

WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, September 15, 2020

6:00 p.m.

White Pine County Library Conference Room

950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
- III. Public Comment
- IV. New Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the June 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
 - B. *Discussion – Report from Kyle Roerink on SNWA
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Possible Action – BARCAS II Study: *Send a letter to the White Pine County Board of Commissioners, asking them to contact the Congressional Delegation asking that there be federal funding appropriated to allow the USGS to conduct a second Basin and Range Carbonate Aquifer System Study.*
 - B. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project
- VI. On-Going Business
 - A. Referral of Items from County Commission
 - B. Review, Recommendations – Division of Water Resources, Monthly Report
 - 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
 - D. Report – RCI, Jeremy Drew Update
- VII. Reports – Comments from Committee Members, Reports, Water Committee Members, and Meetings Attended
- VIII. *Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, Appointments
- IX. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement
- X. Public Comment

XI. *Adjournment

Asterisks (*) Denotes possible action items of the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee

Public Commentary: A period devoted to comments by the public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. (NRS 241.020(2)(c)(3).)

Public Comment: Public Comment during the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee meeting on September 18, 2020 will be for all matters both on and off the agenda and be limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during the individual action items. The Board reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment. The Board may prohibit comment if the content of the comments is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on the item at the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee meeting.

Note: All times are approximate except for items agendized at a specific time. Action may be taken on all items except where otherwise indicated. Items not scheduled for a specific time may be considered at any time and in any order to promote efficiency. The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration and may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion at any time. Sponsorship of an Agenda Item by a member of the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee may not signify agreement with the requested action.

Notice to persons with disabilities: Members of the public who are disabled and require special assistance or accommodation at the meeting are requested to notify the W.P. County Clerk's Office at 801 Clark Street, Suite #4, Ely, NV 89301 or by calling (775) 293-6509 at least two (2) days in advance.

I, Elanie Calderwood, did on the 9th day of September 2020 post four (4) notices of the White Pine County Water Advisory Committee Agenda in the County of White Pine, to-wit: At the White Pine County Library, White Pine County Courthouse, White Pine County Administration Offices, and Ely City Hall. The meeting notice is also posted to the White Pine County website at <http://whitepinecounty.net> and on the State of Nevada Public Notices website at <http://notice.nv.gov>. An additional copy of the Agenda along with supporting material, if any, are on display and available at the front counter of the White Pine County Clerk's Office at 801 Clark Street, Suite #4, Ely, NV 89301.



WHITE PINE COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, June 16, 2020

6:00 p.m.

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

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod McKenzie, Jill Ward, Frederick Partey, Ernie Flangas, and Gary Perea via telephone.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Baker, Steve Carter, Norris Hendrix, Cody Odgers.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jose Noriega, USFS, Elanie Calderwood, and Jeremy Drew, RCI via telephone.

- I. Call to Order Rod McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
- III. Public Comment None were made.
- IV. New Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Possible Action – Approval of the May 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Frederick Partey made a motion to approve the 05.19.2020 meeting minutes as presented. Jill Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed, with Ernie Flangas abstaining as he was absent.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. *Discussion/for Action – Update on White Pine County Water Resources Plan Update Process This was approved at the last meeting, the next meeting the plan will go before the regional planning commission. Once approved at RPC it will go to the White Pine County Commission for approval. Frederick Partey sent an update to everyone's email regarding the mine.
 - B. *Discussion/for Possible Action – BARCAS II Study: *Send a letter to the White Pine County Board of Commissioners, asking them to contact the Congressional Delegation asking that there be federal funding appropriated to allow the USGS to conduct a second Basin and Range Carbonate Aquifer System Study.* Frederick Partey asked the committee to approve sending a letter to the White Pine County Commission to contact the Congressional Delegation. Gary Perea made a motion to move forward with a letter to the WPC BOCC. Jill Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed. Frederick and Gary will work together on the letter to be reviewed at the next meeting in July. Gary suggested that Millard County should be contacted also asking for the same letter to be sent to the Utah Congressional Delegation. Jose Noriega also suggested that there may be SNPLMA funding for the study. The USFS

would have to sponsor the project and they would transfer the funds to USGS and DRI.

