

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

*Post Office Box 256
Nixon, Nevada 89424
Telephone: (775) 574-1000
Fax (775) 574-1054*

WATER TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Tribal Chambers ~ Nixon, NV

April 15, 2026, WTM

Members Present:

Steven Wadsworth, Tribal Chairman
Nicholas Cortez, Councilmember
Judith Davis, Councilmember
Loren Decker, Councilmember
Nathan Dunn, Councilmember

Edward Ely III, Vice Chairman
John Guerrero, Councilmember
Della John, Councilmember
Ceira Sampson, Councilmember
Georgina Wadsworth, Councilmember

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wadsworth called the April 15, 2026, Water Team meeting of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Brenda A. Henry, Tribal Council Secretary, took roll call. All Councilmembers were present at roll call, and a quorum was established for this meeting. *Councilmember Guerrero attended via zoom.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wadsworth presented the agenda with no changes.

Councilmember Cortez motioned to *approve the agenda for the April 15, 2026, Water Team meeting*. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) for and zero (0) opposed with zero (0) abstentions. **MOTION PASSED**

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were listed under the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval Kemp Jones LLP March 2026.
2. Approval Stetson Engineers Inc Invoices:
 - a. Stetson Invoice #1336-2602 Expert Testimony
 - b. Stetson Invoice #1336-01-2602 General PLPT
 - c. Stetson Invoice #2751-049 Numana Dam Fish Passage
 - d. Stetson Invoice #2837-030 Induction Well Design Herman Ditch
 - e. Stetson Invoice #2958-007 Engineering Services Indian Ditch Fish Screen

Councilmember Cortez motioned to *approve the Consent Agenda as presented*. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) for and zero (0) opposed with zero (0) abstentions. **MOTION PASSED**

PRESENTATION

1. Travel Nevada Film Shot List Overview. *Susan Michell Mowers, Creative Director, Travel Nevada, Al Pulido, Photography, Three Sticks Productions and Kippy Spilker, Creative Manager, Travel Nevada*

Ms. Mowers, along with the photographer and director, explained they would like to review the shot list with the Council to make sure they are set to go forward in terms of capturing areas that are authorized.

Mr. Pulido explained the filming was broken down into six scenes: the first scene would be a wide shot scene with the vehicles driving out to Pyramid Lake, there will be some drone shots of their journey out to the lake with some beauty shots of the sky, scene two would be boating with people enjoying being out on the lake, scene three would be people on the beach, scene four would be the camping scene from putting up tents to a fire pit and getting the sunset golden hour, scene five would be the bike trail and the last scene would be highlighting the museum. They are excited to feature Pyramid Lake as a tourist destination.

Councilmember Cortez asked to see the film/photography request, which was not included in their documentation, which is so they can compare it with their outline. The film/photography request would provide more information of their request. Ms. Mower said she could email it for confirmation.

Vice Chairman Ely asked Ms. Mowers if the Council required Travel Nevada to have a Tribal member representative with them last year on a previous request. They usually require an escort when they are traveling around the Reservation. Ms. Mowers said they did a fishing shoot a couple of years ago but there was nobody with them, but their paperwork was checked while they were on site, but they didn't have an escort. They would welcome anyone who would like to tag along with them. Vice Chairman Ely also asked if they received a preview of their last shoot? Ms. Morrow said she wasn't sure but would make a note to get the footage to them. At that time, they didn't do videos, just still photography. An update on the permit, they won't be doing any kayaking as originally planned but they will only be using the boat experience because there was the concern of getting too close to the Stone Mother. They will also provide the footage for the Museum also.

Councilmember Decker said one of the stipulations on the permit was that the Council would like to review the film and photographs. Mr. Pulido said they will preview after they finish filming and can export everything for the Council's approval.

