

TMWA Committee Members:

- Vaughn Hartung, Chair
- Geno Martini
- Jenny Brekhus

WRWC Committee Members:

- Naomi Duerr, Chair
- Donald Abbott, Vice Chair
- Sandra Ainsworth

CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE
Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
And
Legislative Subcommittee of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC)
Friday, May 5, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
TMWA, Independence Conference Room
1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, NV

1. Roll call*
2. Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker)*
3. Approval of agenda (**For Possible Action**)
4. Approval of the minutes of March 31, 2017 (**For Possible Action**)
5. Presentation of status report on legislation of interest to TMWA and possible direction regarding TMWA's position on legislation (**For Possible Action**)
6. Presentation of status report on legislation of interest to WRWC and possible direction regarding WRWC's position on legislation (**For Possible Action**)
7. Committee comments*
8. Staff comments*
9. Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker)*
10. Adjournment (**For Possible Action**)

Notes:

1. Asterisks (*) denote non-action items.
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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2017
CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY AND
THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

The concurrent meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and the Legislative Subcommittee of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) at TMWA, 1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, Nevada in the Independence Conference Room. Chair Vaughn Hartung called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

TMWA Members Present: Chair Vaughn Hartung and Member Jenny Brekhus

TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Debbie Leonard

TMWA Staff Present: John Enloe, Mark Foree, Andy Gebhardt, Steve Walker (Walker & Associates), Michele Sullivan, and John Zimmerman

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

WRWC Members Present: Chair Naomi Duerr, Member Donald Abbott, and Member Sandra Ainsworth.

WRWC Legal Counsel: John Rhodes

A quorum of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the agenda.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2017

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of March 24, 2017.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved the minutes of March 24, 2017.

5. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO TMWA AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING TMWA'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION

Steve Walker, TMWA Lobbyist, and John Zimmerman, TMWA Water Resources Manager, summarized the status of key bills. Mr. Walker and Mr. Zimmerman referred to the table of reviewed bills and provided an overview of the bills and staff recommendations.

Mr. Walker stated AB280, relating to preferences in bidding for certain contracts for businesses based in this State, was not originally on the list, but was added as a *watch*. Discussion followed regarding the provisions related to bids by a Nevada based business and potential impact on local governments.

Member Brekhus inquired if Mr. Walker had provided a position on behalf of TMWA on AB403, AB404 or AB406. Mr. Walker replied no, he had not except for AB406 because he provided public comment in opposition for all his clients and mistakenly included TMWA and offered to retract that position at the next meeting for the record.

Discussion followed regarding SB462, which authorizes the board of county commissioners to create a committee to review general improvement districts, and SB494, which revises provisions relating to grants for water conservation and capital improvements to certain water systems. AB193 has not been heard since March 7, but the deadline for all bills to pass the first house is April 14th.

Chair Duerr asked for a complete list of all bills at the next meeting.

Upon motion made and seconded, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, the TMWA Subcommittee approved staff's recommendations on all bills, except AB403, AB404, AB406, and SJR9.

6. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO WRWC AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING WRWC'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION

John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel, discussed several bills and bill draft requests (BDRs) being monitored and staff recommendations. Mr. Rhodes stated SB74 was added to the list per the last meeting's discussion with a position of *support*, which applies to Section 1 of the Bill, allowing collection of rainwater for certain purposes. Mr. Rhodes recommended including a position of *support* to SB74 for Section 14, which eliminates the member of WRWC appointed by the Chief of the Water Planning Division of Water Resources. Mr. Rhodes recommended deleting BDR 48-934 (now SB461), as it does not apply to WRWC, and adding AB479 with a *neutral/watch* recommendation. AB205 and AB375 have been added with *neutral/watch* recommendations. SB494 has been added with a *support* recommendation.

Discussion followed regarding AB375 to fund flood control projects, including concern about keeping within the scope of the local flood project so as not loose federal funding, and the issue of taxing citizens subject to voter approval. Additional discussion followed on SB494, for cloud seeding funding, and the Governor's budget for funding cloud seeding through the Desert Research Institute.

