



## Walker River Paiute Tribe

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### RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

#### RESOLUTION NO. WR-34-2020

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:**

**WHEREAS,** the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 1934 as amended, to exercise certain home rule and be responsible for the promotion of economic and social welfare of its members, and

**WHEREAS,** the Walker River Paiute Tribe is in great need of furthering energy development ventures on the Reservation in order to lessen economic hardships to the Tribe as well as search out the renewable energy potential available, and

**WHEREAS,** the Walker River Paiute Tribe has been actively involved in geothermal development projects and is committed to the development of such renewable energy project, and

**WHEREAS,** the USGS and Department of Energy (DOE) have funding opportunities to acquire high-resolution aeromagnetic data over large swaths of Nevada and California that are useful for mapping faults and geologic contacts in the subsurface. Blackrock Geoscience has been collaborating with the USGS on furthering the collection of geothermal data sets on the Reservation. The principal goal of this effort is to support geothermal exploration by identifying areas favorable for geothermal resource occurrence such as fault zones and fault intersections where geothermal fluids may be present. The regions presently being considered include several areas within or adjacent to the Walker Lane shear zone (e.g., Gabbs Valley, Clayton Valley, Fish Lake Valley, Owens River system) that host numerous geothermal systems. There is significant value in collecting data regionally to better understand how fault systems interact, and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to also collect data across the Walker River Indian Reservation in order to resolve structural connectivity across the entire Walker Lane fault zone which extends through the Reservation. The data would be available to the tribe and would provide valuable information relevant to geothermal, water, and mineral resources and earthquake hazard studies that the tribe can utilize, and

WHEREAS, these types of surveys are particularly useful because they yield high-resolution data with uniform data coverage which can be acquired only by airborne surveys, and


THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that contracting such surveys is typically beyond the means of most projects, due to their extremely high costs and this opportunity is possible because of combined USGS and DOE resources available for this effort over the next couple of years. The plan is presently to design the survey and prepare contracting in 2020, and to fly the survey in late 2020 or early-mid 2021, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribe is requesting to work cooperatively with USGS, Blackrock Geoscience and the DOE in completing these surveys, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman or designated representative of the Walker River Paiute Tribe to enter into any necessary agreements and sign any documents to get this work done.

### CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council, composed of seven members, of whom 7, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of 6-FOR, 0-AGAINST, and 0-ABSTENTIONS, pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(e), of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, approved March 26, 1937.



Gina L. Wachsmuth, Tribal Council Secretary  
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