Vice Chairman Ely confirmed if they will have a Tribal representative. Chairman Wadsworth said typically they would go through the Museum for these types of requests but since they are going through some construction, he is sure they can find someone. Ms. Morrow said during their scouting they checked out Separator Beach for a possible beach scene and the Tahoe Pyramid Bike Trail and was wondering if the bike trail connected to the Cultural Center, which would be a great spot for filming. Councilmember John stated Pyramid Lake was one of the first tribes in the whole nation in 1997 to get a scenic byway designation and

were able to complete the Museum building because of that designation. Ms. Morrow said they were here last year to take some pictures of the Museum and to send them to the National Scenic Byway Association, they were here to specifically do that to make sure they had good representation of it. Another question is the Fish Hatchery Visitor Center; it was closed when they were there but is that something the Council would like them to feature? They will make a more detailed note of these areas so they can follow up on them. Even though they are not doing the kayaking on this shot, Kippy and her husband have kayaks and they were wondering if they could come out at a future date whether they had to reapply for another permit or if it could be grandfathered in on this one. It was on the original application but due to the timing and sets they wanted to shoot that one was cut. Councilmember Cortez said having the application would be important because if there is an alternative listed or set dates, to be fair to everyone, it would be another application.

Ms. Spilker said she would put together an online album that has all the photos and videos from when they were here last time, she didn't realize it was something they were supposed to share.

NATURAL RESOURCES. *Donna Noel, Natural Resources (NR) Director*

1. Request for Approval of Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT) Requests. *Donna Noel, NR Director*

a. Approval of Yearly Bird Survey. *Nancy Hoffman*

Ms. Noel explained this was their annual bird survey. This survey is along State Route 447 from Wadsworth to Winnemucca Lake. The volunteer stops along the road, listens to birds, and documents what they hear. The data is provided to their office, and they use for NEPA and it also helps to monitor the impacts of the solar development to see how they react to it and it also provides information on the health of the river system. They've been doing this survey for about fifteen years now.

Councilmember Cortez motioned to *approve the Yearly Bird Survey*. Vice Chairman Ely seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) for and one (1) (John) opposed with zero (0) abstentions. **MOTION PASSED.**

b. Approval Photography Permit National Geographic and Visit. *Nicole McGinnis*

Ms. McGinnis explained she is producing a photography feature for National Geographic in partnership with Visit Reno Tahoe, they are covering landscapes across the Reno Tahoe region. They will be starting at Tahoe and heading into the Black Rock Desert and eventually ending up in Reno and Pyramid Lake. They are requesting permission for their photographer Sophia Jaramillo and herself to spend one night at the lake on the evening of April 20th through the morning of the 21st. They will be camping at Wino Beach and visiting Popcorn Rock for shooting landscape photography at sunset and some star trails overnight. The equipment they will be using is a DSLR camera and her iPhone for behind the scenes of Ms. Jaramillo at work. Each location in the feature will be accompanied by a written piece from the photographer about their experience visiting that space for Pyramid Lake. They want to the piece to reflect the vast beauty of the lake alongside the Tribe's water rights history and the ecological restoration that the Tribe has led like recovering the fish and the bird populations through decades of legal battles. Their goal is to encourage readers to learn that history and visit responsibly. Before anything is published, they will share the

photographs in the written piece with the Council for review. She will follow up with their photography plan afterwards.

Councilmember Cortez asked if there was an application because there was none included with their documents. Rutilio Lara stated he facilitated the last IDT meeting due to Ms. Noels absence, and they did approve for this item to move forward to the Council. He didn't forward all the documents to the Tribal Secretary and that was his shortfall being a new member of the IDT. Councilmember Cortez said his concern was there no application included and it also mentioned a waiver. He read in the policy regarding waivers and this one falls under the photography extension of the application. Mr. Lara said during their discussions at IDT, the request did fall under the exemptions under education. Councilmember Cortez said it's for National Geographic which takes education out of it, because there is paid subscription to receive their magazines and the entire idea behind this was so that photography and filming used by companies was to be charged to safeguard the Tribe. Ms. McGinnis said they are prepared to pay the permitting fees because it is a partnership with National Geographic and they want to be clear about paying any fees. Mr. Lara said Mr. McGinnis did express to the IDT they would be willing to pay the fees, but the IDT was looking for an exemption because they did consider it as educational as far as National Geographic goes but of course looking at it from Councilmember Cortez's standpoint, it's understandable. Councilmember Cortez said the policy says specifically commercial uses, such as magazines, catalog, advertisement for sale, etc. shall be subject to \$500 per day with fees paid in advance. Councilmember Davis said that was her question as well and, on the application, it does say they are willing to pay a camping or day use fees, but the IDT motion didn't say anything about any exempt fees. Chairman Wadsworth said they did have a lengthy discussion on whether it was exempt. Mr. Lara clarified they did make the motion with exemption, but it wasn't reflected in those minutes. Councilmember Dunn asked if the exemption was for the application, \$500 fee, or the permits? Because they are all separate items. Mr. Lara said they were exempting everything.

