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EXISTING OVERSIGHT OF THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA

- The functions, policies and activities of the CRC are presently guided and controlled at several levels of oversight.
 - **Governor:**
 - Appoints 4 CRC members and designates CRC's chairman. (NRS 538.051)
 - Approves CRC's budget as part of the executive budget. (State Budget Act)
 - Approves CRC's water and power contracts. (NRS 538.251)
 - Approves CRC's bill draft requests as part of executive agency proposals.
 - Endorses emergency regulations. (NRS 233B.0613)
 - **Legislature:**
 - CRC presents its budget, including the water administrative and operating budget, to the legislative money committees, and budget changes to the Interim Finance Committee, for legislative authorization as prescribed by the State Budget Act. (CRC receives no state general funds; it is supported entirely by:
 - An administrative charge at a rate per kilowatt-hour of energy scheduled by a CRC power customer or, in the case of CRC's Basic Step-down Yard in Henderson, on CRC's expenses specifically related to the yard.
 - A water administrative and operating budget funded by the water purveyors of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. This budget includes all CRC costs and expenses related to its water functions.)
 - CRC's administrative regulations must be reviewed by the Legislative Counsel and the Legislative Commission. (NRS ch. 233B)
 - CRC is routinely called up by the legislative standing committees to offer testimony or respond to questions in subject areas related to CRC's functions and activities.
 - **Public:**
 - The Southern Nevada Water Authority appoints 3 CRC members, who must be directors. (NRS 538.051, 538.061) These directors are all elected officials who serve on the governing bodies of SNWA's member agencies. As elected officials on the CRC Board they represent the needs of the communities and constituents they represent.
 - CRC publishes notices and agendas and keeps minutes of its meetings, and provides adequate opportunity for public comments at its meetings, as prescribed by the Open Meeting Law.
 - CRC maintains a website accessible to the public that contains information about CRC's commissioners, its functions and activities. www.crc.gov.nv

ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS

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