

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT Legislative Committee

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: February 5, 2025
TIME: 11 am
LOCATION: CWSD Conference Room or via Zoom
777 E. William Street, Ste. 209
Carson City, NV 89701

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AGENDA

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1. Call to Order the CWSD Legislative Committee
2. Roll Call
3. For Discussion Only: Public Comment - Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under public comment until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.
4. For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda
5. For Possible Action: Approval of Legislative Committee Minutes of Feb. 13, 2023
6. For Possible Action: Discussion regarding the upcoming 2025 Legislation Session and a review of various BDRs/bills that CWSD may want to support, oppose, or monitor
7. For Discussion Only: Public Comment - Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under public comment until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.

Supporting material for this meeting may be requested from Catrina Schambra at 775-887-7450 (catrina@cwsd.org) and is available on the CWSD website at www.cwsd.org.

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1/29/2025 5 pm

Catrina Schambra, Office Manager, CWSD

Date & Time of Posting

**CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
February 13, 2023, 10am**

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members present:

Stacey Giomi, Carson City *(via Zoom)*
Ken Gray, Lyon County *(via Zoom)*
Ernie Schank, Churchill County *(via Zoom)*

Committee Members absent:

Mark Gardner, Douglas County
Sharla Hales, Douglas County

Staff present:

Ed James, General Manager
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board

Director Giomi called the meeting to order at 10:06am in the Carson Water Subconservancy District Conference Room, 777 East William Street, #209, Carson City, Nevada. Roll call was taken, and a quorum of the Legislative Committee was present.

Item #3 – For Discussion Only - Public Comment: None

Item #4 – For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda:

There being no objection, Director Giomi stated the agenda is approved as published.

Item #6 – For Possible Action – Discussion regarding the upcoming 2023 Legislation Session and a review of various BDRs/bills that CWSD may want to support, oppose, or monitor

Mr. James opened the discussion explaining that there are more water bills than expected this session and they are still coming in. Of those he has been able to review so far, here are his recommendations:

- AB 90 – Temporary changes for Water Applications
There are no concerns at present, but we should monitor for changes.
- AB 91 – Replacement of Wells on Public Lands
Mr. James is not sure this would affect CWSD, but suggests we watch this one. He would like to know where this originated.
- SB 13 – Pest Control/Chemicals Use registration.
He suggests we watch this and he will check with conservation districts and counties to see if they have any concerns regarding impacts to their projects and permits.
- AB 291 – Prohibits manufacturing use of certain chemicals in products sold and distributed.
Support.
- SB 102 – NDWR Grants for counties to develop and maintain Water Resource Plans
Support.
- SB 99 – Funding to Desert Research Institute for Cloud Seeding Program
Support.

- AB 20 – Financing treatment plants for pollution controls Support.
- SB 113 – Certain Basins designated as Critical Management Areas by State Engineer Monitor this one. Silver Springs likely to be affected by this.
- SB 112 – Well drilling
Mr. James will investigate this bill further.

Director Schank would like to know what change are being considered for AB 90 to allow temporary changes to be more than one year. He would like staff to see where this originated and the purpose of the bill. Mr. James will be informing the committee via email on any changes to the bills he is watching.

Mr. James attended a meeting last week regarding the lower White River in Clark County. The State Engineer made a ruling that combined several groundwater basins together for administrative purposes. This ruling was opposed and eventually went to litigation. This issue needs to be watched for possible statewide ramifications.

Director Gray announced that unfortunately, the BDR for Alpine County to have official seats on CWSD Board has failed to make it out of legal, and will have to be addressed in the next legislative session. It is extremely complicated per legal to combine two states under NRS. The plan forward is to use the time between sessions to address all legal issues and have it be a pre-filed bill for the 2025 session.

No action was taken.

Item #7 – For Discussion Only - Public Comment: None

The Legislative Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:36am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra
Secretary to the Board

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT

TO: Legislative Committee Members

FROM: EDWIN D. JAMES

DATE: February 5, 2025

SUBJECT: For Possible Action: #6 Discussion regarding the upcoming 2025 Legislation Session and a review of various BDRs/bills that CWSD may want to support, oppose, or monitor

DISCUSSION: CWSD staff is beginning to monitor the various Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) for 2025 Nevada Legislative Session. Attached are lists of BDRs and bills that staff is tracking and a summary of the bills. The Legislative Committee will look into details on each bill and to make recommendations on possible action, if any, CWSD may want to take.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Make recommendations to the Board regarding bills CWSD should support during the 2025 Legislation.