Councilmember Cortez said he would like to see the application which would include the verbiage of the request.

Councilmember Cortez motioned to *table the request and bring back to the Council on April 17, 2026, Special Council meeting with a copy of the photography request*. Vice Chairman Ely seconded the motion. Votes were nine (9) for and zero (0) opposed with zero (0) abstentions. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Request for Approval of Contract Road Repairs. Adrienne Juby, Water Quality Manager

Ms. Juby explained this request is for repairing and/or stabilizing Access roads for the Big Mouth Canyon, Dead Ox, Hardscrabble Creek San Emilio Spring, Sheeps Pass and Tom Anderson roads. She was hoping to receive one more bid but unfortunately did not receive it. The start date was set for April 15, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2026. The grant that is providing the funds also closes on September 30, 2026. The one bid they received was within the budget and has experience working for the Tribe. Even though they only received one contact, they did contact at least six vendors and had three groups come out for a site visit. The advertisement was posted on the Tribe's Facebook page and website until the deadline of April 3rd.

Irwin Mix, Roads Department, said he would like to know where the sites are and if they will be using the BIA roads to get to these sites or are they BIA roads. Chairman Wadsworth asked if these BIA roads were on the inventory. Mr. Mix asked how much these roads will be used because if they are used a lot then his department has to maintain them. He wished he were included in the coordination because it affects his budget and they don't have much funding. They were just awarded \$200 from BIA, which isn't enough to do anything.

Ms. Juby said this grant was applied for about two-three years ago and this is the second award they received. She doesn't believe there are any roads that his department will be repairing. There are a few sections on each of these roads that would allow them further access while they are driving to monitor their activities. They are not asking for these roads to have any maintenance done, they are trying to make it so they can easily access their sites. Currently they park below these troubled areas and hike the rest of the way in. They are just looking for a few areas to be patched. They are not trying to make these roads superhighways.

Ms. Noel stated the purpose of this isn't to make these roads accessible to anybody else, it's to make them safer for the water quality crews that will be going to these areas to sample.

Councilmember Decker asked if there was a timeline so the Roads Department can review it. Mr. Mix said he should have been involved in the beginning, but it sounds like the decisions were already made plus he doesn't like anyone touching his equipment since it took a lot of money to get the equipment to operational condition.

Vice Chairman Ely said he didn't see a scope of work, is there one? Ms. Juby said the grant was put together before her time here and approved by the Council at that time it was being applied for. She put together a request for proposal and they had site visits. Ryan Dunn, Jeremiah Sampson, and she went out beforehand to the different areas to see the areas of concern, then they went' out again with the contractors. They walked through with the contractors their needs and concerns and they put in a bid based off of what they saw since they are the experts. There was no scope of work specifically.

Councilmember Davis asked about the map for Dead Ox and where the road was. Ms. Juby said the bank was eroding that road, they had to cut it further due to the road being so close to the bank. They are leaving it to the best judgement of the contractor to decide where to put a road up higher. Councilmember Davis said she was still confused because of the different line colors on the map. Councilmember John said the land base involves trust land and involves BIA which is Mr. Mix's program. It has a lot of dirt roads, paved roads and gravel roads and a lot of his work does involve some of these dirt roads. All the roads have to be certified in a certain way and put into the Transportation plan; you can't just go out and make a road. Ms. Juby said the Dead Ox site is the only road where a new road would be put in, all the other roads already exist. They will be putting in a culvert to reduce erosion and sedimentation from eventually getting into the lake or river. The main point is to not only provide safe travel but to reduce the non-point source pollution that these roads might create. Councilmember John said that it is the maintenance work that the Roads Department does, they can involve him from this point forward. Ms. Juby was a little confused on what was being asked whether they wanted her to put the bid back out, or allow the Roads Department to do the