Upon motion made and seconded, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, the WRWC Subcommittee approved staff's recommendations on all bills, except for Section 14 of SB74, which was changed from *support* to *neutral/watch*.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING CERTAIN SUNSET PROVISIONS OF THE NEVADA REVISED STATUTES CONCERNING ELEVATION OF HOMES IN FLOODPLAINS

Discussion regarding certain sunset provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) concerning elevation of homes in floodplains. Chair Duerr commented that the provisions sunset in 2019, and if WRWC wished to take the opportunity to support removal or extension of the sunset provisions applicable to Hidden Valley and Steamboat Creek, it may wish to do so this legislative session if possible. And if such an opportunity presented itself, Chair Duerr requested that staff bring it back to the WRWC legislative subcommittee for consideration.

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

There were no committee comments.

9. STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Foree, TMWA General Manager, informed the subcommittee that proponents of the wastewater treatment plant that is part of the proposed West 2nd project is trying to include an amendment to AB72, which revises provision to the Uniform Plumbing Code. Mr. Enloe reported the amendment would allow a package plant within a publicly owned treatment works service area, where currently, NRS does not allow it. They want to build their own on-site water treatment plant and use the effluent water for onsite landscaping, cooling and toilet flushing in a commercial/residential area.

Mr. Walker stated he testified for TMWA supporting the GIDs along river corridors.

Mr. Rhodes informed the subcommittee AB494 has an amendment to the language on cloud seeding; to support water augmentation project related to drought resiliency including groundwater recharge.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Hartung adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on

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Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Western Regional Water Commission on

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Secretary

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STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Committee Members
FROM: John Zimmerman, Manager of Water Resources
DATE: May 2, 2017
SUBJECT: Legislative Update

Attached is a list of all pending bills staff, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Pagni are currently monitoring. The list excludes bills previously monitored, but which did not meet the April deadlines below and cannot be acted on. If the substance of any such bills is revived as an amendment to an active bill, then TMWA staff and lobbyists will follow the Board's past direction regarding those bills and notify the Subcommittee and Board. Staff, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Pagni will update the Subcommittee regarding the status of the attached bills and respond to any questions. Lastly, below is a summary of AB 298 (the so-called, "3M" plan bill), as requested by Board member Brekhus.

Key 2017 Legislative Deadlines:

February 6-----Opening Day
March 20-----Legislators' Bill Introductions
March 27-----Committees' Bill Introductions
April 14-----Committee Passage (1st House)
April 25-----First House Passage
May 19-----Committee Passage (2nd House)
May 26-----Second House Passage
June 5-----Sine Die

AB 298:

The State Engineer currently requires monitoring, management, and mitigation plans (3M plans) as a condition of granting groundwater right applications (new appropriations or changes to existing water rights) involving relatively large or complex water uses. An example is Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications to appropriate groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar Valley basins for interbasin transfer to, and use in, the Las Vegas Valley. Another example is General Moly's proposed molybdenum mine in Eureka County, which seeks to appropriate 75% of the perennial yield of a basin for the milling process.

3M plans differ slightly based on the circumstances of each case, but all require applicants to (1) manage their water use to minimize impacts to senior water rights and domestic wells, (2) monitor the results of their pumping and report those results to the State Engineer for analysis and, if necessary, implementation of countermeasures, and (3) mitigate the results of their pumping if the State Engineer determines they are an unreasonable adverse impact on senior water rights or domestic wells.

In the General Moly case, the Nevada Supreme Court overturned the State Engineer's decision to grant the applications because the 3M plan approval process and the plan itself were legally deficient. AB 298 is being proposed to address the deficiencies in the approval process and to confirm that the State Engineer has the authority to grant applications that are likely to conflict with existing water rights and domestic wells if such impacts are eliminated or mitigated by the applicant. SNWA's interbasin transfer applications are subject to 3M plans, and therefore, it is supporting AB 298. If passed in its current form (First Reprint, dated April 20th), AB 298 would create a process for the State Engineer to follow in reviewing and approving 3M plans. AB 298 also would define perennial yield, environmental soundness, and unappropriated water, which are currently undefined phrases in Nevada's water law statutes.

