

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

### **SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF CONSOLIDATING THE WATER-RELATED SERVICES IN WASHOE COUNTY A Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission's Committee to Study the Use, Management, and Allocation of Water Resources in Nevada**

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26  
(File No. 100, *Statutes of Nevada 2005*)

Following is a summary of the recommendation adopted by the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility and Advisability of Consolidating the Water-Related Services in Washoe County (a Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission's Committee to Study the Use, Management, and Allocation of Water Resources) at its June 20, 2006, meeting. The bill draft request (BDR) will be submitted to 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature in 2007.

The Committee unanimously approved a BDR to create a regional water resources entity in Washoe County, Nevada, excluding those areas under the jurisdiction of the Incline Village General Improvement District (GID) and the Gerlach GID. (BDR No. 183)

The BDR will include the following specific details:

- The proposed regional water resources entity will be charged with developing, acquiring, and managing new and existing water resources;
- The Regional Water Planning Commission (RWPC), including its funding mechanism and technical staff, will be incorporated into the new regional water entity;
- The governing board will be comprised of nine members; two members each representing the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County, and one member each representing the South Truckee Meadows GID, Sun Valley GID, and Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility;
- The voting structure of the governing board will be by majority vote with an opt-out provision for member entities that do not wish to participate in a specific capital project; and
- The new regional water entity will have authority over determining service area policy.

The proposed effective date of the new entity is January 1, 2008.

Additionally, the BDR will propose continuing the study of the feasibility and advisability of consolidating the water-related services in Washoe County for an additional two interims, to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of the new regional water resources entity. The study will also consider incorporation of other appropriate water services and expansion of the regional water entity to include neighboring counties.

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