

## Western Regional Water Commission

**DATE:** March 27, 2013  
**TO:** Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission  
**FROM:** John Rhodes, Legal Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests and Bills pending in the 2013 Nevada Legislature that may affect the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") / Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC")

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The following staff report lists Bill Draft Requests ("BDR's") and Bills pending in the 2013 Nevada Legislature, as of March 27, 2013, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. No additional language is available for the BDR's 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. WRWC staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee will track these BDR's and Bills, recommend positions to be taken, and provide periodic updates to the WRWC/NNWPC.

**Bill Drafts Requested and Bills Introduced**

**Water Issues**

126 <b>Assemblywoman Carlton</b> Revises provisions relating to wastewater (6/27/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>SB499 Legislative committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (SB 487,2007)</b> Provides for an ongoing study of water issues in Nevada Please click the following link to view a recent report entitled: <a href="#">13-09 Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission</a> (BDR 17--144, 6/28/12)	Subcommittee Position
439 <b>Assemblywoman Carlton</b> Provides for the development of a statewide water plan (9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>SB271 Assembly Goicoechea</b> Makes appropriation to the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority for cloud seeding project (BDR 442, 9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>SB232 Senator Roberson</b> Provides for oversight and transparency of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (BDR 58--481, 9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>SB341 Assemblyman Goicoechea</b> <b>Joint Requester: Assemblyman Ellison</b> Revises provisions governing the transfer of water rights. (BDR 48--543, 10/30/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB157 Assemblyman Wheeler</b> Enacts the Municipal Water Users Equity Act of 2013. Revises provisions relating to water furnished by a municipal water system for domestic use in certain counties. (BDR 48--565, 11/14/12)	Subcommittee Position Watch

**SB133 Senator Goicoechea**

Includes participation by local governments in monitoring, management and mitigation of water resources. Requires the State Engineer to allow a county to participate in the development and implementation of a plan relating to the appropriation of water for beneficial use under certain circumstances. (BDR 48--631, 12/3/12)

Subcommittee Position  
Watch

**AB396 Assemblyman Bobzien**

Revises provisions governing the waters of this State  
(BDR 48—763, 12/10/12)

Subcommittee Position

**AB301 Assemblyman Oscarson**

Directs the Legislative committee on Public Lands to study and make recommendations on alternative water sources for Nevada communities during the 2013-2014 interim.  
(BDR S--80712/10/12)

Subcommittee Position

48--864 **Senator Settelmeyer**

Revises provisions relating to water (12/10/12)

Subcommittee Position

**Open Meeting Issues**

**AB118 Assemblyman Hickey**

Revises provisions governing the applicability of the Open Meeting Law to the Legislature  
Establishes the Legislative Open Meeting Law.  
(BDR 17--49, 3/26/12)

Subcommittee Position  
Watch

**AB65 Attorney General**

Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law  
(BDR 19--402, 8/31/12)

Subcommittee Position  
Neutral

**AB267 Assemblywoman Spiegel**

Revises provisions relating to public notices  
(BDR 19--730, 12/10/12)

Subcommittee Position

**Ethics and Contracts Issues**

<b>SB283 Senator Hardy</b> Makes various changes concerning ethics in government. (BDR 23--103, 6/26/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>111 Assemblyman Conklin</b> Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (6/26/11)	Subcommittee Position
<b>SB228 Senator Parks</b> Revises provisions relating to ethics in government (BDR 23--445, 9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB438 Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections</b> Makes various changes relating to ethics in government (BDR 815, 12/10/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB443 Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections</b> Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (BDR 23--988, 2/8/13)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB314 Assemblywoman Spiegel</b> Enacts the Lobbyist Code of Ethics (BDR 17--1027, 2/11/13)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB380 Assembly Ellison</b> Revises provisions governing contracts for services entered into by certain public employers (BDR--85, 6/21/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB169 Assemblywoman Neal</b> Revises provisions relating to contracts with a governmental entity. (BDR 23--793, 12/10/12)	Subcommittee Position Oppose

**Public Records Issues**

19--185 <b>Assembly Atkinson</b> Revises provisions governing public records (8/17/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB31 Attorney General</b> Revises provisions governing public records requests. (BDR 19--211, 8/30/12)	Subcommittee Position Neutral
19--248 <b>Assemblyman Grady</b> Revises provisions governing public records. (8/30/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>SB74 Senator Segerblom</b> Revises provisions relating to public records. (BDR 19--603, 11/28/12)	Subcommittee Position Oppose, as written
<b>AB251 Assemblyman Hansen</b> Requires contact information for members of state and local committees to be provided to the public upon request (BDR 19--159, 7/25/12)	Subcommittee Position
<b>AB4 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities</b> Revises provisions governing publication of informational reports, duplicative information and notices required to be mailed. Revises certain provisions governing public records and legal notices. (BDR 19--259, 8/30/12)	Subcommittee Position Support

**Other Issues of Interest**

<b>SB2 Nevada Association of Counties</b> Revises provisions governing powers of local governments Grants power to local governments to perform certain acts or duties which are not prohibited or limited by statute. (BDR 20--174, 8/10/12)	Subcommittee Position Neutral
<b>SB55 Las Vegas, City of</b> Revises provisions governing the subject matter of master plans. (BDR 22--254, 8/30/12)	Subcommittee Position Watch
<b>SB96 Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy</b> Authorizes the imposition of an administrative penalty against an employer under certain circumstances. (BDR 53--579, 11/19/12)	Subcommittee Position Watch
<b>AB150 Assemblyman Daly</b> Revises provisions governing the Legislative Commission (BDR 17--739, 12/10/12)	Subcommittee Position Oppose
<b>812 Assemblyman Healey</b> Revises provisions governing the membership of certain regional boards (12/10/12)	Subcommittee Position