

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

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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”); possible approval or revision of recommendations made by staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee; and possible direction to staff.

The following staff report lists Bills pending in the 2017 Nevada Legislature, as of May 11, 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
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]	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
AB379	Assemblywoman Amber Joiner Authorizes certain local governments to create a parks, trails and open space district. (BDR 25-211, 3/20/17) [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

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