

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2–
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE
WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION)

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Encourages entities that are engaged in monitoring
the water quality of the Truckee River to coordinate
certain activities. (BDR R-237)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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that are engaged in monitoring the water quality of the
Truckee River to coordinate certain activities.

WHEREAS, The federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et
seq., and Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq.,
require states to establish standards of water quality for all surface
water and to monitor compliance with those standards; and

WHEREAS, Monitoring of the water quality of the Truckee River
is conducted for biological, chemical and physical constituents to
determine if standards of water quality established by the State of
Nevada and required by the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking
Water Act are being met; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 50 locations on the Truckee
River where monitoring is conducted to protect drinking water and
water quality for downstream use; and

WHEREAS, Monitoring of the watershed along the Truckee
River is conducted by several separate entities, which may result in
a loss of efficiency and duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase efficiency and prevent
duplication of effort, the entities involved in monitoring the
watershed along the Truckee River have been working toward a
coordinated watershed monitoring program; and



1 WHEREAS, As part of the coordinated watershed monitoring
2 program, a central clearinghouse of technical and water-related
3 information has been developed to enhance collaboration and share
4 data among the various entities; and

5 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature believes that coordinated
6 monitoring and reporting of information is in the best interest of this
7 State to ensure timely identification of potential problems with
8 water quality or environmental degradation of the Truckee River
9 and to promote the future protection of the Truckee River
10 watershed; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
12 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the entities which are engaged in
13 the management and monitoring of the water quality of the Truckee
14 River are encouraged to continue to work together toward
15 developing a comprehensive and coordinated watershed monitoring
16 program for the Truckee River and its tributaries and to refine and
17 enhance existing monitoring efforts; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the entities are encouraged to collect and
19 publish the resulting data from the coordinated monitoring efforts
20 into a single source and make that data available to the public; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
23 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Chairman of
24 the Western Regional Water Commission, the Chairman of the City
25 Council of the City of Reno, the Chairman of the City Council of
26 the City of Sparks, the President of the Desert Research Institute,
27 the Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection of the
28 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the
29 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Truckee Meadows Water
30 Authority, the Chairman of the Truckee Meadows Stormwater
31 Committee, the Manager of the Truckee Meadows Water
32 Reclamation Facility, the President of the University of Nevada,
33 Reno, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation of the United
34 States Department of the Interior, the Director of the United States
35 Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Director of the United States
36 Geological Survey.

