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Regarding: PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY TRANSFER AND CHANGE FILED BY WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT LICENSES 6000 AND 9407 (APPLICATIONS 2221 AND 1389) AND INVOLVING FEDERALLY ADJUDICATED RIGHTS ESTABLISHED BY THE WALKER RIVER DECREE

Some history regarding what has occurred in the Walker River Basin. Several years ago when the idea of leasing or even buying of Walker River Basin water rights first came about there were several meetings with the public. These meetings were to inform and allow questions to be asked in regards to the idea of removing waters out of the Walker River Basin. One question that came up several times was, "This idea of moving any water out of the Walker River Basin has a risk of not getting the approval from those entities that are responsible for these waters". Their reply was, "We do understand there will be several applications in order to get the permission to move waters out of the Walker River Basin and we are willing to take that risk". These petitions are one of those steps that were referenced at those meetings.

Our family for, sixty plus years, has farmed in the Walker River Basin. We value each and every acre-foot of water that we receive for our operation. We understand that over time change can happen, but changes need to be considerate to those who want to continue without ill affects. Below are comments and concerns of these petitions.

- We do not want to jeopardize what we now have with theses licenses.
- It is very difficult to show support to this proposed leasing program with the limited details available.
- Leasing yearly of up to 25,000-acre feet of stored waters is a large percentage of all stored waters.
What is to be done proactively to protect the remaining stored water rights?
Ultimately with diminished flows in delivery canals, how will those waters be delivered efficiently to the remaining lands?
- The overlapping of Diversion Seasons will be confusing with the intrusion of past seasons waters with current season deliveries.

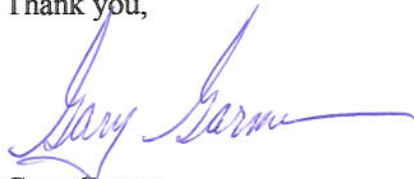
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- The leasing program will entice the holders of stored water to exhaust their year-end stored waters.
- Stored waters will become limited or unavailable to other farmers as is now customary for planting of fall crops at a seasons end.
- A loss of stored water carryover into the next season of both New Land and Supplemental to decree.
- Is this leasing program truly to be without any consequences to the remaining water right holders and their lands?
- How will the remaining users of License #6000 and #9407 of stored waters be protected from all injuries and by whom?
- If leasing is allowed. Apply conditions that protect and assist all remaining stored water right holders.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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