

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 4, 2019
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC")
FROM: John B. Rhodes, Legal Counsel
SUBJECT: Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests ("BDRs") and Bills pending in the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") / NNWPC.

The following staff report lists BDRs and Bills pending in the 2019 Nevada Legislature, as of March 5, 2019, 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.

Important 2019 Legislative Deadlines

3/20 Legislators' Bills
3/27 Committees' Bills
4/14 Bills must pass Committee
4/25 Bills must pass first House
5/19 Bills must pass second House
6/5 Adjournment

Bill Drafts Requested and Bills Introduced

Water Issues

BDR/Bill	Requester	Subcommittee Position
44	Assemblyman Oscarson Revises provisions relating to water. (3-20/18)	Neutral/Watch
R-901	Assemblywoman Peters Makes various changes related to water. (12/10/18)	Neutral/Watch
1177	Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor Makes appropriations from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for water conservation purposes. (2/22/19)	Neutral/Watch
1243	Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor Creates the Advisory Board of Water Resources Planning and Drought Resiliency. (2/22/19)	Neutral/Watch
AB30	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Expands authority of State Engineer through 3M Plans. (BDR 48-214, 11/16/18)	Neutral/Watch
AB51	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Expands authority of State Engineer over conjunctive management of groundwater and surface water. (BDR 48-213, 11/18/18)	Neutral/Watch
AB62	Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Expands authority of State Engineer to extend time for improvements required for Permits. (BDR 48-215, 11/19/18)	Neutral/Watch
AB84	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means Provides bonding to protect and preserve natural resources, including the lower Truckee River. (BDR S-326, 11/21/18)	Support
AB95	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510) Requires State Engineer to allow domestic well pumping under certain circumstances after restriction of withdrawals. (BDR 48-504, 1/24/19)	Neutral/Watch
AB163	Assemblyman Watts and Senator Brooks Revises minimum standards for plumbing fixtures in new construction and renovations. (BDR 48-798, 2/15/19)	Neutral/Watch
AB220	Legislative Committee for Oversight of TRPA and Marlette Lake (NRS 218E.555) Provides bonding for environmental improvement projects in the Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-435, 2/21/19)	Support

AB233	Assemblyman Kramer, Assemblywoman Hardy; Senators Goicoechea and Parks Allows Counties to pay state water assessments from general fund, rather than by special assessments. (BDR 48-45, 3/1/19)	Neutral/Watch
SB140	Senate Committee on Natural Resources Requires the State Engineer to reserve 10% of any unappropriated water for temporary use in emergencies. (BDR 48-541, 2/11/19)	Neutral/Watch
SB236	Senators Goicoechea, Brooks, and Hansen Eliminates requirement for a change application where a new point of diversion is within 300' of original point on same property. (BDR 48-635, 2/27/19)	Neutral/Watch
SB250	Senator Settlemeyer Requires that any water rights dedicated to a public entity to support development must remain so dedicated. (BDR 48-664, 3/5/19)	Neutral/Watch

Ethics Issues

BDR/Bill	Requester	Subcommittee Position
SB129	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Makes numerous revisions to the Nevada Ethics in Government Law. (BDR 23-191, 2/1/19)	Neutral/Watch

Public Records Issues

BDR/Bill	Requester	Subcommittee Position
16	Assemblyman Daly Redefines the term "public record" for public access to state and local government records. (8/30/17)	Neutral/Watch
19-648	Senator Parks Revises provisions relating to public records. (12/5/18)	Neutral/Watch
547	Senators Seevers and Gansert Revises provisions relating to protection of sensitive data collected by governmental agencies. (11/6/18)	Neutral/Watch
763	Assemblyman Fumo Revises provisions relating to confidentiality of personal information of certain public employees. (12/10/18)	Neutral/Watch
SB224	Senators Ratti, Parks, and Woodhouse Provides that the names of individuals receiving PERS benefits shall be confidential. (BDR 19-598, 2/18/19)	Neutral/Watch

Open Meeting Issues

BDR/Bill	Requester	Subcommittee Position
AB70	Attorney General Makes numerous revisions to the Nevada Open Meeting Law. (BDR 19-421, 11/20/18)	Neutral/Watch
SB183	Senators Gansert, Hardy, and Hammond Makes numerous revisions to the Nevada Open Meeting Law, including notice provisions. (BDR 19-537, 2/18/19)	Neutral/Watch