- C. ***Discussion/for Possible Action – Update on Sidwell GIS project. This item was tabled until the next meeting.**

VI. On-Going Business

- A. **Referral of Items from County Commission The WPC BOCC Liaison was not present**
- B. **Review, Recommendations – Division of Water Resources, Monthly Report There was one application on the report no one present had information regarding the application.**
- 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 USFS – Jose Noriega reported that camp grounds are open; East Creek is under construction but will not be totally closed, Bird Creek is currently closed for construction. The Ely District office is currently closed but hopefully will be open soon; you can still call the front desk for services. There is renewed interest in a ski resort on Ward Mountain. Jose also addressed the drought issue, springs are very low. Fire suppression they will be attacking fire at the initial start to keep them as small as possible to avoid bringing type 1 and type 2 units into the area because of COVID-19 issues Ely Shoshone Tribe – Jill Ward did not have any information to report. City of Ely – Ernie Flangas recommended that the State Water Engineer should report every permit that SNWA applied, and what they have given up or which ones they still have. RNMC – Frederick Partey reported that they are continuing to dewater the Ruth Pit. They are providing 1800 gals/minute to the City of Ely and 3000 gals/minute to Gleason Creek. There currently is an EIS for the mine expansion; they are currently in the public scoping period. Tomorrow night at 5:00 and 7:00 pm they are have a virtual public meeting through zoom. This will extend the mine life to 2028.**

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

- VIII. *Discussion/Action – Committee Vacancies, Resignations, Appointments There are currently two vacancies on the Water Advisory Committee

- IX. Next Meeting Time and Date Announcement The next meeting will be July 21, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

- X. Public Comment Frederick Partey suggested having Kyle Roerink call into the next meeting to give an update on SNWA. Jeremy Drew from RCI reported that they started their contract with White Pine County in April, 2020. They are currently working on the RNMC mine expansion and the BLM Targeted

Grazing EA. Frederick Partey asked to have RCI look into the rule change talking about point of diversion and if someone does not use their water rights they will lose them. Jeremy commented that he will ask the water rights staff and have look into to how it will be best for White Pine County to protect their water rights. Jeremy also reported that any formal request from WAC will have to be approved through the White Pine County Commission.

XI. ***Adjournment Rod McKenzie adjourned the meeting @ 7:01 pm**

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July xxx, 2020

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In 2007 a scientific investigation report was completed by United States Geological Survey (USGS) in collaboration with Dessert Research Institute (DRI) titled "Water Resources of the Basin and Range Carbonate-Rock Aquifer System, White Pine County, Nevada, and Adjacent Areas in Nevada and Utah. Here is the narrative "In response to concerns about water availability and limited hydrogeologic information, Federal legislation (Section 301(e) of the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004: PL 108-424) was enacted in December 2004 that directs the Secretary of the Interior, through the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Desert Research Institute (DRI), and a designee from the State of Utah, to conduct a water-resources study of the basin-fill and carbonate-rock aquifers in White Pine County, Nevada, and smaller areas of adjacent counties in Nevada and Utah. The primary objectives of the Basin and Range carbonate-rock aquifer system (BARCAS) study are to evaluate: (1) the extent, thickness, and hydrologic properties of aquifers, (2) the volume and quality of water stored in aquifers, (3) subsurface geologic structures controlling ground-water flow, (4) ground-water flow directions and gradients, and (5) distributions and rates of recharge and ground-water discharge. Geologic, hydrologic, and geochemical information are integrated to determine basin and regional ground-water budgets.

It has been over a decade since the BARCAS study was completed and many new data have been collected since then. Because of continuing growth of southern Nevada and increasing demand on limited water resources in this arid setting, an update of the BARCAS study is critical to protect the interests of stakeholders and to optimize the development of the water resources while minimizing any impacts.

Due to the age of the data collected and availability of many new data that have been collected a BARCAS II study is needed to update current knowledge, focus on key areas where the hydrology was not well known. To update BARCAS study, the following will be completed and drill new monitoring wells for water levels and groundwater chemical tracers. Specific objectives include:

- Update with new information since BARCAS I project
 - Geochemistry

- New well completion and associated aquifer property information

- Improve understanding of groundwater flow on smaller scale
 - Focus on areas of limited data
- Refine the BARCAS area water budgets
 - Focus southern Steptoe Valley flow system and other areas of notable uncertainty
- Improve estimates of groundwater recharge
- Improve estimates of groundwater discharge
- Refine estimates of groundwater flow between across boundaries
- Update water-level maps
- Analyze water-level trends
- Collect new aquifer-properties data
 - Drill new wells
 - Conduct field aquifer tests
 - Collect groundwater additional geochemical tracers

The Water Advisory Board are asking you the White Pine County Commissioners to contact the U.S. Congressional Delegations to appropriate federal funding to allow the USGS and DRI to conduct a second Basin and Range Carbonate Aquifer System Study.

