NFWF applies for map waiver on Stanley Ranch property

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The Lyon County Planning Commission at its Jan. 13 meeting will consider a request from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for a waiver of tentative map requirements.

This application appeared on the Dec. 9 planning commission meeting agenda, but it was continued after it was announced the Walker River Irrigation District wanted to work with the applicants to be sure an easement was shown on the map for access to the Wabuska Drain on the property at 94 Julian Lane for maintenance purposes.

The applicant requested a waiver of the requirement to submit a tentative map for a division of land into large parcels. In addition, the applicant requested a final map be approved for a division of large parcels for the parcel at the terminus of Julian Lane at the north end of Mason Valley, in order to create two lots, one of 43.2 acres and the other of 154.84 acres, on the 198-acre parcel.

This is part of the old Stanley Ranch and it is property NFWF purchased with the federal Desert Terminal Lakes Act funding. The property and water rights were purchased as part of the program to buy local water rights to allow the water to remain in the river and go on to Walker Lake in an effort to save that lake.

The applicant, represented by Rick Christian of Denson Surveying, reported there would be no changes to land use, easements or service needs resulting from this division of land.

Planning staff reported this request met the criteria for a waiver of the tentative map requirement so the final map could be recorded at the same time.

The staff report noted the Walker River bisects the land and parcel 2 (154.84 acres) abuts the Walker River Paiute Tribe while parcel 1 (43.2 acres) abuts land owned by the state of Nevada, which constitutes the northern portion of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.