

# WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, May 19, 2020

**6:00 p.m.**

White Pine County Library Conference Room

950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301

## A G E N D A

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**WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, March 17, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

**White Pine County Library Conference Room  
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**A G E N D A**

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**WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, February 18, 2020**

**5:00 p.m.**

**White Pine County Library Conference Room**  
**950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jill Perez, Rod McKenzie, Norris Hendrix, Steven Carter, Frederick Partey, Ernie Flangas, Cody Odgers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gary Perea, Dave Baker

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** James Woolsey, Great Basin National Park, Travis Godon, White Pine County Commission, Jose Noriega, USFS

- I. Call to Order: Rod McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
- III. Public Comment none were made
- IV. New Business
  - A. \*Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the Joint January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Norris Hendrix made the motion to approve the minutes. Steven Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed with Jill Perez abstaining.
- V. Unfinished Business
  - A. \*Discussion/for Action – Updates and Edits to the White Pine County Water Resources Plan Rod McKenzie gave an update on the Water Plan, he had a few minor corrections from what was emailed to the board members. He had a discussion with the District Attorney on how to finalize the plan. The plan will need to go to the Regional Planning Commission for approval, after it is approved by the RPC it will then need to be sent to the White Pine County Commission for approval. It will be in draft form until approved by the WPC Commission. Frederick Partey made a motion to respond to the email in which the draft plan was attached, and to have members review the plan and send any comments or changes to the plan to Rod by Monday March 2, 2020. The approval of the plan will be on the next meeting's agenda for approval. Jill Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed. It was discussed that the current voting committee members will be listed in the plan.
  - B. \*Discussion/for Possible Action – BARCAS II Study Dr. Frederick Partey reported that progress has been made. He has gone to the county commission a received authorization to move forward and has been working with USGS and DRI. They are currently in the introduction stage. The next step is to

**refine the study and present to the County Commissioners to receive seed money to start collecting the data. At the next meeting an updated version will be presented for approval to go to the Commission.**

- C. **\*Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project. Cody Odgers reported that he has submitted items to Sidwell, he has it broke down into the seven different categories as requested by the committee. He hopes to have a new format to present at the next meeting for approval.**

VI. On-Going Business

- A. Referral of Items from County Commission **Travis Godon reported that the commission approved to hire Resource Concepts Inc., as a contractor for Natural Resources; hopefully they can start by April, 2020. They will call in for meetings, and give an update quarterly. The combination of PLUAC and WAC will be looked at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021 7/1/2020.**
- B. Review, Recommendations – Division of Water Resources, Monthly Report **No comments was made.**
- C. Reports – USGS, BLM, US Forest Service, National Park Service, NDOW, Division of Water Resources, SNWA, State Land Use Planning Advisory Council, Robinson Nevada Mining Company, Ely Shoshone Tribe, and The City of Ely **Jose Noriega reported that USFS is doing more treatments this spring and working on SNPLMA Projects. They did meet with Kennecott on the Tamerlane project. He also reported that Nicole Bolton has taken a job in Idaho and will be leaving the area in March. James Woolsey reported that the National Park Service is also working on SNPLMA project. Dr. Fredrick Partey reported that RNMC is continuing to dewater out of the Ruth Pit, 7 P is running**

- VII. Reports – Comments from Committee Members, Reports, Water Committee Members, and Meetings Attended

- VIII. \*Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, Appointments **There currently is two vacancies on the committee.**

- IX. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement **the next meeting will be 03/17/2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

- X. Public Comment **none were made**

- XI. \*Adjournment **The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

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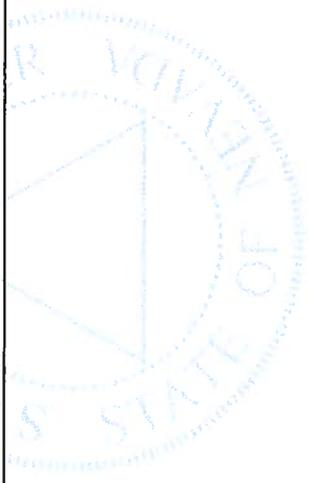


