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TO: Chairman Bobzien and Members of the Legislative Committee to Oversee
the Western Regional Water Commission

FROM: Steve Walker, Walker & Associates

SUBJECT: Amendment to Assembly Bill 54, Chapter 325, Statutes of Nevada 2009 to
Include Counties over 40,000

Chairman Bobzien and Committee Members:

Belatedly the Counties I represent at the State legislature have realized that they would benefit from being included in AB 54 (now NRS 244) to address potential septic tank and domestic well conversions to municipal systems in their jurisdictions. The simplest and most effective way to achieve this inclusion would be to add language to the BDR proposed by this Committee to reduce the minimum population cap from 100,000 to Counties with 40,000 or more. This would include Carson City, Lyon, Douglas and Elko*Counties. Staff from all these entities has requested that I approach the Committee and ask to be included in the BDR.

The Counties feel that the local funding mechanism available in AB 54 and potentially enhanced by the Committee's bonding BDR will add a tool to address issues of high density septic systems potential contamination of groundwater or aquifer overdraft in areas of concentrated domestic wells. If the amendment – see the attached mark-up of NRS 244 – could be included in the Committees recommendations the Counties would be very appreciative knowing that Interim Committee sponsorship enhances legislative proposals. Thank you for your consideration of this manner.

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*Walker & Associates does not represent Elko County but has received an email authorization from the County Manager to be included in this proposal.

C: Patrick Guinan, Senior Research Analyst, LCB

<p>Exhibit B-1 – OverseeWRWC Meeting Date: 08-19-10 Document consists of 1 page. Entire Exhibit provided.</p>
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