

# Western Regional Water Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** April 13, 2017

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC")

**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 that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC"); possible approval or revision of recommendations made by staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee; possible approval of letters of support for certain pending Bills and budget items; and possible direction to staff.

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The following staff report lists BDRs and Bills pending in the 2017 Nevada Legislature, as of April 13, 2017, 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 staff and/or 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**

<b>BDR/Bill</b>	<b>Requester</b>	
<b>AB109</b>	<b>Assemblymen Ellison and Goicoechea</b> Revises provisions relating to public utilities. (BDR 58-622, 2/7/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB138</b>	<b>Assemblywoman Carlton</b> Authorizes de minimus collection of rainwater for certain uses. (BDR 48-445, 2/10/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB159</b>	<b>Assemblyman Watkins</b> Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in this State. (BDR 46-593, 2/13/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB193</b>	<b>Assemblywoman Joiner</b> Requires the fluoridation of water in certain circumstances. (BDR 40-716, 2/13/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB209</b>	<b>Assemblyman Oscarson</b> Revises provisions governing the forfeiture and abandonment of water rights. (BDR 48-308, 2/13/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB298</b>	<b>Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining</b> Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-735, 3/15/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB47</b>	<b>Senate Committee on Natural Resources</b> Makes various changes relating to the appropriation of water. (BDR 48-499, 11/16/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB51</b>	<b>Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources</b> Revises provisions related to the adjudication of vested water rights and the appropriation of water. (BDR 48-180, 11/16/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

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<b>SB73</b>	<b>Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</b> Revises provisions related to conjunctive water management and managing over appropriated groundwater basins. (BDR 48-177, 11/17/16)	Neutral / Watch
<b>SB74</b>	<b>Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</b> Revises provisions relating to the planning and the development of water resources. (BDR 48-178, 11/17/16)	Subcommittee Position Support Section 1 only, Neutral / Watch on rest
<b>SB134</b>	<b>Senators Goicoechea and Ford</b> Revises provisions concerning water. (BDR 48-787, 2/13/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB138</b>	<b>Senator Hardy</b> Authorizes the creation of a local improvement district for a waterfront maintenance project. (BDR 22-678, 2/13/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB231</b>	<b>Senate Committee on Natural Resources</b> Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-736, 3/1/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB269</b>	<b>Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200)</b> Revises provisions relating to groundwater management plans. (BDR 48-367, 3/15/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB270</b>	<b>Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200)</b> Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-359, 3/15/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB271</b>	<b>Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200)</b> Makes various changes relating to water. (BDR 48-357, 3/15/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB272</b>	<b>Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200)</b> Makes various changes relating to water. (BDR 48-358, 3/15/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

Ethics Issues

<b>BDR/Bill</b>	<b>Requester</b>	
<b>SB36</b>	<b>Office of the Governor</b> Makes various changes to the role, operations and composition of the Commission on Ethics (BDR 23-230, 7/21/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB84</b>	<b>Commission on Ethics</b> Makes various changes to the Nevada Ethics Commission. (BDR 23-250, 7/21/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
110	<b>Assemblywoman Dickman</b> Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (6/30/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

Public Records Issues

<b>AB42</b>	<b>Attorney General</b> Makes various changes to the Nevada public records law. (BDR 19-389, 11/16/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB479</b>	<b>Assembly Committee on Government Affairs</b> Provides that the State Public Records Administrator <i>may</i> adopt regulations for minimum records retention periods for local governments. NRS 239.125 now <i>requires</i> the Administrator to do so. (BDR 19-900, 3/27/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB170</b>	<b>Senator Segerblom</b> Revises provisions governing public records. (BDR 19-560,12/3/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

Other Issues of Interest

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<b>AB34</b>	<b>Division of State Lands, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</b> Makes various changes relating to state lands. (BDR 26-179), 11/16/16)	Neutral / Watch
<b>AB39</b>	<b>Committee on Government Affairs</b> Revises provisions for appointments of representatives to the Regional Planning Governing Board. (BDR 22-433, 11/16/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB48</b>	<b>Committee on Government Affairs</b> 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
<b>AB72</b>	<b>Senate Committee on Health and Human Services</b> Revises certain provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code. (BDR 40-237, 11/17/16)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB205</b>	<b>Assemblyman Nelson Araujo</b> Revises provisions relating to cremation. (BDR 40-649, 2/13/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>AB375</b>	<b>Assemblyman Sprinkle</b> Allows the imposition of certain county taxes to fund flood management projects of a flood management authority based on the recommendations of a flood control project. Requires committee and voter approval. (BDR S-473, 3/20/17)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
<b>SB494</b>	<b>Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200)</b> Revises provisions relating to grants to eligible recipients to establish or support cloud seeding operations. (BDR 30-356, 3/27/17)	Subcommittee Position Support
<b>SJR7</b>	<b>Senate Minority Leader</b> 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