

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2—
Committee on Natural Resources

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Encouraging entities 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

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

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

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



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

RESOLVED, That the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is hereby directed to develop a memorandum of understanding with the entities to ensure a clear understanding of the coordinated watershed monitoring program and the coordinated watershed monitoring efforts in which they are engaged; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Division is hereby directed to submit a report concerning the memorandum of understanding and the coordinated watershed monitoring efforts of the entities at the first meeting of the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission that is held after the conclusion of the 75th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

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