Sincerely,

Rod McKenzie (Chair)
Water Advisory Board
White Pine County

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Monthly Report

Monthly Report For The Month of: July 2020

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89883	JUL-01		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	SPR	EAST WATER HOLE	WP	9.33	0.025	STK	13 10N 70E
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89885	JUL-01		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	80	0.89	IRR	13 10N 70E
89886	JUL-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	432	0.6	IRR	24 10N 70E
89887	JUL-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	0	4.45	IRR	25 10N 70E
89888	JUL-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	0	4.45	IRR	25 10N 70E
89889	JUL-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	0	0.64	IRR	25 10N 70E
89890	JUL-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	0	1.38	IRR	13 10N 70E
89891	JUL-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	0	4.45	IRR	25 10N 70E
89892	JUL-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, L.C.	UG		WP	0	4.45	IRR	24 10N 70E
89899	JUL-08		184	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	WILLOW SPRING	WP	28	0.04	STK	15 21N 68E
89900	JUL-08		184	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	SPRING #1	WP	28	0.04	STK	01 21N 65E
89901	JUL-08		184	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	SPRING #2	WP	28	0.04	STK	12 21N 65E
89902	JUL-08		184	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	SPRING #3	WP	28	0.04	STK	12 21N 65E
89903	JUL-08		185	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	GLENCOE MINE SPRING	WP	28	0.04	STK	02 21N 68E
89904	JUL-08		185	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	UG	GLENCOE WELL	WP	28	0.04	STK	01 21N 67E
89905	JUL-08		184	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	DIPPING SPRINGS	WP	28	0.04	STK	15 22N 66E
89906	JUL-08		184	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	GARDEN SPRING #1	WP	28	0.04	STK	09 22N 66E
89907	JUL-08		184	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	GARDEN SPRING #2	WP	28	0.04	STK	09 22N 66E

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89915	Jul-10		179	KAY LEAR FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	UG		WP	3.36	0.0047	STK	13	23N	63E	
89930	Jul-02		195	GRANITE PEAK PROPERTIES, LC	UG		WP	0	4.45	IRR	24	10N	70E	
89938	Jul-20		184	ANDRAE, ARTHUR AND AUDRAE	UG		WP	3076.56	4.25	IRR	19	17N	67E	
89947	Jul-24	81908	184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	STR	BASTIAN CREEK	WP	256.76	4	IRR	23	15N	68E	
89948	Jul-24	81909	184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	STR	BASTIAN CREEK	WP	171.4	0.43	IRR	23	15N	66E	
89949	Jul-24	63533	184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	UG		WP	257.876	0.642	IRR	19	15N	67E	
89950	Jul-24	63532	184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	UG		WP	257.876	0.71	IRR	24	15N	68E	
V11908	Jul-17		179	VOGLER, HENRY C. IV	SPR	TROUGH SPRING	WP	0	0.04	STK	26	25N	65E	
V11909	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SOUTH SHOSHONE SPRING 1	WP	0	0.05	IRR	13	11N	67E	
V11910	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SOUTH SHOSHONE SPRING 2	WP	0	0.25	IRR	13	11N	67E	
V11911	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 22	WP	0	0.0025	STK	12	11N	67E	
V11912	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 23	WP	0	0.0025	STK	12	11N	67E	
V11913	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 24	WP	0	0.0025	STK	12	11N	67E	
V11914	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 25	WP	0	0.02	STK	12	11N	67E	
V11915	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	NORTH SHOSHONE SPRING 1	WP	0	0.15	IRR	36	12N	67E	
V11916	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	NORTH SHOSHONE SPRING 2	WP	0	0.2	IRR	36	12N	67E	
V11917	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	NORTH SHOSHONE SPRING 3	WP	0	0.2	IRR	36	12N	67E	
V11918	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	MINERVA SPRING	WP	0	2	IRR	12	11N	67E	
V11919	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	UPPER SHOSHONE SPRING 1	WP	0	0.15	IRR	36	12N	67E	
V11920	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE UPPER SPRING 2	WP	0	0.15	IRR	36	12N	67E	
V11921	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	MIDDLE SHOSHONE SPRING 1	WP	0	0.3	IRR	36	12N	67E	

