

SENATE BILL NO. 133—SENATORS GOICOECHEA
AND GUSTAVSON (BY REQUEST)

FEBRUARY 18, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN GRADY; AND ELLISON

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Requires the State Engineer to allow a county to participate in the development and implementation of a plan relating to the appropriation of water for beneficial use under certain circumstances. (BDR 48-631)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to water; requiring the State Engineer to allow a county to participate in the development and implementation of a plan relating to the appropriation of water for beneficial use under certain circumstances; requiring the State Engineer to consider any comment, analysis or other information submitted by a participating county before approving the plan and during the period in which the plan, if approved, is carried out; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The State Engineer, an appointee of the Director of the State Department of
2 Conservation and Natural Resources, manages the appropriation of water in this
3 State. (Title 48 of NRS) This bill requires the State Engineer to allow a county to
4 participate in the development and implementation of a plan required by the State
5 Engineer relating to the appropriation of water for beneficial use if the county
6 where the proposed point of diversion lies requests to participate. This bill also
7 requires the State Engineer to consider any comment, analysis or other information
8 submitted to the State Engineer by the county before approving the plan and during
9 the period in which the plan, if approved, is carried out.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 532 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. If the State Engineer requires a monitoring, management
or mitigation plan as a condition of appropriating water for a
beneficial use, the State Engineer shall, if requested by the county
where the proposed point of diversion lies, allow the county to
participate in the development and implementation of the plan.*

*2. Before approving any plan developed pursuant to
subsection 1 and during the period in which the plan, if approved,
is carried out, the State Engineer shall consider any comment,
analysis or other information submitted by the participating
county.*

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

