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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

3:73-cv-00125-RCJ-WGC
In Equity No. C-125

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE,
Plaintiff-Intervenor,

**ORDER APPROVING BUDGET AND
RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE
YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE
30, 2018, AND THE AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

vs.

WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
a corporation, et al.,
Defendants.

The Petition of the United States Board of Water Commissioners and the Chief Deputy Water Commissioner for Approval of Budget and Approval of Rate of Assessment for the Year July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018, and for Approval of the Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2016 (“Petition”) (Doc. 1456) was filed on April 18, 2017.

A hearing was set for May 31, 2017 (Doc. 1462). The Court ordered that if no objections were filed by May 17, 2017, the Court would consider vacating the Hearing (Doc. 1461).

The Walker River Paiute Tribe (“Tribe”) and the United States of America (“United States”) filed Joint Comments on May 16, 2017 (Doc. 1471). The Walker River Irrigation District (“WRID”) filed a Response to the Joint Comments on May 16, 2017 (Doc. 1472). The Joint

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1 Comments of the Tribe and the United States state their comments are similar to their comments
2 filed annually with the Court in prior years, and that therefore a hearing may not be required.
3 Subject to the statements made in their comments, the Tribe and United States did not object to the
4 Court approving the Petition. The Joint Comments largely pertain to a concern that the delivery of
5 water to the Tribe account for conveyance losses and accuracy of measurement. The Tribe and the
6 United States do not object to the United States Board of Water Commissioners administering the
7 Decree and the delivery of water in the same manner as in prior similar irrigation seasons. WRID
8 responded to the Tribe's and United States' Joint Comments and acknowledged that the Tribe and
9 the United States have not waived the rights they may have to seek in the future a different place of
10 measurement and/or to the addition of water to offset conveyances losses, if any.

11 There were no other comments or objections filed to the budget, rate of assessment or
12 the audit report.

13 The Court having considered the Petition, the Tribe's and United States' Joint
14 Comments, WRID's response, the proofs of notice, and being fully advised in the premises makes
15 the following findings:

16 1. The Court finds that notice of this hearing has been given by publication and
17 posting of the Notice of Filing of Report and Petition for Approval of Budget and Approval of Rate
18 of Assessment for the Year July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018, and for Approval of the Audit
19 Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2016 in accordance with its Order of April 20, 2017 (Doc.
20 1462), and that additional notice has been given by electronic service and by mailing a copy of the
21 Petition, the (Proposed) Order Requiring Notice and (Proposed) Notice of Filing Report on April 18,
22 2017, as set forth in the Affidavit of Service filed on April 18, 2017 (Doc. 1459).

23 2. The Court finds that the Budget and Rate of Assessment for the year July 1,
24 2017 to June 30, 2018 should be approved.

25 3. The Court finds the Audit Report of the accounting records of the United
26 States Board of Water Commissioners for the year ended June 30, 2016, prepared by Arrighi, Blake
27 & Associates, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, should be approved.

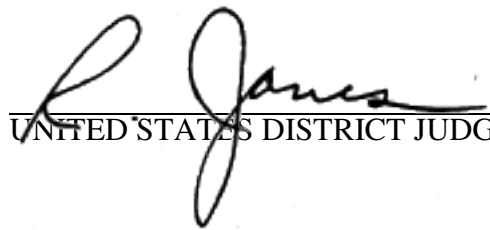
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that:

2 1. The Budget and Rate of Assessment of \$4.50 per acre for the year July 1,
3 2017 to June 30, 2018 submitted by the Chief Deputy Water Commissioner and approved by the
4 United States Board of Water Commissioners on March 10, 2017 is hereby approved; and

5 2. The Audit Report of the accounting records of the United States Board of
6 Water Commissioners for the year ended June 30, 2016, prepared by Arrighi, Blake & Associates,
7 LLC, Certified Public Accountants, is hereby approved.

8 DATED this 24th day of May, 2017.

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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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