Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2017
TO: Chairman and members, Western Regional Water Commission
FROM: John B. Rhodes, Legal Counsel
SUBJECT: Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests ("BDRs") and Bills pending in the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature, as of March 9, 2017, that may affect or are of interest to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") / Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"), and possible approval or revision of recommendations made by the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee.

The following staff report lists BDRs and Bills pending in the 2017 Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. No additional language is available for the BDRs at this time. Pending Bills are noted with an Assembly ("AB") or Senate ("SB") designation, and the complete language of each Bill is available by clicking on the corresponding link contained in the electronic version of this report. The dates following the BDR number in parentheses indicate the date the BDR was requested or if a Bill is pending, the date the Bill was introduced. WRWC staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee will track these Bills, recommend positions to be taken, provide periodic updates to the NNWPC, and submit the Subcommittee's recommendations to the WRWC, at its regular meetings, for possible approval and ratification or revision.
### Bill Drafts Requested and Bills Introduced

#### Water Issues

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<td>Authorizes de minimus collection of rainwater for certain uses. (BDR 48-445, 2/10/17)</td>
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<td>AB159</td>
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<td>Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in this State. (BDR 46-593, 2/13/17)</td>
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<td>Requires the fluoridation of water in certain circumstances. (BDR 40-716, 2/13/17)</td>
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<td>Revises provisions relating to the planning and the development of water resources. (BDR 48-178, 11/17/16)</td>
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BDR/Bill Requester

SB134 Senator Goicoechea
Revises provisions concerning water. (BDR 48-787, 2/13/17)

SB138 Senator Hardy
Authorizes the creation of a local improvement district for a waterfront maintenance project. (BDR 22-678, 2/13/17)

SB231 Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-736, 3/1/17)

48-336 Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)
Makes various changes relating to water. (8/19/16)

48-357 Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200)
Makes various changes relating to water. Same topic, BDR 48-358, BDR 48-359 (8/26/16) and BDR 48-367 (8/30/16)

Ethics Issues

SB36 Office of the Governor
Makes various changes to the role, operations and composition of the Commission on Ethics (BDR 23-230, 7/21/16)

SB84 Commission on Ethics
Makes various changes to the Nevada Ethics Commission. (BDR 23-250, 7/21/16)

110 Assemblywoman Dickman
Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (6/30/16)
Public Records Issues

BDR/Bill  Requestor

**AB42**  Attorney General  
Makes various changes to the Nevada public records law. (BDR 19-389, 11/16/16)  
Subcommittee Position  
Neutral / Watch

**SB170**  Senator Segerblom  
Revises provisions governing public records. (BDR 19-560, 12/3/16)  
Subcommittee Position  
Neutral / Watch

Other Issues of Interest

**AB34**  Division of State Lands, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Makes various changes relating to state lands. (BDR 26-179), 11/16/16)  
Subcommittee Position  
Neutral / Watch

**AB39**  Committee on Government Affairs  
Revises provisions for appointments of representatives to the Regional Planning Governing Board. (BDR 22-433, 11/16/16)  
Subcommittee Position  
Neutral / Watch

**AB48**  Committee on Government Affairs  
Makes various changes relating to municipal utilities, and annexations/detachments of real property by local governments. (BDR 21-435, 11/16/16)  
Subcommittee Position  
Neutral / Watch

**AB72**  Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
Revises certain provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (BDR 40-237, 11/17/16)  
Subcommittee Position  
Neutral / Watch

**SJR7**  Senate Minority Leader  
Urges Congress to enact legislation transferring title to certain public lands to the State of Nevada. (BDR R-841, 2/27/17)  
Subcommittee Position  
Neutral / Watch