Since January, SNWA has organized several meetings with various governmental and non-governmental groups to discuss the concepts in AB 298. The meetings included the State Engineer and his deputy administrators, SNWA, TMWA, The Nature Conservancy, Great Basin Resource Watch, Eureka County, Nevada Farm Bureau, Central Nevada Water Authority, General Moly, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. TMWA has participated in these meetings and offered comments on several versions of AB 298. TMWA's chief concerns are that 3M plans should remain a requirement in only the most complex interbasin groundwater transfers, should not be used for relatively simple groundwater applications or any surface water applications, and should not make the application process unreasonably cumbersome or expensive. TMWA also wants to be sure that any conforming amendments to other provisions in the water law are not inadvertently altered in unintended ways. TMWA will continue to monitor AB 298 and report to the subcommittee and board as necessary.

STATUS OF REVIEWED/EXISTING BILLS

Content	Description	Sponsor	Tags	Board/Committee Position	StatusRecentHistory	Status
AB5	Provides for the creation of certain local improvement districts. (BDR 22-233)	Committee on Government Affairs	Energy; Governance	1/3 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB8	Revises provisions governing the collection of delinquent municipal utility charges. (BDR 21-323)	Committee on Government Affairs	Financial, Risk Management; Governance	11/21 WATCH, SUPPORT	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB11	Revises provisions governing the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles. (BDR 44-137)	Committee on Transportation	Emergency Mgmt, Safety, Motor Vehicles; Governance	11/21 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Transportation	Heard, No Action
AB26	Revises provisions governing the dissemination of certain records of criminal history to certain persons by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History. (BDR 14-138)	Committee on Corrections, Probation, and Parole	Human Resources	1/4 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Judiciary	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB32	Revises provisions governing pest control. (BDR 49-176)	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Governance	1/9 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Natural Resources	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB34	Revises provisions relating to state lands. (BDR 26-179)	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Property	12/20 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB36	Revises the Charter of the City of Reno. (BDR S-448)	Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	Governance; Open Meeting, Records, Boards and Elections	1/6 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Government Affairs	Heard, No Action
AB50	Revises provisions relating to the imposition of certain fees, civil penalties and administrative fines by the State Environmental Commission. (BDR 40-181)	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Financial, Risk Management; Governance	12/29 WATCH	Natural Resources	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB54	Revises provisions relating to reports of certain accidents or motor vehicle crashes by employers. (BDR 53-160)	Committee on Commerce and Labor	Emergency Mgmt, Safety, Motor Vehicles	1/6 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Second Reading	Do pass
AB79	Revises provisions relating to economic development. (BDR S-404)	Committee on Government Affairs	Financial, Risk Management; Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	1/6 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB83	Makes various changes relating to insurance. (BDR 57-159)	Committee on Commerce and Labor	Financial, Risk Management	1/6 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Commerce, Labor and Energy	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB100	Revises provisions governing contractors. (BDR 54-194)	Swank	Human Resources	2/7: WATCH	Ways and Means	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB106	Revises provisions governing government contracting. (BDR 27-295)	Spiegel	Governance	2/9: WATCH	Ways and Means	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB107	Provides for the sealing of records relating to eviction under certain circumstances. (BDR 3-689)	Bilbray-Axelrod	Financial, Risk Management; Governance	2/10: WATCH	Judiciary	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB109	Revises provisions relating to public utilities. (BDR 58-622)	Assemblyman Ellison; Senator Goicoechea	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	2/9: WATCH, NEUTRAL	Ways and Means	Amend, and do pass as amended