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V11925	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE SATOCK SPRING 1	WP	0	0.03	STK	01	11N	67E
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V11927	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE RANCH HOUSE SPRING 2	WP	0	0.02	STK	01	11N	67E
V11928	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE RANCH HOUSE SPRING 3	WP	0	0.01	STK	01	11N	67E
V11929	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	BIG TREE SPRING	WP	0	0.02	DOM	01	11N	67E
V11930	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 8	WP	0	0.02	STK	01	11N	67E
V11931	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 9	WP	0	0.03	STK	01	11N	67E
V11932	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 10	WP	0	0.01	STK	01	11N	67E
V11933	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 11	WP	0	0.02	STK	01	11N	67E
V11934	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 12	WP	0	0.005	STK	01	11N	67E
V11935	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 5	WP	0	0.03	STK	01	11N	67E
V11936	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 6	WP	0	0.02	STK	01	11N	67E
V11937	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 7	WP	0	0.02	STK	01	11N	67E
V11938	Jul-24		184	SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY	SPR	SHOSHONE STOCK SPRING 2	WP	0	0.01	STK	01	11N	67E
V11951	Jul-27		179	VOGLER IV, HENRY C.	SPR	CONDOMINIUM SPRING	WP	0	0.04	STK	15	25N	68E

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the 1990s, the number of people who have been employed in the public sector has increased in all countries, but the increase has been particularly large in the United States and the United Kingdom.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDERS TO DESIGNATE
THE NEWARK VALLEY AND LONG VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASINS**

The State Engineer will hold a public hearing on proposed orders to designate the Newark Valley Hydrographic Basin (154) and Long Valley Hydrographic Basin (175). The public hearing will be held to provide notice and to take testimony on the proposed orders. The hearing is open to the public and will convene at

10:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

If Emergency Directive 006 is extended past July 31, 2020, there will be no physical location for this hearing and the hearing will be held through video and teleconference. Information to join the video and teleconference will be posted on the Division website, no less than three business days before the hearing is to be held.

If Emergency Directive 006 expires on July 31, 2020, the hearing will be scheduled for a later date at a suitable location within White Pine County, the county where the majority of the basins lie. A notice will be posted on the Division website, no less than three business days before the hearing is to be held, scheduling the hearing date and location.

Oral testimony will be accepted during the hearing. Written testimony will be accepted until Wednesday, August 26, 2020 and may be mailed to the Nevada Division of Water Resources at the above address.

The public is encouraged to read the proposed orders. The proposed orders may be obtained from the Division website at <http://water.nv.gov>, by contacting the Nevada Division of Water Resources in writing at 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 2002, Carson City, Nevada, 89701, or by calling (775) 684-2800. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged for items printed and mailed from the Division.

Posted July 9, 2020

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Hydrographic Basins
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This Notice of Hearing on Proposed Orders has been sent to the county commissioners and all persons on the agency's mailing list for hearings and posted at the following locations:

INTERNET WEBSITES

Nevada Division of Water Resources

<http://water.nv.gov/>

Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

<http://dcnr.nv.gov/>

A Public Notice of Hearing will be published in the legal section of newspapers of general circulation in White Pine, Eureka, and Elko Counties, once per week for the weeks of July 13, 2020 and July 20, 2020.

The Nevada Division of Water Resources is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to participate in the hearing. If special arrangements for the hearing are necessary, please call (775) 684-2800.

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**White Pine County Natural Resource and Public Land Issues Tracking List
For Resource Concepts, Inc. Project #20-125:
As of September 4, 2020**

June:

- Robinson Mine Expansion, Scoping
 - Comments submitted on 6/25/2020

July:

- BLM, Nevada State Office, Targeted Grazing Environmental Assessment
 - Comments submitted on 7/8/2020
- USFS Moriah Herd Area Wild Horse Gather Plan Environmental Assessment
 - Comments submitted on 7/22/2020

August:

