

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.

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, In an effort to increase efficiency and prevent
17 duplication of effort, the entities involved in monitoring the
18 watershed along the Truckee River have been working toward a
19 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 Division of Environmental Protection of
23 the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is
24 hereby directed to develop a memorandum of understanding with
25 the entities to ensure a clear understanding of the coordinated
26 watershed monitoring program and the coordinated watershed
27 monitoring efforts in which they are engaged; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Division is hereby directed to submit a
29 report concerning the memorandum of understanding and the
30 coordinated watershed monitoring efforts of the entities at the first
31 meeting of the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western
32 Regional Water Commission that is held after the conclusion of the
33 75th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
35 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Chairman of
36 the Western Regional Water Commission, the Chairman of the City
37 Council of the City of Reno, the Chairman of the City Council of
38 the City of Sparks, the President of the Desert Research Institute,
39 the Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection of the
40 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the
41 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Truckee Meadows Water
42 Authority, the Chairman of the Truckee Meadows Stormwater
43 Committee, the Manager of the Truckee Meadows Water
44 Reclamation Facility, the President of the University of Nevada,
45 Reno, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation of the United



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- 1 States Department of the Interior, the Director of the United States
- 2 Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Director of the United States
- 3 Geological Survey.