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AB113	Requires an employer to make certain accommodations for a nursing mother. (BDR 40-7)	Spiegel	Human Resources	2/9: WATCH, SUPPORT	Commerce, Labor and Energy	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB114	Revises provisions governing irrigation districts. (BDR 48-639)	Titus	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	2/9: WATCH, SUPPORT	Natural Resources	Do pass
AB138	Authorizes the de minimus collection of precipitation under certain circumstances. (BDR 48-445)	Carlton	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	2/10: WATCH, NEUTRAL	Natural Resources	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB154	Revises provisions relating to prevailing wages. (BDR 28-747)	Assemblymen Brooks, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Joiner, Daly, Elliot Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Bustamante Adams, Cohen, Frierson, Fumo, Jauregui, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Neal, Swank and Thompson; Senator Atkinson	Financial, Risk Management; Human Resources	2/14 WATCH	Government Affairs	Do pass
AB159	Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in this State. (BDR 46-593)	Assemblymen Watkins, Swank and Brooks; Senator Ratti	Governance; Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	2/17 WATCH	Ways and Means	Mentioned no jurisdiction
AB169	Revises provisions governing certain fees collected by county recorders. (BDR 20-832)	Jauregui, Brooks and Carrillo	Governance; Open Meeting, Records, Boards and Elections	2/17 WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB193	Requires the fluoridation of water in certain circumstances. (BDR 40-716)	Joiner and Sprinkle	Financial, Risk Management; Water Quality (NDEP); Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	2/15: OPPOSE	Failed Deadline:4/14/2017	
AB206	Revises provisions relating to the renewable portfolio standard. (BDR 58-746)	Assemblymen Brooks, Frierson, Yeager, McCurdy II, Watkins and Fumo; Senators Cancela, Parks and Spearman	Energy	2/17 WATCH	Commerce and Labor	Not considered
AB209	Revises provisions governing the forfeiture of water rights. (BDR 48-308)	Oscarson	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	2/15 WATCH	Natural Resources	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB211	Revises provisions governing compensation and wages. (BDR 53-764)	Jauregui, Fumo and McCurdy II	Financial, Risk Management; Human Resources	2/17 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Commerce, Labor and Energy	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB227	Makes changes relating to domestic partnerships. (BDR 11-784)	Carrillo	Human Resources	2/17 WATCH	Judiciary	Do pass
AB246	Revises provisions relating to the creation of a local improvement district and tax increment area. (BDR 22-705)	Kramer, Benitez-Thompson, Daly, Hansen and Titus	Governance	3/2: WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended

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AB249	Requires the State Plan for Medicaid and all health insurance plans to provide certain benefits relating to contraception. (BDR 38-858)	Frierson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Sprinkle, Benitez-Thompson, Yeager, Elliot Anderson, Araujo, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Cohen, Daly, Diaz, Flores, Fumo, Jauregui, Joiner, McCurdy II, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Neal, Ohrenschall, Spiegel, Swank, Thompson and Watkins	Human Resources	3/2: WATCH	Health and Human Services	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB271	Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local government employers. (BDR 23-290)	Carrillo	Human Resources	3/22: OPPOSE	Government Affairs	Do pass
AB276	Revises provisions relating to employment practices. (BDR 53-289)	Assemblymen Spiegel, Joiner, Diaz, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carlton, Cohen, Miller, Swank and Thompson; Senators Parks and Manendo	Human Resources	3/16: WATCH	Chief Clerk's Desk	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB280	Revises provisions relating to preferences in bidding for certain contracts for businesses based in this State. (BDR 27-1060)	Assemblymen Frierson, Carrillo, Monroe-Moreno, Sprinkle, Neal, Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carlton, Cohen, Daly, Fumo, Jauregui, Joiner, McCurdy II, Miller, Ohrenschall, Spiegel, Thompson, Watkins and Yeager; Senators Ford and Cannizzaro	Public Works	3/29: WATCH	Government Affairs	Mentioned not agendized
AB290	Makes various changes relating to collective bargaining. (BDR 23-35)	Wheeler, Kramer, Hambrick and Ellison	Human Resources	3/16: WATCH	Government Affairs	
AB298	Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-735)	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	3/16: WATCH	Natural Resources	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB334	Prohibits a driver from operating a motor vehicle in the extreme left lane of a highway under certain circumstances. (BDR 43-154)	Ellison	Emergency Mgmt, Safety, Motor Vehicles	3/20: WATCH	Transportation	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB375	Allows the imposition of certain taxes in a county to fund flood management projects of a flood management authority based on the recommendations of a flood control project needs committee and voter approval. (BDR S-473)	Sprinkle, Benitez-Thompson, Joiner and Daly	Emergency Mgmt, Safety, Motor Vehicles; Governance; Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	3/20: WATCH	Revenue and Economic Development	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB379	Amends provisions relating to general improvement districts created for the purpose of furnishing recreational facilities. (BDR 25-211)	Joiner	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	3/24: SUPPORT	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB380	Revises provisions relating to real property. (BDR 10-340)	Elliot Anderson	Property	3/21: WATCH	Judiciary	Amend, and do pass as amended

