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Regarding Discovery and Motion Schedule (ECF No. 2702) ("Stay Order").

- 3. Since granting that first Stay Order, the Plaintiffs and Principal Defendants Walker River Irrigation District and Nevada Department of Wildlife (the "Negotiating Parties") have sought, and the Court has granted, additional 90-day stay orders, including an Eighth Stay Order. See, ECF 2707; 2714; 2719; 2726; 2730; 2732; and 2734.
- 4. Since the Eighth Stay Order, the Negotiating Parties have continued work to secure all approvals from the Negotiating Parties of the terms and provisions of an anticipated final stipulation that would resolve the water rights claims made by the Tribe.
- 5. The Negotiating Parties can now inform the Court that sufficient final approval has been secured to advance the anticipated Final Stipulation for approval by the Court.
- 6. Since final approval has been secured, the Negotiating Parties have further discussed when and how to present the Final Stipulation for the Court's consideration and approval. The Negotiating Parties believe that such presentation can be accomplished through a motion and proposed order, followed by responses and replies. The Negotiating Parties also recognize that litigation of water rights claims made by and on behalf of the Tribe has, over decades, included unique litigation procedures.
- 7. Accordingly, the Negotiating Parties believe that a scheduling conference with the Court would be useful to both the Court and the Parties. The Negotiating Parties would like the opportunity to discuss the following potential issues with the Court: 1) timing and deadlines for any motions, responses, and replies; 2) how service of any motions, responses, and replies should be accomplished beyond using the Court's CM/ECF system; and 3) any other questions or concerns that the Court might have about the Final Stipulation and any associated process.

## NOW, THEREFORE, the Negotiating Parties hereby request:

1. That given the anticipated Final Stipulation has now received sufficient approval from the Negotiating Parties, the Court further stay the litigation schedule indefinitely so that they may present, and obtain the Court's approval of, the Final Stipulation regarding water rights claims made by and on behalf of the Tribe.

1	2. That the Court schedule a Scheduling Conference in the near future at a date and	
2	time convenient for the Court and the Parties	to address the Court on the items identified in
3	paragraph 7, above.	
4	Dated: May 8, 2024.	
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