2025 Legislation

BDR #	Bill #	BDR Title	Sponsor	Proposed Action
10		Revises provisions relating to water.	Senator Nguyen	
17		Revises provisions governing legislative measures that may be requested for a regular legislative session.	Senator Titus	
49		Establishes provisions relating to certain inflatable amusement devices.		
88	SB108	Revises provisions relating to the Account for the Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting Program.	Senator Titus	Support
171		Revises provisions relating to water.	Senator Harris	
193		Revises provisions relating to public works.	Assemblyman O'Neill	
209		Revises provisions relating to the Open Meeting Law.	Assemblyman Gray	
212	AB 109	Revises provisions relating to water.	Assemblywoman La Rue Hatch	
216		Revises provisions related to natural resources.	Senator Scheible	
217		Revises provisions relating to supported decision-making.	Senator Scheible	
260	SB31	Revises provisions relating to water	DCNR	Support
261	AB26	Revises various provisions relating to dams.	DCNR	watch
262		Revises provisions relating to groundwater and water rights.	DCNR	
266	SB21	Revises provisions relating to outdoor recreation.	DCNR	watch
313		Revises provisions relating to survivor benefits for state employees.	Public Employees' Benefits Program	
369	SB69	Revises provisions relating to economic development.	Storey County	water
379		Makes certain changes relating to water conservation.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	
383	AB104	Revises provisions relating to water.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	water
384	SB36	Establishes provisions relating to the conservation of groundwater.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	
385		Revises provisions relating to groundwater boards.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	
386		Revises provisions relating to water.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	
387	AB 80	Establishes provisions relating to soil health	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Support
389	SB6	Makes an appropriation from the State General Fund to the Desert Research Institute of the Nevada System of Higher Education to support the Nevada State Cloud Seeding Program.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	watch
391	AB9	Revises provisions governing the temporary conversion of agricultural water.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	watch
400		Revises provisions relating to public records.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs	
402		Makes changes to the computation of credit for service for certain members of the Public Employees' Retirement System	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs	
404	AB32	Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway of Carson City and Storey County.	Carson City	watch
406	SB 53	Road Hazards	Lyon County	watch
430	AB 51	Public Records	Government Affairs	watch

433	AB75	Revises provisions governing grants made by the State.	Government Affairs	watch
445	AB 64	Open Meeting Law	Government Affairs	watch
485	AB 72	Notaries Public		
508	SB55	Agricultural Tourism	Committee Revenue And Economic	watch
522		Revises provisions relating to common-interest communities. Urges Congress to call a convention for proposing certain amendments to the U.S. Constitution.	Senator Buck	
546	SJR 3		Senator Stone	
565		Revises provisions relating to taxation.	Assemblymember Torres	
586		Revises provisions relating to water.	Assemblymember Yurek	
625		Revises provisions relating to workers' compensation.	Senator Daly	
629		Revises provisions relating to workers' compensation.	Senator Daly	
633		Revises provisions relating to outdoor education.	Outdoor Education Advisory Working Group	
639		Revises provisions governing common-interest communities.	Senator Buck	
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679		Revises provisions relating to natural resources.	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources	
703		Revises provisions relating to services for homeless persons.	Senator Neal	
704		Revises provisions relating to agriculture.	Senator Doñate	
717		Revises provisions relating to taxation.	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	
736		Revises provisions relating to applications concerning water rights.	Assemblymember DeLong	
750		Revises provisions relating to environmental protection.	Senator Hansen	
833		Revises provisions relating to agriculture.	Assemblymember Gray	
851		Revises provisions relating to water.	Assemblymember Cole	
862		Revises provisions relating to workers' compensation.	Assemblymember Karris	
879		Revises provisions relating to notaries public.	Assemblymember Koenig	
886		Revises provisions relating to water.	Assemblymember Gurr	
887		Revises provisions relating to water.	Assemblymember Gurr	
921		Revises provisions relating to workers' compensation.	Assemblymember Gallant	
940		Revises provisions relating to natural resources.	Senator Ohrenschall	

AB 9

AN ACT relating to water; revising the duration of time in which agricultural water rights may be temporarily converted for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 26

AN ACT relating to water; exempting the State Engineer from liability for certain damages resulting from the performance of certain duties; revising provisions relating to the construction, reconstruction or alteration of a dam; exempting certain works under the jurisdiction of the United States Bureau of Reclamation or the United States Army Corps of Engineers from certain requirements relating to dams; requiring that certain applications relating to dams be made available to the Department of Wildlife; authorizing the State Engineer to enter certain parcels of land to access a dam or other obstruction; revising provisions relating to the removal of any dam, diversion works or obstruction; revising provisions relating to the removal of certain animals interfering with the flow of water; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 32

Existing law creates the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway of Carson City and Storey County and authorizes it to do all things necessary to establish and maintain a railway known as the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. (Sections 2 and 7 of the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway Act of 1993) Existing law also creates the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (NRS 218E.320) This bill directs the Committee to conduct a study during the 2025-2026 interim concerning the Commission which includes, without limitation, a comprehensive evaluation of the Commission that examines the current structure, duties and powers of the Commission and the long-term financial viability of the Commission. Existing law requires: (1) a Joint Interim Standing Committee to prepare a comprehensive report of the Committee's activities in the interim and its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation; and (2) such a report to be submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to the next regular session of the Legislature. (NRS 218E.330) This bill requires the Committee to include in its report for the 2025-2026 interim its findings and recommendations for legislation relating to the study conducted pursuant to this bill. This bill further requires such recommendations to include, without limitation, any recommendations for actions that the Commission or any other entity may take to improve the long-term financial viability of the Commission and recommendations concerning whether legislation should be proposed to: (1) reorganize the structure of the Commission or modify the duties or powers of the Commission; (2) improve the long-term financial viability of the Commission; or (3) terminate the Commission and address related issues, including, without limitation, disposition of the assets of the Commission.