- Pine-Wah Wah Valleys Pipeline Project, Scoping Comment Period
 - Comments submitted on 8/17/2020
- NDWR Hearing on Proposed Designation of Long Valley and Newark Valley Hydrographic Basins 8/12/2020
 - Delayed Until October
- NV Energy Green Link Transmission Project
 - Initial Meeting with County on 8/25/2020

September:

- White Pine Pumped Storage Project
 - Joint Agency Meeting and Field Tour 9/1/2020
 - FERC comments due on 10/31/2020

Future Items:

- USFS Greater Sage-grouse Objection Period, Still Pending (Timeline TBD)
- USFS Power Transmission Project (UT to Robinson SS, Timeline TBD)
- DOI Grazing Regulation Updates (Timeline TBD)
- NDWR Hearing on Proposed Designation of Long Valley and Newark Valley Hydrographic Basins (Delayed until October: date, time and location TBD)

Upcoming Meetings:

- White Pine County CRM: **Sept. 4, Conference Call**
- Public Land Use Advisory Council: **2nd Tuesday of each Month @ 6 pm (Sept. 8)**
- Water Advisory Council: **3rd Tuesday of each Month @ 6 pm (Sept. 15)**
- NV Legislative Committee on Public Lands: **Sept. 10, Virtual**
- NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee: **Sept. 24 @ 3 pm, Carson City**
- White Pine County CRM: **Dec. 4 @ 10 am, Conference Call**

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White Pine County
Board of County Commissioners

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August 12, 2020

Via email: pvwsproject@gmail.com

Bureau of Land Management
Attn: PVWS
176 DL Sargent Drive
Cedar City, Utah 84721

RE: *White Pine County, Nevada Scoping Comments to the Proposed Pine Valley Water Supply Project*

Dear Pine Valley Water Supply Project Team:

White Pine County, Nevada (County) offers these scoping comments to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Proposed Pine Valley Water Supply Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Of the approximately 5.7 million acres that make up the County, about 4.5 million acres are public lands managed by the BLM. BLM-managed public land in the County supports multiple uses, critical watersheds, scenic values, and critical wildlife habitat.

In particular, the County is concerned about the potential for effects of this project to both ground and surface water in the Snake Valley Hydrographic Basin. Snake Valley borders Pine Valley to the north and west and is in both Nevada and Utah, including a portion in White Pine County. The above listed values help to support the County's customs, culture and economy, and all of these values are at risk of irreparable harm if the project reduces the current or future availability of groundwater or reduces flows of surface waters, particularly critical spring sources located in the Snake Valley.

Further, the County maintains a Water Resources Plan Element as part of its overall Master Plan. The below excerpts from that Element are pertinent to this project:

- 2. White Pine County recognizes that the protection and development of its water resources are essential to its short and long term economic and cultural viability.*
- 3. White Pine County shall consider the impact of water uses on existing as well as future water rights for agricultural, municipal, industrial, and domestic purposes.*
- 6. It is the intent of the White Pine County government to be notified of all state, interstate and other actions that have any impact on the water of the County prior to such actions being initiated.*
- 8. White Pine County shall participate in the development of riparian management plans in concert and coordination with landowners, rancher and the appropriate public agencies.*

The White Pine Master Plan, and specifically the Water Resources Plan Element, should be cited in the project EIS given the potential for direct and indirect impacts to water resources in White Pine County. A full updated copy can be provided to the Project Team upon request.

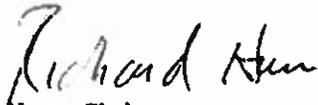
A review of the preliminary scoping documents, and participation in the project's virtual public meetings resulted in the following findings and concerns:

- The County was concerned that the "area of focused effects analysis" labeled as the "Child Model Boundary" on the map labeled "Pine Valley Water Supply Project – Groundwater", included a significant portion of the Snake Valley in Utah, but did not extend into the Nevada side of Snake Valley. Given the potential hydrological connection between Snake and Pine Valley, this boundary should be adjusted in coordination with affected Nevada counties (White Pine and Lincoln) and the Nevada Division of Water Resources.**
- The County was concerned that neither the Plan of Development, nor the scoping materials disclosed the location of proposed groundwater monitoring wells. All locations of monitoring wells as well as surface water monitoring locations should be identified and clearly disclosed. Locations should include areas in Nevada and/or along the Nevada-Utah state line to determine if affects are in fact bi-state in nature. Monitoring locations should be identified in coordination with affected Nevada counties and the Nevada Division of Water Resources.**
- The County was concerned that many of the affects of groundwater pumping in Pine Valley will be "mitigated" through an Adaptive Management Plan. This means that mitigation will occur after negative impacts have already occurred. There was no additional detail provided regarding the Adaptive Management Plan or the process to develop and implement it. This must be included in the Draft EIS and include a role for affected Nevada counties and the Nevada Division of Water Resources.**
- The County was disappointed to hear during the virtual scoping meeting that to this point in the process, neither the State of Nevada nor potentially affected Nevada counties had been formally consulted. This situation should be rectified, particularly as related to impact assessment, surface and groundwater monitoring, and development of an Adaptive Management Plan and process.**

