



Nevada Division of
WATER RESOURCES

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

**Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the
Nevada Division of Water Resources**

LCB File No. R027-25RP2

The Nevada Division of Water Resources (Division) will hold a public hearing to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to Chapter 534 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

Date: September 1, 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Nevada Division of Water Resources
Bryan Building, Bonnie Conference Room
901 S. Stewart St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Virtual: Click or type the short code to access the meeting:

Link: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 295 247 060 611 503

Passcode: Rs9FV9uP

Or call in (audio only): (775) 321-6111

Phone Conference ID: 595 606 457#

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment.

The Division, in cooperation with the Well Driller's Advisory Board, identified recommended revisions to existing licensing regulations. These revisions intend to revise onerous regulatory barriers without compromise to the standards of qualifications for issuing well drilling licenses.

2. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, the terms or the substance of the proposed regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.

The proposed regulation is not temporary.

3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and, in each case, must include:

- a. Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**

- **On business:** The regulation will streamline licensure testing and clarify the Division's scheduling process, providing direct benefits to businesses and employees pursuing licensure. No adverse effects on businesses are anticipated.
 - **On the public:** The Division does not anticipate any impact, adverse or beneficial, on the public resulting from these regulations.
 - b. Both immediate and long-term effects.**
 - **On business:** The Division anticipates seeing immediate impacts from a clearer licensing process, including fewer administrative barriers and reduced delays in scheduling and licensure. Long-term, the Division does not anticipate any effect on the standards applicable to licensed well drillers.
 - **On the public:** The Division does not anticipate any immediate or long-term effects on the public resulting from these regulations.
- 4. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business.**
A Small Business Impact Survey was distributed on August 19, 2025, to the Division's Well Driller listserv, which includes licensed well drillers in Nevada, including some who own and operate well drilling businesses in the state. The Division received 13 responses to the questionnaire; however, 6 responses indicated they employed more than 150 employees and therefore did not qualify as a small business for the purpose of the survey.
- Most respondents commented on establishing a pathway for reciprocity. Because additional clarification may be needed before advancing that concept, the Division will explore revisiting it in a future regulation update. The survey feedback, along with an internal review of scheduling processes that contribute to testing delays and recent test score data, informed the Division's assessment of the proposed regulation's potential impact on small businesses.
- 5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.**
The Division does not anticipate incurring any additional cost resulting from the regulation.
- 6. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.**
The regulation does not overlap or duplicate any existing regulation.
- 7. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.**
The regulation is not required by federal law.
- 8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**
The regulation is not more stringent than federal regulation.
- 9. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.**
The regulation does not create any new fees or increase existing fees.

10. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, each address at which the text of the regulation may be inspected and copied.

The regulation is not temporary.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of Nevada Division of Water Resources may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, by emailing cthorsen@water.nv.gov or by mailing to the following address: Nevada Division of Water Resources, 901 S. Stewart Street Ste. 2002, Carson City, NV 89701. **Written submissions must be received by the Nevada Division of Water Resources on or before August 25, 2026.** If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Division may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation will be on file at the State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours.

Additional copies of the notice and the regulation will be available at each Division office location detailed in the notice below and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the Division, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

Nevada Division of Water Resources website

<https://water.nv.gov/index.php/bulletinboard/regulations/well-driller-regulations/>

Nevada State Legislature website www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/

Nevada Public Notice website <http://notice.nv.gov>

State of Nevada Campus, 1 State of Nevada Way, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Nevada State Legislature, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701

Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 N. Stewart St, Carson City, NV 89701

NDWR Headquarters, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701

NDWR Elko Office, 1250 Lamoille Hwy, Suite 940, Elko, NV, 89801

NDWR Southern Nevada Branch Office, 770 E Warm Springs Rd. Suite 270, Las Vegas, NV 89119

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