roads, or allow them to bid on it. Councilmember Davis said on this one the Roads Department doesn't maintain the road that goes down to the river. He maintains Chicken Ranch Road but not this one they are talking about, but her question is where are they going to cut the new road at Dead Ox. Councilmember Cortez said he read the bid for the Dead Ox section and it doesn't have any identifying information either, it just says to establish new road, 425 feet plus or minus to water sample station. That is the project specifications, but it doesn't establish how or what direction. Ms. Juby admitted that this one was a rushed site visit. Councilmember Decker said the Dead Ox site is the only one they are skeptical of; would they be able to approve the others tonight and get further details on the Dead Ox area. Councilmember Cortez noted that it's a request to approve it as the entire package. Chairman Wadsworth confirmed the ending date of the grant is September 30, 2026. Ms. Juby added the one bid they did get was on the high side and it's hard to compare when you only get one bid. They just want to make sure that whoever gets the job has enough time to do it right and closes out the grant. She understands if they need to take a step back. Councilmember Cortez would like to see the scope of work, so they have a better outline to see what needs to be done.

Vice Chairman Ely would like for Ms. Juby to reach out to the Tribal Land Manager because one of his concerns out in Sutcliffe is cutting of roads or primitive roads wherever. Have a discussion with both the Land Manager and the Roads Department about their concerns and recommend they table until the May 1st Regular meeting.

Councilmember John said scope of work is important in case there is a dispute, they can go back and say they didn't do this or that.

Councilmember Sampson motioned to *table the contract request and to return at the May 1, 2026, Regular Council meeting with a scope of work for the road repairs*. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. Votes were eight (8) for and zero (0) opposed with one (1) abstention (Guerrero). **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Request for Approval of the Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA) Technical Advisory Committee Appointments. Donna Noel and Amira Morrow

Ms. Noel explained TRFMA has a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), she is currently a representative and they don't have an alternative. She would like to appoint Amira Morrow as an alternate, Ms. Morrow is the Water Resources Specialist who is working under the TRFMA grant BOR Stream Bank Stabilization grant. She will be the one writing the grants for the \$17 million that was set aside for the Truckee River restoration once the funds become available but currently she is going to all the TRFMA meetings and keeping an eye on the new construction for widening the Vista Narrows and the new habitat behind the Grand Sierra Resort in Sparks. The funds for the Truckee River Flood Mitigation projects will become available after TRFMA gets their Army Corps permits.

Vice Chairman Ely motioned to *approve appointment of Donna Noel as the primary representative and Amira Morrow as the alternate on the Truckee River Flood Management Authority Technical Advisory Committee*. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion.

Councilmember John asked what the plan is for the \$17 million to stabilize the riverbanks because it doesn't seem to be for the farmers. Once the water hits the Reservation it's protecting the upstream people, but what happens when it hits the Reservation boundaries is because it feels like they are at the mercy of whatever happens. Ms. Noel said there are identified areas that are actively eroding and once the funds become available, they will write grants for engineered repairs and stabilization measures. Ms. Morrow is looking at prioritizing areas and looking at NEPA and what kind of permitting from the Army Corps is going to be needed. As BOR is doing their work upstream from Marble Bluff, she is learning from them so she can replicate it upstream. The issue along the agricultural fields is the same issue BOR is dealing with and so they've engineered a way to deal with it. Currently she is working on the high priority spots, doing some NEPA, anything she can do before the funding is available and they may even start some stop gap measures like having a cottonwood planting day including planting willows in the bad spots for stability.

Councilmember Sampson asked if they were working with the EMS Department and keep them updated because if they have to apply for any type of FEMA or State grants it would be best if they had an active updated hazard mitigation plan it would help them know how much to apply for. Ms. Noel said they had one FEMA grant that identified the areas that need addressed so that document was done several years ago so that it will be a part of the work plan. Councilmember Sampson stated the hazard mitigation plan must be updated every five years and she knows he just submitted it to have it updated and it would be best to get a copy of it for their department.

Votes were eight (8) for and zero (0) opposed with one (1) abstention (John). **MOTION PASSED.**

WATER TEAM

1. Kemp Jones. *Chris Mixson, Kemp Jones, and Francesca Bergeret, who will brief in Executive Session.*

TROA Navy Water Litigation. Mr. Mixson said in his report there is further explanation of why the Navy water split of the management of the Navy water won't work. It's 80%, 20% split under the settlement that the Council approved in principle. He's provided some numbers but doesn't want to go through those outside of closed session but the information is provided in his report. The lawyers are done working on the Settlement Agreement and it's ready for approval by the principals, the Council, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of the Interior (DOI). The federal process is going to take several months because they have to go pretty high up their chain of commands. He brought it to the Council early because it would be helpful for the Council to read it.