# Monthly Report

Monthly Report For The Month of: February 2020

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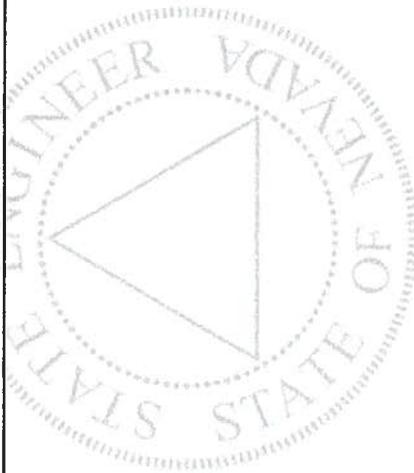
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89547	Feb-07	195	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY		UG	BIG WASH WELL	WP	1.37	0.2	STK	04	10N	69E
89548	Feb-07	184	SNWA		UG	HARBECKE QM WELL	WP	3	0.2	QM	22	13N	67E
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89562T	Feb-18	78185	ROBINSON NEVADA MINING COMPANY		UG		WP	18204	26	MM	14	16N	62E
89563T	Feb-18	78186	ROBINSON NEVADA MINING COMPANY		UG		WP	11300	216	MM	14	16N	62E



# Monthly Report

Monthly Report For The Month of: **March** **2020** Run Date: **5/13/2020 2:54:45 PM**

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89608T	Mar-13	V09748	195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG	WELL NO 17	WP	80	1.11	IRR	13	10N	70E



# Monthly Report

Monthly Report For The Month of: **April 2020** Run Date: **5/13/2020 2:55:08 PM**

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89699T	Apr-15	62956	175	KG MINING (BALD MOUNTAIN) INC.	UG	LONG VALLEY SLOUGH WELL	WP	23.23	0.0968	STK	25	23N	58E
89700	Apr-16		179	BRACKEN RANCH AND LAND LLC	UG		WP	6.72	0.0093	STK	04	18N	63E
89717	Apr-22		195	BAKER RANCHES, INC.	UG		WP	987.8	2.23	IRR	22	14N	70E
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## Natural Resources

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**To:** Kyle Roerink  
**Subject:** Vegas Pipeline Opponents Claim Victory as Court Rules Against Appeal



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**March 10, 2020**  
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### *Las Vegas Pipeline Opponents Claim Victory as Court Rules Against Appeal*

#### *Southern Nevada Water Authority Fails to Convince Judge*

Baker, Nev — In yet another victory in court for the Great Basin Water Network and White Pine County, Nevada’s Seventh Judicial District Court Judge Robert Estes has denied an appeal by the Southern Nevada Water Authority — invalidating water rights for the Las Vegas water grab and pipeline.

The proposed 300-mile pipeline would siphon billions of gallons of groundwater per year from remote basins in Eastern Nevada, piping it to Las Vegas to feed green lawns, golf courses, and sprawl development. The resultant declines in the water table would decimate hundreds of springs, thousands of acres of wetlands, and impact Great Basin National Park and numerous National Wildlife Refuges.

Residents of Eastern Nevada and lovers of the Great Basin have been fighting the pipeline proposal for over 30 years. The Great Basin Water Network has partnered with White Pine County to fight the project in court, represented by public interest water attorney Simeon Herskovits with Advocates for Community and Environment.

“Judge Estes saw clearly through the various subterfuges and false reasoning advanced by both SNWA and the State Engineer, and he systematically ruled against them on every significant point

in contention," said Herskovits. "In our view, the rigor and care in Judge Estes's ruling makes it highly unlikely that any part of this ruling would be subject to reversal on appeal. Under any reasonable reading, this powerful ruling should sound the death knell for this fatally misguided and potentially devastating groundwater export proposal."

The Southern Nevada Water Authority's pipeline proposal has lost repeatedly in both state and federal courts. In 2013, Judge Estes remanded the water rights applications back to the Nevada Division of Water Resources, finding many conflicts under the law. Following through on the remand, in 2018, the Division denied the water rights applications. Southern Nevada Water Authority then appealed the remand, resulting in today's order from Judge Estes.

Additionally, in 2017 a federal district court judge remanded portions of the federal Environmental Impact Statement for the pipeline's right of way back to BLM, finding it insufficient in its proposed mitigation measures and suggesting that some impacts may not be mitigated.

"SNWA has no right-of-way for the pipeline and no rights to water with which to fill the pipeline," said Kyle Roerink, GBWN executive director. "This project is dead in the water. It's time for SNWA to finally move on."

*The Great Basin Water Network was formed to protect the water resources of the Great Basin for current and future residents – human, animal and plant.*

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