 89801

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
Mineral County Litigation

Dear Terry and Margaret Hawkins:

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January 6, 1999

Virginia Lakes Mutual Water Company
c/o Don Meier
4495 Gibraltar Drive
Reno, NV 89509

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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Dear Mr. Meier:

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January 6, 1999

David Parraguirre
1700 Wendy Way
Reno, NV 89509

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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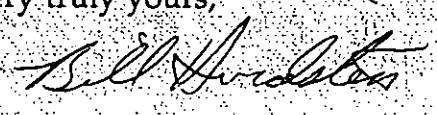

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Plymouth Land and Stock
c/o Louis W. Bergevin
Post Office Box 188
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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Sario Livestock Co.
c/o Beatrice Presto
1462 Douglas Avenue
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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David A. Sceirine
Joe Sceirine
Post Office Box 1013
Yerington, NV 89447

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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Jack Sceirine
Beverly Sceirine
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Yerington, NV 89447

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Kenneth Strosnider
Carol Strosnider
Post Office Box 26
Smith, NV 89430

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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Talbot Land & Livestock
c/o Thomas J. Talbot
1650 North Sierra Highway
Bishop, CA 93514

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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Rachel Tholke Trust
c/o Dawn Cooper, Trustee
Post Office Box 97
Coleville, CA 96107

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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Twelves Family Trust
c/o Roy Snyder and Joanne Rice
Elizabeth Aadnesen
4164 South Syracuse
Denver, CO 80237

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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Sweetwater Ranch
c/o William W. Weaver, Jr.
2535 State Route 338
Wellington, NV 89444

Re: Walker River Basin Water Users Association
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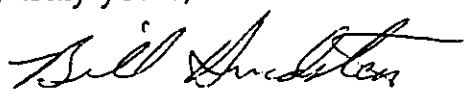

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October 12, 1999

BRIDGEPORT RANCHER'S ORGANIZATION

Fellow members,

This subject of this letter concerns your legal representation in potential Walker River Paiute Tribe and Mineral County litigation. George Benesch as you know, is the attorney selected by the BRO search committee and subsequently approved by vote of the BRO membership at the June 1999 meeting. George is ready to represent all of us however there is a formality which needs to be addressed first.

Ethical attorneys, it turns out, are very reluctant to solicit or appear to solicit clients. Because of this conscientious consideration, in order for George Benesch to represent each of us, we must request that he be our attorney (individually). Thus I am enclosing a sample letter which you are free to use, that requests Mr. Benesch be your legal representative in Walker River Decree matters. If you still want George to be your representative as you did in June please send this letter to Mr. Benesch as soon as possible. This will do three things. One, it will release Decuir and Somach, the former Water User's Attorneys from representing you. Two, George Benesch will be in place to represent your interests. Three, you and the BRO will be ready to respond legally and in a timely way when it becomes necessary. Mr. Benesch will not need a retainer paid in advance and is willing to bill all of us collectively.

One final legal matter needs to be taken care of here and that is releasing Decuir and Somach from representing the members of the BRO. If you signed a request for Decuir and Somach to represent you as part of the membership in the Walker River Basin Water User's Assoc., then you should send them a letter stating that you no longer need their services in Walker River Decree matters. This will free them from any obligation to represent you; or to bill you. If you have your own attorney or do not need representation in this matter you do not need to respond to Mr. Benesch.

If you send in the "request letter" that is provided, please fill in you name and address and sign and date the letter before mailing.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (775) 465-2579.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hunewill
Chairman BRO

Exhibit C

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Sceirine, David

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