TROA JOINT PRORAM FISH CREDIT WATER. Mr. Mixson said this is the one they've had a dispute with the State of California over how they were managing the Joint Program Fish Credit Water. They have reached a resolution in principle, where they have placed some limitations on how long the State of California can keep their portion of the water in the reservoirs upstream before they need to release it down and it comes to Pyramid Lake. They had a meeting March with the Federal Water Master/TROA Administrator because they have to put the terms of the agreement with the State of California, they have to put it in their TROA model that they use to manage the river and the releases from the reservoirs. The good news is they can do this and put the resolution with California into their model and manage the water the way that the Water Team and California have agreed to manage it; technically, the Tribe hasn't agreed

yet. There were technical questions about when to deduct water from California's share for evaporation, so they are still working out some of the details. It's currently under review by the Water Team and California's team.

ATRIUM APARTMENTS LITIGATION. Mr. Mixson said both the landowner, which is SWD Quarry Atrium LLC and the developer who owns the apartment building have answered the complaint and basically their answers are similar which states either they can't admit or deny the allegations levied against them by the Tribe or they deny which is what they do when they answer a complaint. That is what the lawsuit is all about, to determine what the facts are, but they both have asserted their own claims against the plumbing contractor on the apartment complex which they fully expected them to do. They could have sued the plumber, but they decided not to and to let them sue the plumber and that is what they have done. The plumber, as of this meeting, was served and now has 20 days since yesterday to file an answer to those claims but that is assuming the plumber doesn't add a new party like a plumbing subcontractor. These will be the universal parties, the Tribe will be plaintiff, developer and landowner will be primary defendants, and the supplemental or secondary defendant will be the plumbing contractor. The lawyers for the two defendants are appointed by insurance companies, which means there are insurance policies that will have some potential financial implications for where this lawsuit goes. They will copies of the insurance policies but they have tendered it to insurance. Within the next month they will sit down for an early case conference with the lawyers.

FERNLEY AND STIC 9TH CIRCUIT APPEAL OF TRUCKEE CANAL REPAIR XM EIS. Mr. Mixson said they still don't have an oral argument date set. The Ninth Circuit sent their third request to the attorneys to identify dates. For the last two dates he was available. Now they are looking at the week of August 10-14, 2026, and the arguments will be in Reno if anyone from the Council would like to attend.

RECOUPMENT CASE. Mr. Mixson was hoping he would have something to report since they were working on a joint response from the DOJ BOR and the Tribe to these two pending recoupment repayment applications that TCID filed and the new DOJ attorney who has been on the case for nine months now was working on this joint letter, but it's not done so he will have more on the recoupment case.

NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION. He attended the meeting as the alternate when Ms. Noel was unable to attend. They were discussing the big and little Washoe Lakes, that eventually flows into Steamboat Creek. The commission approved a small contract for \$30,000 for a company to start investigating clearing the channels from the big Washoe Lake to the Little Washoe Lake to Steamboat Creek so they can get more water out of those lakes. It wasn't clear at the meeting who the clearance was going to benefit. The Water Team had a meeting with TMWA to discuss the American Flat Project which they presented to the Council last year. They also talked about the clearing of the channels because he saw that TMWA's name was on the RFP through the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission and he hoped they could help him understand what it was all about. They didn't get a lot of information from TMWA, their attorney referenced him to a specific page in the Orr Ditch Decree which talks about Washoe Lake as a reservoir. He wanted to know whose water is in those lakes because if the water is not going to get out of those lakes like it historically did or as it is intended to do, then who is not getting their water or has it been sitting in those lakes because someone has those water rights in the lake and maybe they don't want to

clear the lake or maybe the local residents like having the lake full of water. He was just curious about it all but didn't get much information so they'll be researching it.

Chairman Wadsworth added to Mr. Mixson's report that they just received notification the previous day that the Beasley property was put into trust and they are waiting for the certified letter, but he did receive an email that it is in trust.

2. Stetson Engineers Inc. Allan Ricards, Stetson Engineers Inc.

Mr. Richards stated his report covers work performed during the month of March.