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AB384	Revises provisions governing the consideration of the criminal history of an applicant for employment by the State or a county or city. (BDR 23-33)	Assemblymen Thompson, McCurdy II, Flores, Araujo, Carrillo, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Daly, Frierson, Fumo, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Neal, Ohrenschall, Sprinkle and Yeager; Senators Ford, Atkinson, Spearman, Cancela, Parks, Denis, Segerblom and Woodhouse	Human Resources	3/21: WATCH	Legislative Operations and Elections	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB403	Revises various provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 17-573)	Daly, Frierson, Diaz, Benitez-Thompson, Araujo, Brooks, Carrillo, McCurdy II and Monroe-Moreno	Governance	3/21: WATCH	Legislative Operations and Elections	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB404	Creates the Nevada Office of the Inspector General. (BDR 18-740)	Miller, McCurdy II, Benitez-Thompson, Brooks and Fumo	Governance	3/21: OPPOSE	Ways and Means	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB406	Revises provisions relating to certain construction. (BDR 28-781)	Daly, Benitez-Thompson, Brooks, Carrillo, Bilbray-Axelrod, Frierson, Joiner, McCurdy II and Monroe-Moreno	Financial, Risk Management; Human Resources	4/17: WATCH	Ways and Means	Amend, and do pass as amended
AB458	Revises provisions governing industrial insurance. (BDR 53-489)	Committee on Commerce and Labor	Human Resources	3/29: WATCH	Ways and Means	Amend, and do pass as amended
AJR4	Requests the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to conduct an independent scientific and economic analysis of the current management practices of the Colorado River, the impact of these practices on water security, flood protection and biodiversity recovery, and alternative management options, including draining Lake Powell and decommissioning and destroying the Glen Canyon Dam. (BDR R-101)	Assemblywoman Swank; Senator Segerblom	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	3/2 WATCH	Natural Resources	Do pass
SB10	Revises provisions governing the publication of information concerning unclaimed and abandoned property. (BDR 10-407)	Committee on Judiciary	Property	11/21 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB21	Abolishes the Nye County Water District. (BDR S-478)	Committee on Government Affairs	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	11/21 WATCH	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Do pass
SB23	Clarifies requirements relating to a petition for judicial review of a final administrative decision in a contested case. (BDR 18-374)	Committee on Government Affairs	Governance	11/21 WATCH	Judiciary	Do pass
SB26	Makes certain changes concerning governmental entities that contract with or invest in companies that boycott Israel. (BDR 27-418)	Committee on Government Affairs	Governance	11/21 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB47	Makes various changes relating to the appropriation of water. (BDR 48-499)	Committee on Natural Resources	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	1/6 WATCH, SUPPORT	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB51	Makes various changes relating to the adjudication of vested water rights. (BDR 48-180)	Committee on Natural Resources	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	12/29 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB52	Revises provisions relating to unemployment compensation. (BDR 53-226)	Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	Human Resources	1/4 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Commerce and Labor	Amend, and do pass as amended

