

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

**Eightieth Session  
March 18, 2019**

The Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining was called to order by Chair Heidi Swank at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019, in Room 3138 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/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, Chair  
Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, Vice Chair  
Assemblyman Alex Assefa  
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton  
Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen  
Assemblyman John Ellison  
Assemblyman Ozzie Fumo  
Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen  
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters  
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus  
Assemblyman Howard Watts  
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst  
Allan Amburn, Committee Counsel  
Nancy Davis, Committee Secretary  
Alejandra Medina, Committee Assistant



**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chair Swank:**

[Roll was taken. Committee rules reviewed.] We will not work session Assembly Bill 83 or Assembly Bill 93 today. I will begin with a work session on Assembly Bill 95.

**Assembly Bill 95: Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-504)**

**Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Assembly Bill 95 was heard in this Committee on March 4, 2019, and was brought forth on behalf of the interim Legislative Committee on Public Lands (Exhibit C). Assembly Bill 95 allows a domestic well, which has a meter, to continue to withdraw 0.5 acre-feet of water per year if the State Engineer orders that withdrawals of groundwater be restricted to conform to priority rights. There is one amendment to this bill by Eureka County which clarifies that courts with jurisdiction can also order a curtailment of water rights in an overappropriated basin.

**Chair Swank:**

Are there any questions on Assembly Bill 95? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 95.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BILBRAY-AXELROD SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN ELLISON, HANSEN, TITUS,  
AND WHEELER VOTED NO.)

I will take the floor statement. Next, I will move on to Assembly Bill 96.

**Assembly Bill 96: Requires the creation of a passport program for historical sites.  
(BDR 33-505)**

**Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Assembly Bill 96 was heard in this Committee on March 11, 2019, and was brought forth on behalf of the interim Legislative Committee on Public Lands (Exhibit D). Assembly Bill 96 requires the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to create by regulation a historic sites passport program for visiting sites, buildings, structures, objects, or districts on the Nevada State Register of Historic Places. There is one amendment to this bill brought forth by the Office of Historic Preservation. The

amendment converts the measure to an appropriations bill for the purpose of developing a pilot program over the next biennium.

**Chair Swank:**

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 96.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 96.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Fumo. I will move on to Assembly Joint Resolution 2.

**Assembly Joint Resolution 2: Urges Congress to reject any expansion in the use of land or exercise of jurisdiction by the United States Air Force in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. (BDR R-697)**

**Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Assembly Joint Resolution 2 was heard in this Committee on March 6, 2019, and was sponsored by Assemblywomen Cohen and Peters ([Exhibit E](#)). Assembly Joint Resolution 2 urges Congress to: reject any proposal by the United States Air Force to expand its use of land or exercise of jurisdiction within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge beyond that which it currently possesses; and limit any proposal to extend the Air Force's authority over the Nevada Test and Training Ranch to not more than 20 years. There was an amendment submitted by Assemblywoman Cohen that adds a "whereas" clause discussing the Moapa Bank of Paiutes' Tribal Resolution; adds a resolution that the members of the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge Congress to work collaboratively with all interested parties to develop a compromise alternative; and adds Assemblyman Watts as a primary sponsor.

**Chair Swank:**

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Joint Resolution 2.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 2.

ASSEMBLYMAN ASSEFA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Cohen. I will now move on to public comment. Is there anyone here who would like to give public comment? Seeing no one, this meeting is adjourned [at 4:07 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

---

Nancy Davis  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

---

Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, Chair

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

## EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 95](#), dated March 18, 2019, presented by Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 96](#), dated March 18, 2019, presented by Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Joint Resolution 2](#), dated March 18, 2019, presented by Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.