

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND  
MINING**

**Seventy-Sixth Session  
April 19, 2011**

The Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 1:47 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in Room 3161 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/76th2011/committees/](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/76th2011/committees/). In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: [publications@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:publications@lcb.state.nv.us); telephone: 775-684-6835).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair  
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan, Vice Chair  
Assemblyman Paul Aizley  
Assemblyman Elliot T. Anderson  
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien  
Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams  
Assemblyman Ed A. Goedhart  
Assemblyman Ira Hansen  
Assemblyman Kelly Kite  
Assemblyman Pete Livermore  
Assemblyman Harvey J. Munford  
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Assemblyman John Ellison (excused)

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Amelie Welden, Committee Policy Analyst  
Randy Stephenson, Committee Counsel  
Judith Coolbaugh, Committee Secretary  
Gianna Shirk, Committee Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Colleen Cripps, Ph.D., Acting Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Judy Stokey, representing NV Energy, Inc.  
Terry Graves, representing the Nevada Independent Electric Coalition  
Wes Henderson, representing the Nevada Association of Counties  
Kyle Davis, representing the Nevada Conservation League  
Joseph Johnson, representing the Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club

**Chair Carlton:**

[There was no roll call.] I am opening the hearing on Senate Bill 12.

**Senate Bill 12:** Repeals certain reporting requirements for the emission of greenhouse gases. (BDR 40-469)

Ms. Cripps will present the bill.

**Colleen Cripps, Ph.D., Acting Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:**

[Ms. Cripps read from prepared testimony ([Exhibit C](#)).]

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there any questions from the Committee? [There were none.] Does this save the state any money?

**Colleen Cripps:**

Yes, there will be savings in my agency because there will be no further monitoring of the program and collecting of data.

**Chair Carlton:**

Are these reports that environmental groups would be interested in looking at, or are these professional technical reports?

**Colleen Cripps:**

Actually, I think the general public would be interested in this information, and they would need access to it. The reports do provide data about the amount of greenhouse gas emissions, which are being generated by a number of different industries across the country.

**Chair Carlton:**

With the repeal of this statute, would it be any more difficult for citizens to find this information? Or would it still be . . .

**Colleen Cripps:**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website makes this information readily available.

**Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams:**

I know this bill says there is duplicate reporting, so if the information is not captured in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 445B.370 would the EPA capture this information?

**Colleen Cripps:**

That is exactly right. All the sources we currently monitor plus a whole lot more would be required to report the same information to the EPA. The data would be available on the federal website and in federal reports.

**Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams:**

Does your Department have a website, and would there be a link to the federal level to obtain the information?

**Colleen Cripps:**

We do not have a link available at the moment, but we could do it. We do have our emissions inventory data on our website. If this bill passes, we would be pulling our emissions inventory data from the federal website.

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there other questions? [There were none.]

**Judy Stokey, representing NV Energy, Inc.:**

[Ms. Stokey read from testimony prepared in writing ([Exhibit D](#)).]

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there any questions?

**Assemblyman Bobzien:**

Do you have any information from surrounding states participating in the Western Climate Initiative on whether or not they have taken similar steps with their registries?

**Judy Stokey:**

I do not, but I can get that information for you.

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there any other questions? [There were none.]

**Terry Graves, representing the Nevada Independent Electric Coalition:**

The Coalition is a group of independent power producers. We encourage you to support this bill. My clients currently do the state reporting, and they welcome the opportunity to report on a federal level.

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.] Is there anyone in opposition to the bill? [There was no one.] Is there anyone who is neutral on this bill? [There was no one.] I am closing the hearing on S.B. 12, and opening the hearing on Senate Joint Resolution 4.

**[Senate Joint Resolution 4](#): Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning federal public lands in Nevada. (BDR R-212)**

Mr. Henderson is going to present the resolution.

**Wes Henderson, representing the Nevada Association of Counties:**

[Mr. Henderson read from prepared testimony ([Exhibit E](#)).]

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there any questions? Were you involved in the discussions with the Legislative Committee on Public Lands when it developed the wording for the "Resolved" sections of the bill?

**Wes Henderson:**

We were not involved directly in those conversations. This resolution was partially based on a resolution that was adopted by the Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors in 2010. I may or may not be able to answer your question.

**Chair Carlton:**

I was curious about the discussion on lines 25 through 36. How was the language derived, and were there other sections discussed that were not incorporated in this resolution? I am interested in the process this resolution went through.

**Wes Henderson:**

I cannot answer your questions.

**Chair Carlton:**

I will follow up with Senator Rhoads. Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**Kyle Davis, representing the Nevada Conservation League:**

We are in support of this resolution. It makes sense that some of the revenue generated on public lands controlled by the federal government be shared with the state and local government entities. I can assure you the "multiple uses" language on lines 26 through 27 includes recreational uses.

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.]

**Joseph Johnson, representing the Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club:**

We are in support of this resolution. We believe it is very important to include solar and wind renewable energy projects in the revenue sharing. We also want the geothermal renewable energy projects revenue sharing to be maintained and distributed at its current level.

**Chair Carlton:**

Are there any questions? [There were none.] Is there anyone else in support of this bill? [There was no one.] Is there anyone in opposition? [There was no one.] Is anyone wishing to testify from a neutral position? [There was no one.] Is there any public comment? [There was none.] I am closing the hearing on S.J.R. 4.

This meeting is adjourned [at 2:06 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Judith Coolbaugh  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITS**

**Committee Name: Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining**

**Date: April 19, 2011**

**Time of Meeting: 1:47 p.m.**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Witness / Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
S.B. 12	C	Colleen Cripps	Testimony
S.B. 12	D	Judy Stokey	Testimony
S.J.R. 4	E	Wes Henderson	Testimony