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SB53	Revises provisions relating to the installation, operation and maintenance of telecommunications facilities. (BDR 18-234)	Committee on Transportation	Information Tech	1/6 WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB69	Revises provisions governing state agencies, boards and commissions that regulate occupations and professions. (BDR 54-229)	Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	Governance; Human Resources; Open Meeting, Records, Boards and Elections	1/5 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Finance	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB74	Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-178)	Committee on Natural Resources	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	12/29 WATCH	Finance	Heard, No Action
SB78	Revises provisions relating to local government financial administration. (BDR 31-403)	Committee on Government Affairs	Financial, Risk Management	1/9 WATCH, NEUTRAL	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB84	Makes various changes relating to ethics in government. (BDR 23-250)	Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	Governance	1/6 WATCH	Legislative Operations and Elections	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB127	Revises provisions relating to the election of members of certain local governing bodies. (BDR 20-786)	Goicoechea	Financial, Risk Management; Governance; Open Meeting, Records, Boards and Elections	2/17 WATCH	Government Affairs	Heard
SB138	Authorizes the creation of a local improvement district for a waterfront maintenance project. (BDR 22-678)	Hardy	Financial, Risk Management; Property; Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	2/17 WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB188	Revises provisions prohibiting certain discriminatory acts. (BDR 18-106)	Parks, Cannizzaro and Ford	Human Resources	2/17 WATCH	Government Affairs	Do pass
SB197	Extends the deadline for issuing certain bonds for certain environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-493)	Committee on Government Affairs	Governance	3/2 WATCH	Chief Clerk's Desk	Do pass
SB198	Extends the deadline for issuing certain bonds relating to the property and natural resources of Nevada approved by the voters in 2002. (BDR S-494)	Committee on Government Affairs	Governance	3/2 WATCH	Chief Clerk's Desk	Do pass
SB230	Makes various changes relating to judgments. (BDR 2-512)	Committee on Judiciary	Financial, Risk Management; Human Resources	3/2 WATCH	Judiciary	Heard
SB233	Requires the State Plan for Medicaid and health insurance plans to provide certain benefits. (BDR 38-817)	Ratti, Cancela, Spearman, Cannizzaro, Woodhouse, Atkinson, Denis, Ford, Manendo, Parks and Segerblom	Human Resources	3/2 WATCH	Finance	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB239	Revises provisions relating to common-interest communities. (BDR 10-471)	Harris	Governance; Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	3/15: WATCH	Judiciary	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB246	Revises provisions relating to public works. (BDR 28-667)	Manendo	Public Works	3/16: WATCH	Secretary's desk	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB253	Establishes the Nevada Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act to provide protections to employees who are affected by any condition relating to pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition. (BDR 53-773)	Cannizzaro, Ratti, Woodhouse, Cancela, Ford, Denis, Farley, Manendo, Parks, Segerblom and Spearman	Human Resources	3/24: SUPPORT	Health and Human Services	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB270	Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-359)	Committee on Natural Resources	Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	3/16: WATCH	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB289	Requires certain policies of health insurance to cover services provided by an out-of-network physician. (BDR 57-675)	Hardy	Human Resources	3/24: SUPPORT	Finance	Re-refer

