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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

IN EQUITY
3:73-CV-00183-LDG

ALPINE LAND & RESERVOIR COMPANY
a corporation, et al,
Defendant.

**ORDER APPROVING WATER MASTER'S BUDGET FOR 2013-2014;
CREATING AN ASSESSMENT TO REPLENISH THE FUND HERETOFORE
ESTABLISHED TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF CONDUCTING
THE WATER MASTER'S OFFICE, APPORTIONING THE COSTS
THEREOF, PROVIDING THE MANNER AND METHOD OF
COLLECTION THEREOF, AND DIRECTING THE DISTRIBUTION
OF THE WATERS OF THE CARSON RIVER WHEN NECESSARY**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the petition of CHAD BLANCHARD, Water Master appointed herein to administer the Final Decree entered on December 18, 1980, asking that an assessment be created to replenish the fund heretofore established to pay the expenses of conducting the office of the Water Master for the period from October 1, 2013, to September 30, 2014, and for such other action as might seem meet and proper in the premises, having

1 been filed with the Clerk of this Court on January 9, 2014, and
2 proper notice having been given to all parties of the filing of
3 said petition, and all parties having the opportunity to enter
4 objections thereto, and no objections having been entered by any
5 party to the said petition and proposed budget and good cause
6 appearing,
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

9 1. That the budget submitted by the Water Master on
10 January 9, 2014, as part of his petition, is hereby approved and
11 the Water Master is hereby authorized and directed to pay to
12 himself as Water Master the salary indicated in said budget, to
13 employ assistants as may be necessary and to pay all necessary
14 expenses incurred in administering the Final Decree issued
15 herein, as provided for in said budget.

16 2. That in order to provide a means for the payment of
17 further expense of conducting the Water Master's office,
18 particularly for the period from October 1, 2013, to September
19 30, 2014, there is hereby created an assessment in the sum of
20 THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$320,000.00) to replenish
21 the fund heretofore established.

22 3. That the water users within the Truckee-Carson
23 Irrigation District, by and through the Truckee-Carson
24 Irrigation District, pay to the Water Master one-fifth (1/5) of
25 the said assessment, to wit, the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND
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1 DOLLARS (\$64,00.00), said payment to be made on or before
2 January 15, 2014.

3 4. That the balance of said assessment be assessed
4 against all of the remaining water users on the Carson River
5 subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, on a prorata bases of
6 FOUR DOLLARS AND 10 CENTS (\$4.10) per acre, according to the
7 irrigable acreage possessed by said water users, said payments
8 to be made to the Water Master on or before January 15, 2014, it
9 being provided, however, that the minimum charge assessed
10 against any water user shall not be less than FORTY-ONE DOLLARS
11 AND NO CENTS (\$41.00).

13 5. That the Clerk of this Court give notice of the
14 required payments to be made by each water user by mailing a
15 copy of this order and the notice annexed hereto to each
16 attorney appearing of record for the plaintiff and sundry
17 defendants in this cause within five (5) days of the entry of
18 this order; the Water Master is further directed to give such
19 notice to the parties hereto and their successors and assigns by
20 publishing a copy of the notice annexed hereto in the following
21 newspapers: Nevada Appeal, P.O. Box 2288, Carson City, Nevada,
22 89701; Record-Courier, P.O. Box 2288, Carson City, Nevada 89702-
23 2288; Lahontan Valley News, P.O. Box 1297, Fallon, Nevada 89407-
24 1297 and Mason Valley News, P.O. Box 841, Yerington, Nevada
25 89447, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks.
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1 6. That the prorata amounts so assessed against the water
2 users on the Carson River on the basis of the water righted
3 acreage possessed by said water users shall become and be a lien
4 against said water righted lands until paid, and that the Water
5 Master be, and hereby is, directed to enforce the collection of
6 said assessments in the manner provided by law, and is further
7 ordered to cut off water deliveries from any water user who is
8 in default in any said required payments.
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10 7. That said Water Master, CHAD BLANCHARD, be and hereby
11 is, directed to make a report and submit an audit by a certified
12 public accountant of his books, records, and accounts annually
13 on or before the 15th day of January 2014.

14 8. That the Interim Water Master, CHAD BLANCHARD, be and
15 hereby is, directed to continue in effect the surety bond in the
16 sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) heretofore provided
17 pursuant to his order of appointment for the faithful
18 performance of his duties as custodian of such funds and the
19 property that may be in his care.
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21 9. That the Water Master's report and audit for the
22 fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, shall be filed by January
23 15, 2014.

24 10. That the operation and administration of the Water
25 Master's office in administering the provisions of the Final
26 Decree for the period from October 1, 2012, to September 30,
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1 2013 is hereby approved.

2 11. That the Water Master begin the distribution of the
3 waters of the Carson River under said Final Decree on such date
4 as the Water Master determines that the distribution of said
5 water under his authority is necessary.

6 12. That the Water Master is directed to create a funded
7 account pursuant to existing Personnel and Benefits Policy to
8 cover the cost of continuing health insurance on qualified
9 personnel, upon their retirement, and that the cost shall be
10 included in the Water Master's Budget each year until such time
11 as the earned benefit is exhausted.

13 DATED this 11~~th~~ day of MARCH 2014

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17 DISTRICT JUDGE

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