AB 51

AN ACT relating to public records; authorizing a governmental entity to charge a person who requests a copy of a public record a reasonable fee for the use of its personnel or technological resources; requiring a request to inspect, copy or receive a copy of a public book or record to be in writing and identify the requester; requiring, under certain circumstances, a person who makes such a request to make a reasonable effort to assist the governmental entity in focusing the request; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 64

AN ACT relating to public meetings; revising the definition of "meeting" for purposes of the Open Meeting Law; requiring that each speaker during a period devoted to public comment be allowed a minimum time to provide public comment; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a public body to refuse to accept certain public comment relating to a contested case; revising provisions relating to requirements for meetings conducted by means of a remote technology system; revising provisions relating to privilege for certain statements and testimony made at a public meeting; revising provisions relating to the applicability of certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to certain proceedings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto .

AB 75

AN ACT relating to grants; declaring the policy of this State to make payments under a grant agreement within a certain period of time; imposing interest on amounts due under a written grant agreement which are not timely paid after the receipt of a proper invoice; requiring State entities that make grants to take certain actions upon receipt of an invoice; authorizing use of media other than original paper documents to process grant payments; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 80

AN ACT relating to conservation; establishing the Soil Health Advisory Board within the State Conservation Commission in the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; creating the Healthy Soils Initiative; setting forth the powers and duties of the State Conservation Commission relating to the Healthy Soils Initiative; establishing the Fund for Soil Health; declaring certain information obtained by the Commission to be confidential; requiring the Conservation Districts Program in the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to provide staff services relating to the Healthy Soils Initiative; making an appropriation to the Conservation Districts Program to provide staff services to the State Conservation Commission for administering the Healthy Soils Initiative; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 104

AN ACT relating to water; requiring the State Engineer to retire certain water rights; revising provisions relating to temporary permits to appropriate groundwater; creating the Nevada Conservation and Recreation Program; creating the Account for Retiring Water Rights; establishing

the Nevada Voluntary Water Rights Retirement Program and the Advisory Committee for the Nevada Voluntary Water Rights Retirement Program; requiring the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to purchase certain water rights with money from the Account for the purpose of retiring those water rights; revising provisions relating to the program to provide grants of money to pay certain costs related to water conservation and capital improvements to water systems; revising provisions relating to a program to pay the costs for property owners to connect to a community sewerage disposal system under certain circumstances; revising certain legislative declarations relating to clean water and water pollution; authorizing the State Environmental Commission to establish a water quality standard variance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 6

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Desert Research Institute of the Nevada System of Higher Education to support the Nevada State Cloud Seeding Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 31

AN ACT relating to water; providing that a federal agency that is a claimant of a vested water right is not required to file proof of the claim on or before a certain date; revising requirements relating to a notice of pending adjudication of certain water rights; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 36

AN ACT relating to water; establishing the Nevada Water BuyBack Initiative and the Advisory Committee for the Nevada Water Buy-Back Initiative; requiring the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to purchase certain water rights for the purpose of retiring the water rights; creating the Nevada Conservation and Recreation Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 53

AN ACT relating to highways; requiring the Department of Transportation to create an electronic system for local governments to report road conditions under certain circumstances; authorizing a city, county, regional transportation commission, the Department or any other public authority to notify a navigation provider regarding certain road conditions; requiring a navigation provider to take certain actions after receiving such a notification; revising provisions relating to the Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety; requiring the Director of the Department to adopt regulations; providing a civil penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 55

AN ACT relating to tourism; requiring the Commission on Tourism to develop and administer a grant program relating to agritourism; defining certain terms relating to agritourism; requiring the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations establishing the types of businesses

that qualify as agritourism; requiring the Department to carry out certain marketing and outreach duties relating to agritourism; authorizing the Director to issue special use permits relating to agritourism under certain circumstances; establishing certain provisions relating to the liability of operators of businesses engaged in agritourism; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 69

AN ACT relating to taxation; revising provisions governing audits conducted by the Department of Taxation of recipients of a partial abatement of certain taxes imposed upon a new or expanded data center; requiring an applicant for the issuance of transferable tax credits and the partial abatement of certain taxes for a project that is located in an economic diversification district to enter into an agreement with certain local governments to defray the cost of services provided by the local governments; revising provisions governing applications for the issuance of transferable tax credits and the partial abatement of certain taxes for a project that satisfies certain capital investment and other requirements; authorizing a fire protection district to abate certain fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 108

AN ACT relating to water; revising provisions governing the Account for the Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.