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SB312	Revises provisions relating to driving under certain conditions. (BDR 43-94)	Manendo	Emergency Mgmt, Safety, Motor Vehicles	3/20: WATCH	Transportation	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB317	Revises provisions relating to preferences in bidding for certain contracts for businesses based in this State. (BDR 27-936)	Senators Cannizzaro, Ford, Segerblom, Parks, Manendo, Atkinson, Cancela, Denis, Farley, Ratti, Spearman and Woodhouse; Assemblyman Brooks	Public Works	3/29: WATCH	Finance	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB357	Revises provisions governing the use of apprentices on public works. (BDR 53-534)	Atkinson, Segerblom, Spearman, Denis, Parks, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Ford, Manendo and Woodhouse	Public Works	3/21: WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB384	Provides for the confidentiality of certain information in the records and files of public employers and public employee retirement systems. (BDR 19-506)	Ratti	Human Resources	3/21: SUPPORT	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB395	Makes various changes relating to the cybersecurity of critical infrastructure. (BDR 19-794)	Senators Spearman, Cannizzaro, Denis, Manendo, Parks, Cancela, Ford, Ratti, Segerblom and Woodhouse; Assemblymen Araujo, Frierson and Thompson	Information Tech	3/21: WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB397	Revises provisions relating to employment. (BDR 18-14)	Senators Spearman, Segerblom, Ford, Parks, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Denis, Manendo, Ratti and Woodhouse; Assemblymen Diaz, Araujo, Swank and Thompson	Human Resources	3/21: WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB460	Revises provisions governing the membership of the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board. (BDR 23-556)	Committee on Government Affairs	Human Resources	3/28: WATCH	Government Affairs	Heard
SB462	Authorizes a board of county commissioners to create a committee to review general improvement districts. (BDR 20-496)	Committee on Government Affairs	Governance	3/28: WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB469	Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining between a local government employer and a recognized employee organization. (BDR 23-685)	Committee on Government Affairs	Human Resources	3/28: WATCH	Government Affairs	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB502	Makes various changes relating to the Public Employees' Benefits Program and the Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Program. (BDR 18-979)	Committee on Government Affairs	PERS, PEBS	3/28: WATCH	Finance	Amend, and do pass as amended
SB513	Increases the limit on the assessment for water distribution expenses. (BDR 48-905)	Committee on Natural Resources	Financial, Risk Management; Water Rights (Resources, Conservation)	3/28: WATCH	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	Do pass

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 4, 2017
TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”)
FROM: John B. Rhodes, Legal Counsel
SUBJECT: Report on legislative activities, including 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”).

The following staff report lists Bills pending in the 2017 Nevada Legislature, as of May 4, 2017, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. 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 date following the BDR number in parentheses indicates the date the BDR was introduced as a Bill. 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**

BDR/Bill	Requester	Subcommittee Position
AB109	Assemblymen Ellison and Goicoechea Revises provisions relating to public utilities. (BDR 58-622, 2/7/17) [Exempt]	Neutral / Watch
AB138	Assemblywoman Carlton Authorizes collection of rainwater, without a water right, for certain domestic and wildlife support uses. (BDR 48-445, 2/10/17) [Duplicates SB74, Section 1. Amended, passed, to Senate 4/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB159	Assemblyman Watkins Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in this State. (BDR 46-593, 2/13/17) [Exempt]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB209	Assemblyman Oscarson Relaxes provisions governing the forfeiture and abandonment of water rights for non-use during drought conditions and in over-appropriated basins. (BDR 48-308, 2/13/17) [Amended, passed, to Senate 4/25.]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB298	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-735, 3/15/17) [Amended, passed, to Senate 4/25]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB47	Senate Committee on Natural Resources Makes various changes relating to the appropriation of water. (BDR 48-499, 11/16/16) [Amended, passed, to Assembly 4/25.]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB51	Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources Revises provisions related to the adjudication of vested water rights and the appropriation of water. (BDR 48-180, 11/16/16) [Amended, passed, to Assembly 4/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

BDR/Bill	Requester	
SB74	Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Revises provisions relating to the planning and the development of water resources. (BDR 48-178, 11/17/16) [Exempt]	Subcommittee Position Support Section 1 only, Neutral / Watch on rest
SB138	Senator Hardy Authorizes the creation of a local improvement district for a waterfront maintenance project. (BDR 22-678, 2/13/17) [Passed, to Assembly 4/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB270	Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200) Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-359, 3/15/17) [Amended, passed, to Assembly 4/18]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

Ethics Issues

SB84	Commission on Ethics Makes various changes to the Nevada Ethics Commission. (BDR 23-250, 7/21/16) [Amended, passed, to Assembly 4/25]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
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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) [Amended, passed, to Senate 4/25]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB205	Assemblyman Nelson Araujo Revises provisions relating to cremation. (BDR 40-649, 2/13/17) [Amended, passed, to Senate 4/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

BDR/Bill **Requester**

AB375 **Assemblyman Sprinkle**

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) [Amended, passed, to Senate 4/25]

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch