



## 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. R012-26

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: May 19, 2026

Time: 10:00am

Location: Nevada Division of Resources  
Bryan Building, Tahoe Conference Room  
901 S. Stewart St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Carson City, NV 89701

Virtual: Click or type the shortcode to access the meeting:

Link:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/265973723532618?p=ntoRaJ6XYw9Wf\\_LFMk1](https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/265973723532618?p=ntoRaJ6XYw9Wf_LFMk1)

Meeting ID: 265 973 723 532 618

Passcode: zJ7rg3iN

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

Phone Conference ID: 158 224 081#

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 is proposing to amend portions of NAC 533.390 through 533.500. Under NAC 533.500, the Division is required to review these regulations at least once every three years. The proposed amendments are intended to carry out the provisions of Assembly Bill 62 (2019), which directed the State Engineer to adopt regulations necessary to implement NRS 533.380. The Division's efforts on the regulatory update are centered on establishing regulations that apply broadly across all manners of use that also make the extension of time process and forms easier to navigate for the public. Additionally, the Division has made a major effort to streamline forms and reduce the burden on the public by reducing the number of forms and questions required to be answered in each form. However, some of these form changes require a regulatory update to remove some of the form requirements established in the current regulations.

**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regulation is a temporary regulation, the terms or the substance of the proposed regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.**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:** There are no adverse or beneficial economic effects of the regulation on the business that it regulates.
- **On the public:** There are no adverse or beneficial economic effects of the regulation on the public.

**b. Both immediate and long-term effects.**

- **On business:** The regulations do not require as much information already in the record to be submitted to the agency, which in turn will provide for quicker review on extension requests.
- **On the public:** The regulations allow for the extension of time forms to be shortened which puts less burden on the public.

**4. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business.**

A Small Business Impact Survey was distributed through the Division's regulation listserv on September 23, 2025. A link to a Microsoft Forms survey was provided, with responses requested by October 9, 2025. The listserv includes 106 individuals, and the Division received seven responses. Four respondents indicated that they met the definition of a small business; three did not.

Of the four small business respondents, two reported that the proposed regulation would have an impact and two reported no impact. After reviewing the comments submitted by those indicating an impact, the Division determined that the concerns raised were not related to the provisions addressed in the proposed regulation. Two respondents also noted potential benefits, stating that the proposed changes would enable their businesses to operate more efficiently and reduce the time required to comply.

The Division carefully considered all comments received. Based on the feedback, and given that the comments citing impacts were unrelated to the regulation's content, the Division concluded that the proposed regulation is not expected to negatively affect small businesses. Instead, the overall input suggests that the regulation will streamline processes and support greater efficiency for 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 an existing fee.

**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 [ndwr-regscomment@water.nv.gov](mailto:ndwr-regscomment@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 May 18, 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/](http://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 1047, Elko, NV, 89801

NDWR Winnemucca, 705 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C, Winnemucca, NV 89445

NDWR Southern Nevada Branch Office, 400 Shadow Lane, Suite 201, Las Vegas, NV 89106

Carson City Library, 900 North Rook Street, Carson City, NV 89501

Churchill County Library, 553 South Maine Street, Fallon, NV 89406

Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

Douglas County Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423

Elko County Library, 720 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801

Esmeralda County Library, Crook Avenue & 4th Street, Goldfield, NV 89013

Eureka County Library, 10190 Monroe Street, Eureka, NV 89316

Humboldt County Library, 85 Est 5th Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445

Lander County Library, 625 South Broad Steet, Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Lincoln County Library, 63 Main Street, Pioche, NV 89043

Lyon County Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447

Mineral County Library, 110 1st Street, PO Box 1390, Hawthorne, NV 89415

Nye County Library, 701 East Street, Pahrump, NV 89048

Pershing County Library, 1125 Central Avenue, PO Box 781, Lovelock, NV 89419

Storey County Library, 175 Carson Street, Virginia City, NV 89440

Washoe County Library, 301 S. Center Street, Reno, NV 89501

White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely, NV 89301

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