

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY  
NRS 233B.066  
Informational Statement  
LCB File No. R025-22**

**1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.**

Assembly Bill No. 84 (A.B. 84) of the 80th Legislative Session requires the State Board of Finance to issue state general obligations bonds in the amount of \$217,500,000 for various conservation, outdoor recreation, and resource protection projects. In Section 2, Subsections 8, 9, & 10 the legislation authorizes bond proceeds to support grants and contracts to be awarded by the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources totaling \$72,500,000. Section 2 and Section 3 of the bill require the adoption of procedures and regulation for the administration of these grants and contracts.

**2. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Copies of the proposed regulation, notice of workshop, and notice of intent to act upon the regulation were physically posted at the Nevada State Legislature (401 S. Carson St, Carson City, Nevada); the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (901 S. Stewart St., Carson City, Nevada), the Grant Sawyer Building (555 E. Washington Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada) and the Nevada State Library and Archives (100 N. Stewart St, Carson City, Nevada). Notice for these meetings were posted at the Conserve Nevada website ([ConserveNevada.nv.gov](http://ConserveNevada.nv.gov)), on the Nevada Public Notice Website ([notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov)), and the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices Meetings and Workshops site ([leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/](http://leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/)). The notice of intent to act upon regulation and hearing notice with the proposed regulation were sent by physical mail and digitally to all the main county libraries in Nevada's respective counties. The notice of intent to act upon regulation and hearing notice were additionally posted to the Register of Administrative Regulations ([leg.state.nv.us/register/2022register/R025-22NH.pdf](http://leg.state.nv.us/register/2022register/R025-22NH.pdf))

All notices were sent by email to individuals who have requested to receive meeting notices and materials. The draft regulation was available for inspection at the Nevada State Library and Archives, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and virtually available at all the digitally specified posting sites.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the recording and/or minutes of the March 22, 2022 public workshop and the June 3, 2022 public hearing by contacting:

Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Attn: Brandon Bishop, Conserve Nevada Program Manager  
901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 1003  
Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: 775-684-2707 Email: [Brandon.Bishop@dcnr.nv.gov](mailto:Brandon.Bishop@dcnr.nv.gov)

**3. The number of persons who:**

**(a) Attended each hearing:**

March 22, 2022 Public Workshop had 13 members of the public in attendance.

June 3, 2022 Public Hearing had 6 members of the public in attendance.

**(b) Testified at each hearing:**

March 22, 2022 Public Workshop had 6 individuals provide public testimony.

June 3, 2022 Public Hearing had 2 individuals provide public testimony.

**(C) Submitted written comments:**

March 22, 2022 Public Workshop had 6 written comments submitted.

June 3 2022 Public Hearing had 3 written comments submitted.

**4. A list of names and contact information, including telephone numbers, business address, business telephone number, electronic email address, and name of entity or organization represented, for each person identified above in #3, as provided to the agency is attached listed below.**

**Public Workshop March 22, 2022:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Charles Donohue	Nevada Division of State Lands	cdonohue@lands.nv.gov
Daniel Dunn	Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation	ddunn@tmparksfoundation.org
Laurel Saito	The Nature Conservancy	laurel.saito@tnc.org
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Chaunsey Chau-Duong	Southern Nevada Water Authority	Chaunsey.Chau-Duong@lvvwd.com
Kara Steeland	Truckee Meadows Water Authority	ksteeland@tmwa.com
Morgan Steel	Tahoe Rim Trail Association	morgans@tahoerimtrail.org
Amelia Raquel	Ducks Unlimited	araquel@ducks.org
Edwin James	Carson Water Subconservancy District	edjames@cwsd.org
Rachel Bergen	Get Outdoors Nevada	rbergren@getoutdoorsnevada.org
Kyle Swanson		
Jacques Etchegoyhen	Legacy Land and Water	jacques@legacylandandwater.com
Clay Grubb	Tahoe-Pyramid Trail	wcgrubbjr@aol.com

**Public Hearing June 3, 2022:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Kathy Flanagan	Southern Nevada Water Authority	
Alexia Sober		
Kristen Szabo	DCNR- Division of Natural Heritage	
Sarah Scott		
Laurel Saito	The Nature Conservancy	Laurel.saito@tnc.org
Robb Fellows	Carson City Public Works	775-283-7370

Dave Solaro	On behalf of Washoe County	775-328-3600
J.J. Goicoechea	On behalf of Eureka County	775-237-7211
Clay Grubb	Tahoe-Pyramid Trail	wcgrubbjr@aol.com

**5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Four informal public listening sessions were held in the development of the regulation. Three public listening sessions were conducted in person and one session was virtual. The public listening sessions occurred in Las Vegas on January 27, 2022, Elko on February 1, 2022, and Reno on February 8, 2022. The virtual statewide listening session was held on February 10, 2022. The formal public workshop on the proposed regulation was held both in person and virtually in Carson City on March 22, 2022. A public hearing on the proposed regulation was held in person and virtually in Carson City on June 3, 2022. Written comments were accepted as part of the formal workshop and public hearing on the proposed regulation.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of comments by contacting:

Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
 Attn: Brandon Bishop, Conserve Nevada Program Manager  
 901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 1003  
 Carson City, NV 89701

**6. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.**

The regulation was amended from its original draft based upon comments received.

**7. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on business which it is to regulate and on the public.**

**(a) Estimated economic effect on the business which it is to regulate.**

In development of the regulation impacts on business were considered; however, given the nature and scope of the authorizing legislation it is not anticipated this regulation will have a direct economic impact on business. Program staff did not receive any comments or concerns from businesses or the public during the listening sessions, meetings, and regional site visits and meetings leading to the adoption of the regulation. The adoption of this regulation will not directly impact small business. It is anticipated that the implementation of this program and investment in projects around the state will likely benefit business through indirect factors. While the program will have direct impact on grant applicants it does not contain provisions that regulate business.

**(b) Estimated economic effect on the public.**

It is anticipated that the grants awarded through this regulation will provide economic benefit and diversification for both our rural and urban communities. It is probable that this program will result in positive economic benefit to multiple industries and the public within the State of Nevada. One industry that is anticipated to benefit directly from these investments is Nevada's \$4 billion-dollar outdoor recreation industry. Information from the Nevada Economic Assessment Project (NEAP) and the US Bureau of Economic Analysis suggest significant growth potential for this sector. Other regional studies have shown there is typically an economic multiplier of approximately 1.8 for every dollar invested in outdoor recreation alone. There are a broad range of additional direct and indirect economic benefits to the public associated with this regulation and the projects that will be funded. Additional benefits include improved access to open spaces, trails, pathways, multimodal transportation, and mitigation of negative impacts on environmental and cultural resources of the state through wildfire mitigation, enhancement of waterways, and conservation of ecosystems and lands. Other economic externalities include the benefits associated with improved public access and healthy communities. As addressed by research conducted by the American Heart Association for every dollar invested in trails there is nearly three dollars of savings generated in medical costs. This in addition to emerging research suggests there are a number of positive externalities associated with investments in our environment and access to these resources by the public.

**8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.**

DCNR does not anticipate additional costs for enforcement of the proposed regulation as the regulation are implementing the grant program outlined in the 2019 Statutes of Nevada, Chapter 480

**9. A description of any regulations of other State or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlap is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

The proposed regulation does not duplicate federal, state, or local regulations.

**10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

N/A

**11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

N/A