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.	In Equity No. C-125-ECR Subfile No. C-125-B and C-125-C CV-N-73-128 **JOINT REPORT OF MEDIATING PARTIES**

Pursuant to the Order Governing Mediation Process entered herein on May 27, 2003, the United States, State of Nevada, State of California, Walker River Paiute Tribe, Walker River Irrigation District, Mono County, California, Lyon County, Nevada, Mineral County, Nevada, and the Walker Lake Working Group (the "Parties") hereby submit the following Joint Report to the Court:

1. Progress in the Mediation Process

The Parties have participated in monthly mediation sessions over the past six months pursuant to the terms of the Mediation Process Agreement and Mediation Order. Monthly mediation sessions are presently scheduled for January, February and March of 2005. The Parties agree that progress in the mediation process is continuing.

2. Continuation of the Mediation Process

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The Parties agree that the mediation process should continue through December 31, 2005 pursuant to the provisions of the Mediation Process Agreement previously executed by the Parties and pursuant to the Order Governing Mediation Process. In this regard, the parties, either individually or jointly, will file and serve a motion on or before January 18, 2005 consistent with this Joint Report. The briefing schedule will be as established by the court at the status conference held on December 1, 2004.

3. Holding Activity in Sub-proceedings C-125-B and C-125-C in Abeyance

The Parties agree that all activity in the C-125-B and C-125-C sub-proceedings should continue to be stayed, with the exception of efforts by the United States, Tribe and Mineral County to complete service and otherwise as ordered by the Court. In this regard, the motion to be filed on or before January 18, 2005 will include a request that the Order Governing Mediation Process be amended accordingly.

4. Payment of Mediator Fees and Expenses

The Parties have agreed to make and are able to make payments toward the Mediator's fees and expenses over the next six months in accordance with the provisions of the Mediation Process Agreement.

5. Need for Court Hearing

There is no need for a hearing before the Court prior to the hearing currently scheduled for March 8, 2005 at 1:30 P.M.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2004.

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