

# Agenda

## County of Inyo Water Commission

### INYO COUNTY WATER COMMISSION

#### FIELD TRIP

October 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Meet at Clint Quilter County Office  
Building, 1360 N. Main St., Bishop

Water Commission Field Trip to the Farmers Pond overflow basins that are proposed as substitute mitigation for the ponds component of the McNally Ponds and Native Pasture project, and the Freeman Creek project.

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The times provided in the itinerary are an approximate schedule, and the routes depicted on the maps are also estimations.

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*Please ensure you're equipped for the weather with suitable clothing and footwear for walking on uneven dirt surfaces. Have with you personal supplies such as water, snacks, a hat, and sunscreen.*

*The route includes driving on dirt, sand, and over primitive roads through a brushy corridor, and may involve driving across a low-water crossing. It's advisable to have a high-clearance 4WD or AWD vehicle. Carpooling is highly encouraged.*

*As a condition of their participation, public attendees will be required to sign a liability release.*

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**9:00 AM** Meet at the front door of the Clint Quilter County Consolidated Office Building (COB), 1360 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514. The day will begin with announcements, instructions, a safety briefing, and an overview of the field agenda. Participants may then join their carpool.

**9:30 AM (MAP A):** Line up and caravan to the Farmers Pond basin project. Take Highway 6 north for approximately 1.9 miles. Turn left onto the unnamed dirt road leading to Farmers Pond and proceed about 500 feet and park along this road. At this stop we will view the existing Farmers Pond project. We will then go on to the basins below.

The Farmers Pond sub-basins are being considered as a substitute for the pond portions of the McNally Ponds and Native Pasture project. The McNally ponds cannot be reliably supplied water, resulting in insufficient mitigation value. We will pause for a snack break at Pond #4, the easternmost and lowest basin, and discuss the proposal to relocate the pond component of the McNally Ponds and Native Pasture to these basins.

Please be mindful that the path around the basins includes sections of soft dirt, sandy tracks, and narrow brushy corridors. It is advisable to use a four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive vehicle for this journey.

**10:45 AM (MAP B):** Depart from the Farmers Pond basins and proceed to Freeman Creek. Head west on Highway 6, just past the river. At the stoplight, take a left on Main Street (Highway 395 South) and proceed through town to Keough's Road, which is about 7.4 miles south of the junction of Main Street and Line Street. Turn right on Keough's Road, and park on the shoulder of the road.

We will proceed 0.3 miles up the sandy primitive road leading to a diversion box on the creek, with a stop to view the measuring station. We will then retrace our path and cross Keough's Road and head to County Road, which is a 0.2 mile walk from our cars.

Freeman Creek is one of the eight 1600 acre-foot projects developed by an ad hoc group and described in 2008. The objective of the Freeman Creek project is the development of riparian vegetation as well as to provide pasture irrigation. The project has had setbacks due to the creek's unreliable flow.