Based on these findings, the County has serious concerns with this project and its potential to impact water and other natural resources in the Snake Valley within White Pine County, Nevada. The County would reiterate its request for the BLM and other appropriate entities (such as the project proponent, US Geological Survey, etc.) to coordinate directly with the State of Nevada through its Nevada Division of Water Resources, affected Nevada counties, and the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority. **To that end, White Pine County is formally requesting Cooperating Agency Status for this project.**

The County appreciates this opportunity to review and provide comments to this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter or require further information, please contact the County's consultant, Jeremy Drew with Resource Concepts, Inc. at (775) 883-1600.

Respectfully,



Richard Howe, Chair
White Pine County Board of Commissioners

JLD/nb/ca

cc: Nevada Division of Water Resources
White Pine County Public Land Use Advisory Committee
~~White Pine County Water Advisory Committee~~
Lincoln County, Nevada
Central Nevada Regional Water Authority

Elanie Calderwood

From: Jeremy Drew <jeremy@rci-nv.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Travis Godon
Cc: Elanie Calderwood
Subject: RE: WAC Meeting

Can do.

Elanie,

I will email you the final Pine Valley comment letter when I see it from Nichole (for Item #1 below) as well as the postponement notice from NDWR (for Item #2 below). I think the County Water Resource Plan was linked to the Commission agenda yesterday, although I've got to imagine the WAC is already familiar with those updates, so I don't know that they would need a copy of that.

Thanks!

Jeremy

From: Travis Godon <TGodon@whitepinecountynv.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Jeremy Drew <jeremy@rci-nv.com>
Cc: Elanie Calderwood <ECalderwood@whitepinecountynv.gov>
Subject: WAC Meeting

Good Morning Jeremy,

Thanks again for all your help yesterday. I have a conflict and won't be able to make the WAC meeting next week. Can you update the board on the following items below (many of which I'm sure you were going to do already)? Thank You!

1. Pine Valley Pipeline
2. The postponed hearings from the state engineer
3. Adoption and passage of the County Water Resource Plan
4. Update on SNWA/Pine Valley, from Kyle Roerink, see below:

Commissioner,

With that said, I was going to wait to have Simeon tell you all this, but SNWA -- within the past few days -- did pull the remaining original apps from 1989 and the duplicates filed in 2010-2011 in Snake and Spring Valley (along with Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar too).

However, SNWA still has roughly 70,000 afy of applications in Spring Valley that remain that were not a part of the "Water Grab" fight per se. But they are cause for concern -- many of them are for things like irrigation. But with change applications and changes in state law who knows what could happen.

This is something that we all need to be mindful of. In essence, it is basically another water grab that they have in their back pocket. Some of the applications are protested if I am not mistaken.

I am having a call with Simeon and Iris about this in the coming days. I am also not sure if you all are aware that Central Iron County Water Conservancy and the BLM are pressing forward with their ROW application for water rights that would target Wah Wah and Pine Valley in Beaver County. This project has a likelihood of harming Snake Valley. I looking into this more and seeing what we can do.

Hamlin Valley was originally a part of the project. But the applications in that valley never had hearings -- but they are still on the table. From some USGS reports I've read, it seems that pumping in Pine and Wah Wah alone could drawdown Snake.

I know it is complicated regarding SNWA in Spring Valley. But please let me know if you all have any questions. The county may want to talk with the Park Super about the Iron County Water Grab. I am happy to chat with you all about any of these issues at any time.

Here are the apps that have been withdrawn in WPC.

