

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA
RENO, NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE,)
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 Plaintiff-Intervenor,)
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 vs.)
)
 WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION)
 DISTRICT, et al.,)
)
 Defendants.)

In Equity No. C-125-ECR
Subfile No. C-125-B

MINUTES OF COURT

DATE: MARCH 8, 2005

**C-125-C
CV-N-73-128-ECR(RAM)**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
 WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE,)
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 Counterclaimants,)
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 vs.)
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 WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION)
 DISTRICT, et al.,)
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 Counterdefendants.)

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

Deputy Clerk: Rosemary Damron Reporter: Kathryn French

Counsel Appearing in person: Susan Schneider (United States); Alice Walker (Walker River Paiute Tribe); Simeon Herskovits (Mineral County & Walker Lake Working Group); Stephen Rye (Lyon County); John Howard and William Schaeffer (Landolts); Laura A. Schroeder (Reviglio, et al.); Gordon DePaoli and Dale Ferguson (WRID); Linda Bowman (U.S. Board of Water Commissioners); Marta Adams (Nevada Dept. of Wildlife); Louis S. Test (FIM, Inc.)

Counsel Appearing by phone: Stacey Simon (Mono County); Malissa McKeith (Polyone Corp.)

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1:45 p.m. Court convenes.

Issues identified in the United States of America's and the Walker River Paiute Tribe's List of Proposed Agenda Items for the March 8, 2005 Status Conference (Doc. #512, filed on February 22, 2005), are discussed.

The Court signs the following orders:

Order Concerning Second Report of the United States of America Concerning Status of Service on Certain Persons and Entities;
Order Concerning Third Report of the United States of America Concerning Status of Service on Certain Persons and Entities;
Supplemental Order Concerning First Report of the United States of America Concerning Status of Service on Certain Persons and Entities.

The Fourth Report of the United States of America Concerning Status of Service on Certain Persons and Entities will be dealt with at a later hearing.

Ms. Schneider informs the Court of the ongoing efforts to update the Certificate of Service in Case No. C-125-B. This will be discussed again at the next hearing.

The Court hears the arguments by Ms. Walker, Mr. Howard, Ms. Schroeder, Mr. dePaoli and Ms. Schneider regarding the Joint Motion of Mediating Parties to Continue Stay of Litigation in C-125-B and C-125-C Subproceedings (Doc. #504, filed on January 18, 2005).

The Court makes its findings on the record. IT IS ORDERED that the Joint Motion of Mediating Parties to Continue Stay of Litigation (Doc. #504) is granted without prejudice. Litigation is stayed until December 31, 2005.

The status of service efforts regarding service category a. as described in paragraph 3 of the CMO, will continue to be worked on.

The status of the development of proposed procedures regarding mailing, notice and other contacts with unrepresented persons and entities served in this action will continue to be worked on.

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Ms. Schneider's request that the print on page 3 of the certificate of service in the proposed agenda (Doc. #512 filed on February 22, 2005) above her signature be stricken is granted.

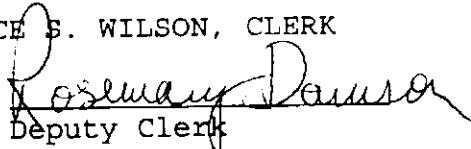
The next status conference will be held on an afternoon at the end of May when the parties will have a hearing before Judge Reed in the morning. Ms. Bowman will contact the courtroom deputy, Rosemary Damron (775-686-5835) to fix the date for the next status conference.

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.

2:50 p.m. Court adjourns.

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