

# EXHIBIT 74

## **David R. Yardas**

### **Outline of Testimony**

#### **Walker Basin Restoration Program**

David Yardas directs the Walker Basin Restoration Program (Program) for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in conjunction with his responsibilities as Program Director, Southwest and Interior Water Programs. In this capacity Mr. Yardas has overseen the preparation and submission of Application No. 80700 along with a variety of related Program initiatives. His testimony will include the following:

- Introduction to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation;
- Overview of the Walker Basin Restoration Program, including previous related Congressional initiatives, Program statutory authority, and funding provided through a Program grant agreement between NFWF and the Bureau of Reclamation;
- Summary of principal Program initiatives from December 2009 to present including real property acquisitions (from willing sellers), stewardship activities, and major grants and agreements;
- Overview of Application No. 80700 including the water rights proposed for change, the proposed place of use, manner of use and point of (non) diversion, the proposed method of conveyance from the point of (non) diversion to and including Walker Lake, and the proposed retirement of associated supplemental groundwater rights;
- Update on the status of conveyance agreement negotiations and development of a potential accounting framework and related actions for the conveyance of Program water in the lower Walker River through the Walker River Paiute Reservation to Walker Lake;
- Discussion of formation, intent and participation in ‘Water Group’ meetings regarding stakeholder collaboration during Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Walker River Basin Decision Support Tool (DST).