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Talking Points
Mr. Doug Bierman, Humboldt River Basin Water Authority
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Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
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1. Humboldt River Basin Water Authority supports SB 76 as it was introduced into the Nevada Senate.
2. The Authority was responsible for bringing the issues addressed in SB 76 to the attention of the Nevada Legislature's Interim Committee On Public Lands following the adoption by the Bureau of Land Management of Rangeland Reform 94'.
3. Humboldt River Basin Water Authority is committed to expanding and protecting private ownership of at least a portion of all stockwater rights for watering livestock on public lands.
4. Maintenance of at least a partial private interest in said stockwater is critical to maintaining a viable range livestock sector within Nevada.
5. The Authority worked extensively with the Legislature's Public Land Committee during the recent interim to develop SB 76 as introduced into the Senate.
6. As introduced into the Senate, SB 76 heightens the likelihood for at least partial private ownership of stockwater and requires that all parties to an application for stockwater on public land participate in developing the stockwater in question and in placing the water to beneficial use.
7. As amended by the Senate Natural Resources Committee, SB 76 faces an uncertain legal future and may result in unanticipated and undesirable delays in developing new stockwater on public lands.
8. Section 2, Subpart 5(b) may prevent a valid holder of a grazing permit operating within their adjudicated grazing allotment from obtaining a stockwater permit to water livestock on public land because their base property is not contiguous to the public land on which the livestock will be watered.
9. Section 9 requires Sections 2 and 6 to expire if Section 6 is invalidated by a court. Section 6 is part of SB 76 as introduced into the Senate. Section 2 is the section of the bill subject to court challenge and only Section 2 should be subject to expiration. Section 6 is very similar to Section 1 except it deals with a permit rather than an application. Section 6 should not expire due to Section 2 being invalidated by a court.
10. The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee is encouraged to amend SB 76 to remove all amendments adopted by the Senate Natural Resources Committee and passed by the Senate.

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