ORIGINAL SNAKE VALLEY

*Application numbers (inclusive): 54022-54030 *****

DUPLICATE SNAKE VALLEY

Application Numbers (inclusive) 79267-79275

SPRING VALLEY WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

SNWA withdrew applications totaling around 75k afy in Spring Valley.

Specifically:

Application numbers: 79265 and 79266

Application Numbers (inclusive): 79279-79295

But there are other applications worth more than 65k afy that still exist. These ones really worry me.

Application Numbers (inclusive): 79423-79436 = 45k AFY
Application Numbers (inclusive): 67319-67332 = 20+k AFY

There are dozens of other SNWA spring valley applications aside from these that still exist as well. They are for much smaller amounts for stockwater that would total something like 1k or 2k (maybe less).

Travis Godon
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NOTICE OF CANCELLED HEARINGS

Please be advised that the **Hearings on Proposed Orders to Designate Basins**, previously scheduled for **Wednesday, August 12, 2020**, will be rescheduled for dates in October 2020:

- Pueblo Valley (001), Continental Lake Valley (002), and Gridley Lake Valley (003) Hydrographic Basins
- Dry Valley (198), Rose Valley (199), Eagle Valley (200), Spring Valley (201), Patterson Valley (202), and Clover Valley (204) Hydrographic Basins
- Newark Valley Hydrographic Basin (154) and Long Valley Hydrographic Basin (175)

Notices will be published in newspapers of general circulation in the related counties and posted on the Division of Water Resources website.



WHITE PINE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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August 5, 2020

Tim Wilson, P.E.
Nevada State Engineer
Division of Water Resources
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5250

RE: ~~Proposed Order to Designate Basins Within White Pine County~~

Dear Mr. Wilson,

We have reviewed the Notice of Hearing on Proposed Order to Designate Basins Within White Pine County, and the Proposed Order Designating and Describing the Newark Valley (154) and Long Valley (175) Hydrographic Basins Within White Pine County, Nevada, posted on or about July 10, 2020.

Please provide the undersigned, as counsel for White Pine County, with the data and information available to you at this time, under the provisions of Chapter 534 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, that warrant the designations of Newark Valley (154) and Long Valley (175) within White Pine County, Nevada, as referenced in your Proposed Order in the first.

White Pine County objects to the State Engineer's decision to hold a hearing virtually and not physically in White Pine County or the basins proposed to be designated as required by NRS 534.030(2). The purpose of the hearing as mandated in NRS 534.030(2) is to take testimony from owners of wells in the groundwater basins to determine whether administration of the basins is justified. There is no need or justification that this basin designation hearing needs to be held during the period Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 006 is in effect and no physical location provided for this hearing, especially when the Notice of Hearing states that the hearing will be scheduled for a later date if Emergency Directive 006 is NOT in effect. Many of the groundwater right holders in these basins do not have reliable internet service and would not be able to participate via video conference. We see absolutely no reason to rush this through by having the public hearing done remotely, when the statute requires the hearing be held in White Pine County. If the hearing cannot be held at this time in White Pine County, the hearing should

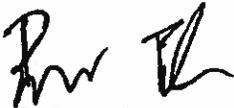
be delayed until it can be held in White Pine County. Failure to do so instead creates the appearance that this scheduling decision was made simply to make it more convenient for you and your staff. The COVID-19 pandemic should not be used as a basis to avoid compliance with the public hearing requirements contained in NRS 534.030(2).

Further, it does not appear your office has consulted with White Pine County regarding this basin designation. For example, White Pine County could advise the State Engineer that the majority of water rights in these basins are for irrigation and that it would be pointless to have a hearing in the middle of the irrigation /growing season when the water rights owners are most likely to be unavailable. White Pine County could further advise the State Engineer, based upon experience, that even if the owners of the water rights in the basins had access to reliable internet, which many do not, they are unlikely to attend and provide input at a virtual meeting. White Pine County would request that the State Engineer engage White Pine County in an advisory capacity before proceeding with the proposed hearing, including revised scheduling or accommodations that make the hearing available to all affected or interested citizens of the County.

Please be advised that White Pine County may consider legal action to stop the hearing should you attempt to hold it virtually with no location within the County as required by NRS 534.030 (2).

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Bryan Pyle

Deputy District Attorney

White Pine County District Attorney's Office

JLD/bp

CC:

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Eureka County (via email)

Lincoln County (via email)

Vidler Water Company (via email)

Central Nevada Regional Water Authority (via email)

