

EXHIBIT 78

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Outline of Testimony

Walker Basin Restoration Program

Dr. Aylward assists the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) with the Walker Basin Restoration Program (Program). In this capacity Dr. Aylward has facilitated meetings of the Walker River 'Water Group' at which the UNR/DRI Decision Support Tool and other relevant technical information has been presented and discussed. Dr. Aylward has also provided analysis and advice to NFWF regarding water rights, instream flow acquisitions, and water rights transfers, and assisted NFWF in the conveyance agreement negotiations.

Dr. Aylward's responsibilities included, and therefore his testimony at the evidentiary hearing could include, the following:

- Statistical analysis of water rights, their historical reliability, and their historical diversion, pumping, and use in the Walker River Basin;
- Details regarding the potential implementation and administration 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;
- Background and details on the technical development of a potential accounting framework and related actions for the conveyance of NFWF Program Water in the lower Walker River through the Walker River Paiute Indian Reservation to Walker Lake; and
- Discussion of content of the 'Water Group' meetings.