**12:00 PM** Return north on Highway 395 to the COB.

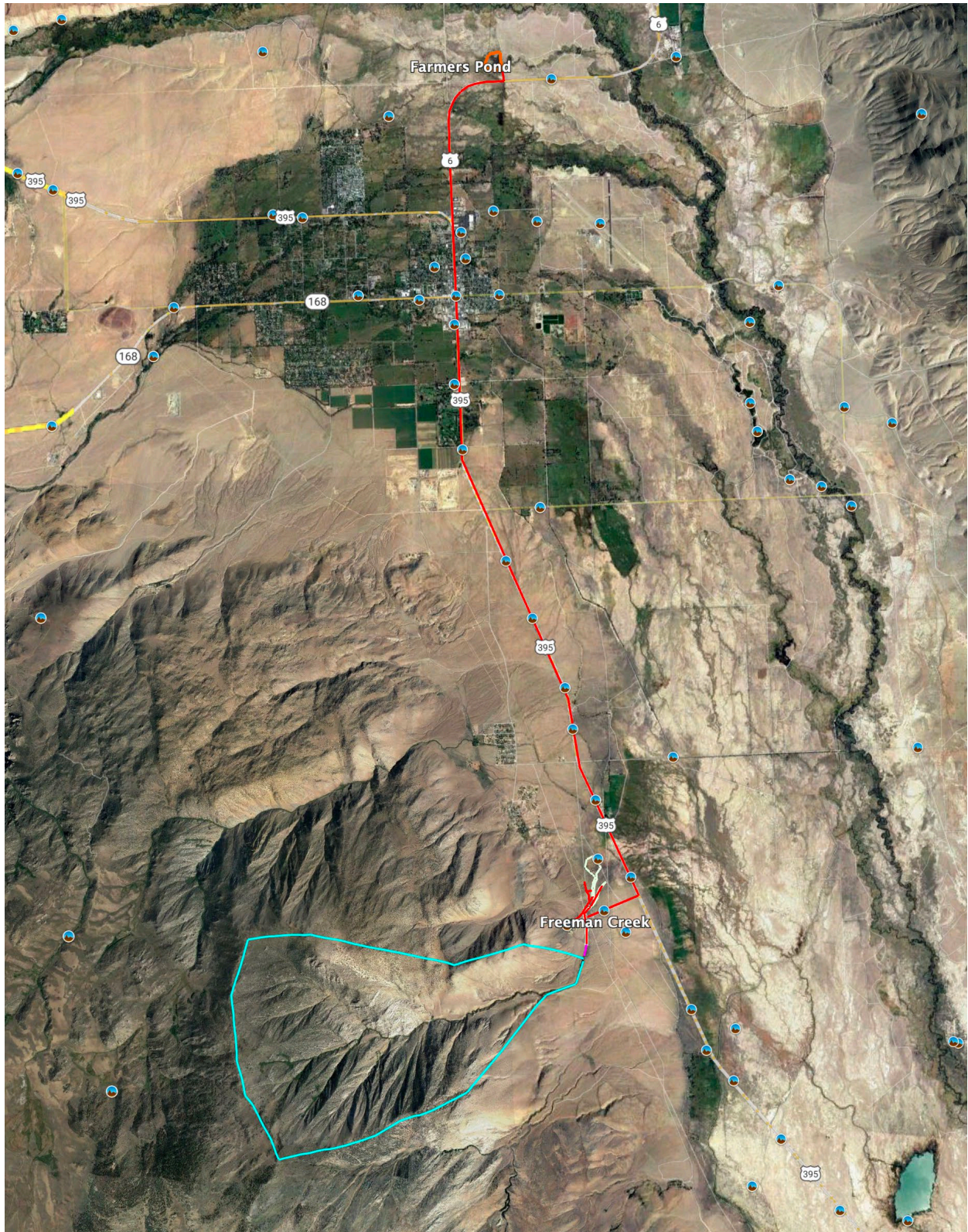
**12:15 – 12:30 PM** Additional discussions will be entertained, and the meeting adjourned.

**MAP A – County Office Building to Farmer's Pond**





**MAP B—Farmers Pond to Freeman Creek**



RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (print) hereby requests permission to participate/observe in the below described on this page.

Purpose: Water Commission Field Trip to Laws 90, 94, 95, Farmers Pond, and Bishop 120 Revegetation.

Program Supervisor: LARRY FREILICH, INYO COUNTY MITIGATION PROJECTS MANAGER

THIS FORM IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT. READ IT CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW. COMPLETION OF THIS FORM IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE/OBSERVE THIS ACTIVITY. I UNDERSTAND MY DECISION TO TAKE PART IN THIS ACTIVITY IS OPTIONAL AND VOLUNTARY.

Assumption of Risks: I understand that the above-listed activity, by its very nature, includes certain risks. The specific risks vary, but may involve minor injury, major injury, and serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own actions, inactions, or negligence, but the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. I understand and appreciate the risks that are inherent in this activity. I hereby assert and agree, on behalf of myself, my family, heirs, personal representative(s), and/or assigns, that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks. I recognize the importance of following instructions regarding proper technique, training and other established safety rules, guidelines and regulations, but understand that I am ultimately responsible for my own safety, and I agree to abide by all rules and regulations governing the activity.

Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release: In consideration of permission to participate in the above listed activity, I agree here and forever, to the maximum extent permitted by law, for myself, my family, my heirs, personal representative(s), and/or assigns, to defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release, the County of Inyo, its Board members, officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers, and LADWP, its Board of Commissioners, officers, employees, agents, affiliates, and subsidiaries from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any sort, present or future, on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury, or illness, or death which may result from my participation in the class/activity. This release specifically includes claims based on the negligence of Inyo County and its Board members, officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers and LADWP, its Board of Commissioners, officers, employees, agents, affiliates, and subsidiaries. I understand that I am releasing claims and giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue, and am doing so voluntarily. No representations, statements, or inducements, oral or written, apart from the foregoing written statement, have been made.

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT.

PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_ (sign)      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN (if participant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ (sign)      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that I will not be paid for the submitted text, photos, and/or video, and I hereby release, waive, and discharge any liability or claims of any kind or nature arising out of or relating to use of statements, photos, audio recording, and/or video recording against Inyo County or any person or firm and their representatives authorized by Inyo County to publish said materials. I waive my right to inspect or approve of any finished product which may contain my likeness.

I acknowledge that I am ☐ Over the age of 18, or ☐ The legal guardian of the minors listed below

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s of Minor/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_