

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Eighty-Second Session
May 15, 2023**

The Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Lesley E. Cohen at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, and to Room 130, Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, 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/82nd2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen, Chair
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May
Assemblywoman Venicia Considine
Assemblyman Rich DeLong
Assemblywoman Bea Duran
Assemblyman Bert Gurr
Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen
Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch
Assemblyman Howard Watts
Assemblyman Toby Yurek

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Becky Peratt, Committee Policy Analyst
Erin Sturdivant, Committee Legal Counsel
Connie Barlow, Committee Manager
Nancy Davis, Committee Secretary
Cheryl Williams, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Cohen:

[Roll was called. Rules and protocol of the Committee were reviewed.] We have three bills today on our work session. We will begin with Senate Bill 13.

Senate Bill 13: Revises provisions governing pest control. (BDR 49-234)

Becky Peratt, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 13 clarifies that employees of a governmental agency who engage in pest control must obtain a license as an applicator from the State Department of Agriculture [[Exhibit C](#)]. The bill also requires that certain records be kept at each place of business at which a person sells or distributes restricted-use pesticides. Finally, S.B. 13 updates certain references to existing federal law. There are no amendments to this measure.

Chair Cohen:

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will take a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN DELONG MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 13.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? Seeing none, we will vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMEN DURAN AND HANSEN WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman DeLong.

Senate Bill 113 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to groundwater management plans. (BDR 48-595)

Becky Peratt, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 113 (1st Reprint) revises provisions relating to groundwater management plans [[Exhibit D](#)]. Additionally, S.B. 113 (R1) requires the State Engineer to affirm or modify the

perennial yield of a basin at the same time he or she designates a basin as a critical management area and authorizes the State Engineer to modify the perennial yield based on the best available science. Finally, S.B. 113 (R1) requires the State Engineer to review an approved groundwater management plan that has been in effect for ten consecutive years to determine whether there has been significant progress towards stabilizing the water level of the basin. There are no amendments for this measure.

Chair Cohen:

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will take a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 113 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? Seeing none, we will vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN HANSEN WAS
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Watts.

Senate Bill 115 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the mitigation of certain projects. (BDR 20-679)

Becky Peratt, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 115 (1st Reprint) authorizes a board of county commissioners to: (1) establish, use, and operate an in-lieu fee program for compensatory mitigation in accordance with guidelines set forth in certain federal regulations; and (2) enter into a cooperative agreement with a public agency or nonprofit organization for the operation of the in-lieu fee program [[Exhibit E](#)]. There are no amendments for this measure.

Chair Cohen:

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will take a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 115 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? Seeing none, we will vote.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman La Rue Hatch. With that, I will bring the work session to a close. I will now open public comment. Is there anyone in Carson City, Las Vegas, or Elko wishing to provide public comment? Seeing no one, is there anyone on the phone? [There was no one.] We will have a work session on Wednesday. With that, we are adjourned [at 4:05 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Davis
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 13, submitted and presented by Becky Peratt, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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