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AMEND ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21
AS A WHOLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Walker River is an interstate stream, consisting of the East and West Walker; both of which rise high on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada in California; and

WHEREAS, the West Walker flows into Antelope Valley, located mostly in California and then into Smith and Mason Valleys in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the principal streams forming the East Walker combine in Bridgeport Meadows in California and from there the East Walker flows into Mason Valley where it unites with the West Walker to form the main Walker River; and

WHEREAS, the main Walker River leaves Mason Valley and flows into and through the Walker River Indian Reservation and into Walker Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Irrigation District, a Nevada irrigation district, owns and operates Bridgeport Reservoir located on the East Walker River in California and Topaz Reservoir located off of the West Walker River partly in California and partly in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the United States for the benefit of the Walker River Paiute Tribe owns and operates Weber Reservoir located on the Main Walker River and within the Walker River Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River system provides significant recreation, ecologic and economic benefits in California in Bridgeport Meadows, Antelope Valley and at Bridgeport and Topaz Reservoirs, and in Nevada, in Topaz Reservoir, in Smith and Mason Valleys, at Weber Reservoir, within the Walker River Indian Reservation and at Walker Lake; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of interrelated issues on the Walker River system, including claims by the Walker River Paiute Tribe and the United States to surface and underground water for federal property within the Walker River Basin in Nevada and California; claims to adjudicate and reallocate the water of the Walker River system to preserve minimum water levels in Walker Lake; and the allocation of the water of the Walker River system between California and Nevada (collectively the "Walker River Issues"); and

WHEREAS, effective as of January 14, 2003, the United States, the State of Nevada, the State of California, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the Walker River Irrigation District, Mono County, California, Lyon County, Nevada, Mineral County, Nevada, and the Walker Lake Working Group agreed to attempt to resolve the Walker River Issues through mediation with a third-party neutral mediator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Nevada Legislature hereby declares that all reasonable actions to resolve the Walker River Issues through the ongoing mediation should be taken; and

RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Kenny C. Guinn, Governor Gray Davis and to all of the participants in the ongoing mediation.