CEMEX. Mr. Richards said they continue to participate in CEMEX's weekly construction meetings with their contractor to stay up to date on the progress of work on the Pit Lake west wall repair. His report states they were scheduled to complete work by the end of the month but in the past week, there have been delays due to wind and some mechanical problems with their equipment, so they are now looking at the end of May to complete the repair work on the west wall of the Pit Lake. They have another contractor who won the bid to start the work on the south pond west wall. The contractor Rango Construction is out of Arizona, apparently, they do a lot of work with CEMEX, and they are mobilizing next week to start the work.

TROA MEETINGS AND SCHEDULING. They had several TROA meetings in March. Two meetings with the Federal Water Master to plan for the 2026 spawning flows. In March there was a good spawning run for the Cui-ui, over 100,000 in one week. There is a lot of coordination with the Water Master on releasing water to help with the spawning and to offset diversions that were going into the Truckee Canal during the same period. The OCAP allowed some water to be diverted into the Truckee Canal, then there was the big storm in March, so they stopped it and the canal was fluctuating so they adjusted releases to make sure there was more of a natural flow in the river for the fish spawning. Had a couple of meetings with BOR in March, one was at their office in Carson City focused on Newlands Project Credit Water and establishment of Newlands Project Credit Water on how and when it should convert to fish credit water. There was debate on when it should convert, currently they are not establishing any Newlands Project Credit Water, but the discussion was looking forward to the coming year. Other matters they looked at was the draft agreement for the Fishery Navy Water, reviewed the proposal from TMWA about the interconnectivity between big and little Washoe Lakes, spent time researching information on Great Basin Gas Transmission Company's bentonite spills to the river (two of them), the sewage spill along the north Truckee drain in Sparks and Carson River analyzes looking to summarize the groundwater permits that have been an issue in the Carson River. Those groundwater permits potentially impact the flow of the Carson River. He reiterated a concern regarding the spills in the river; there was the train derailment with the boxcars which was significant in the last three weeks on highway 80 and the river. He was looking at drone footage of that derailment with the cars crumpled up in a big pile, a lot of them still on-site. There were mainly boxcars but there were half a dozen tankers behind those box cars and if those had derailed it could have been a catastrophic spill into the river. He knows they can't control it but thinks there should be an emergency response plan to the extent that something could be done like having connex containers storing absorbent pillows to soak up oil spills, just have a couple stored on the Reservation and with an emergency response plan to control some of those fluids that might get in the river and ultimately get to Pyramid Lake. That was really troubling to him.

Councilmember John said she agrees; Owyhee experienced the same type of spill and people were getting cancer when everything went into the river. As a Council, they should have something in place and be able to tell the people what they will be doing when something like this happens. Mr. Richards said having contacts with agencies and knowing who to contact and having discussions with them proactively would be good. Who knows what the containers are carrying, it's not just oil, it's all kinds of hazardous materials. Chairman Wadsworth said those containers contained food oil, vegetable oil, and olive oil.

Mr. Richards continued with his report for the updated hydrograph for the Truckee River at Nixon which had big flows in the river last month, 950 cubic feet per second on average for the month of March, about 870 cubic feet per second for the day, the entire river is flowing to Pyramid Lake. Very little diversions, the Truckee Canal is off. The lake elevations are up, by the end of April the lake elevation was about 3803 feet and rising. He provided hyperlinks for the Council to check out Nevada River Forecast Center forecast map and the National Weather and Climate Center snow water equivalent map plus other links. The current cumulative precipitation through April 15th is about 47 inches which is around average. To look at current flows in the river, he provided a link to the USGS water data website for the Nixon gage which is actually located upstream by the Numana Dam.

Councilmember Cortez asked if he had the current percentage levels on the reservoirs. Mr. Richards said Stampede has about 86% capacity, and Tahoe is a couple of feet below the spill. He will provide the link to TROA Federal Water Master' website which provides a daily report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Tribal Council, Councilmember Cortez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ely. Votes taken were all in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by,



Brenda A. Henry
Tribal Council Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing minutes were adopted by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, at a meeting duly held on the 20th day of May 2026, having eight (8) members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of eight (8) FOR and zero (0) OPPOSED, with zero (0) ABSTENTIONS. Minutes attested and concurred by: 

Steven Wadsworth, Tribal Chairman
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

*Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council
April 15, 2026, Water Team minutes*

//
//
/