

# **WRID, Lyon County and Bowman Protestants**

## **EXHIBIT**

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Order appointing U.S. Board of Water Commissioners, entered May 12, 1937  
in the Walker River Action

1 Filed May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1937 In Equity No. C-125  
2 P. E. Bauhan  
3 Clerk  
4 By \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Deputy

6 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
7 IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA  
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9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
10 Plaintiff,  
11 vs. ORDER  
12 WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT,  
13 a corporation, et als.,  
14 Defendants.

15 Upon application of Walker River Irrigation District,  
16 a corporation, one of the defendants above named, through its  
17 counsel, for the appointment of a water master or court commission-  
18 er who shall be charged with the duty of apportioning and dis-  
19 tributing the waters of Walker River, its forks and tributaries  
20 in the state of Nevada and in the state of California pursuant  
21 to the provisions of the decree in the above entitled suit entered  
22 April 14, 1936, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court  
23 that such appointment should be made at this time,

24 NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following  
25 five named individuals shall act as a Board to constitute a  
26 water master or board of commissioners to apportion and distrib-  
27 ute the waters of the Walker River, its forks and tributaries in  
28 the state of Nevada and in the state of California, including  
29 waters for storage and stored water, in accordance with the pro-  
30 visions of the decree in the above entitled suit:

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RENO, NEVADA

1 George Parker, of Yerington, Nevada;  
2 John Wichman, of Yerington, Nevada;  
3 Fred M. Fulstone, of Smith, Nevada;  
4 Frank Stickney, of Yerington, Nevada, and  
5 Topaz, California, and  
6 Stanley Hunnewill, of Bridgeport, California.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said individuals above  
8 named shall serve until the further order of this court, and  
9 that they or either of them may be removed by the court at any  
10 time.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said individuals con-  
12 stituting said board as a water master or board of water com-  
13 missioners shall serve according to their offer without salary  
14 other than necessary traveling and other expenses incident to  
15 the performance of their duties.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said individuals acting  
17 as a board, or a majority of them, shall have authority to appoint  
18 one chief deputy or water commissioner and four additional assist-  
19 ants from time to time as in their discretion may be required;  
20 that the said chief deputy or water commissioner shall receive a  
21 salary of \$2400. per year and shall be required to devote his  
22 entire time throughout the year to the duties of the office as  
23 may be required by the said board of water commissioners afore-  
24 said. The said salary shall be payable in monthly installments  
25 of \$200.00. The compensation of such additional assistants  
26 shall be not to exceed \$5.00 per day, and actual and nec-  
27 essary traveling expenses while on duty, and may be fixed by the  
28 said board and subject to approval by the Court. The said chief  
29 deputy or water commissioner shall be entitled to actual and  
30 necessary traveling expenses which must be submitted to and  
approved by the said Board of Commissioners.

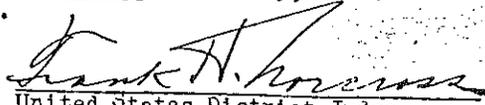
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said parties constituting

1 the aforesaid board be, and they hereby are, authorized to rent,  
2 furnish and maintain an office for their use and to incur the  
3 necessary expenses for transportation of themselves and their  
4 assistants, and for other proper purposes, all of which shall be  
5 reported to and approved by the Court twice yearly; that is to  
6 say, on the first day of May and the first day of November in  
7 each year.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the compensation of the  
9 chief deputy and his assistants and all expenses connected with  
10 said board, and said members of the board and their assistants,  
11 shall be apportioned among the several parties to the said  
12 decree, both in the state of Nevada and in the state of California,  
13 according to the acreage of lands irrigated under the decree  
14 herein, including the land irrigated by stored water, and the  
15 Court reserves jurisdiction to hereafter enter any judgment for  
16 any unpaid portion of said expenses and to make and enforce such  
17 regulations for the collection of said money as may be necessary  
18 and proper.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said members of said  
20 board with the approval of the Court may make such rules as may  
21 be necessary and proper for the enforcement of the decree herein  
22 and for the carrying out of its purposes and objects and the  
23 proper apportionment and distribution, including rotation, of  
24 the use of water where necessary, of the waters of said Walker  
25 River among and to the persons entitled thereto, including water  
26 for storage and stored waters.

27 DONE IN OPEN COURT this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1937.

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30 United States District Judge