

**Churchill County
Agenda Report**

Agenda Item: _____ **Consent #** _____

Date Submitted: November 14, 2007 **Agenda Date Requested:** November 21, 2007

To: Board of Churchill County Commissioners
From: Pamela D. Moore, Administrative Aide to the Board of County Commissioners
Subject Title: The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) provides Notice of Public Workshops regarding proposed changes to Nevada Water Quality Standards.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

- Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other – Informational Only

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? No

Recommended Board Action: None.


Discussion: The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) provides Notice of Public Workshops regarding proposed changes to Nevada Water Quality Standards. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

- Elko on November 30, 2007 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Elko County Library, 720 Court Street, Elko.
- Carson City on December 4, 2007 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Richard H. Bryan State Office Building, 901 So. Stewart Street, Multi-Purpose Conference Room, 1st Floor, Carson City.
- Las Vegas on December 5, 2007 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at NDEP, 2030 E. Flamingo Rd. #230, Las Vegas.

Following the workshops, NDEP will incorporate any pertinent changes to the petition and the proposed revisions to the water quality standards will be considered for adoption by the State Environmental Commission at a public hearing as outlined in the attached Notice.

Prepared By: Pamela D. Moore, Administrative Aide **Date:** November 14, 2007

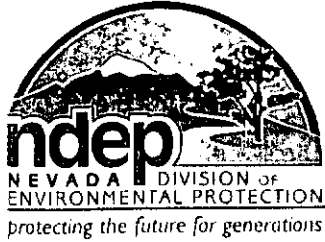
Reviewed By:  **Date:** November 14, 2007
Brad Gotsch, Churchill County Manager

 **Date:** November 14, 2007
Rusty Jardine, Churchill County Civil Deputy Attorney

Alan Kalt, Churchill County Comptroller **Date:** November 14, 2007

Board Action Taken:
Motion: _____ 1) _____ **Aye/Nay**
2) _____ _____

(Vote Recorded By)



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Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Leo M. Drozdoff, P.E., Administrator

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
 Proposed Changes to Nevada Water Quality Standards
 November 09, 2007**

The Bureau of Water Quality Planning of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is proposing changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) concerning beneficial uses and water quality standards in NAC445A.124 through 225.

Workshops will be held at the following locations at the dates and times indicated. The workshops will consist of brief presentations by the Division followed by a question and answer period. The purpose of the workshops is to solicit public comments on the proposed revisions to the Nevada water quality standards. No items will be voted on and no actions will be taken.

Elko	Carson City	Las Vegas
November 30, 2007 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Elko County Library Meeting Room 720 Court Street Elko, Nevada 89801	December 4, 2007 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Richard H. Bryan State Office Building 901 South Stewart Street Multi-Purpose Conference Room, 1st Floor Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249	December 5, 2007 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Division of Environmental Protection Las Vegas Office 2030 E. Flamingo Rd. Suite 230 Las Vegas NV 89119

Following the workshops, NDEP will incorporate any pertinent changes to the petition and the proposed revisions to the water quality standards will be considered for adoption by the State Environmental Commission at a public hearing. The date and place of that hearing will be announced at a later date (anticipated in the spring of 2008).

Workshops for these proposed changes were conducted in May of 2006, but, due to an administrative processing delay, the petition to the State Environmental Commission was rescheduled. There have been no substantive changes to the 2006 petition, however, due to the elapsed time, workshops are again being held to discuss the proposed changes to the Class Waters NAC 445A.124 - 127 and water quality standards tables NAC 445A.146 - 225.

Changes are proposed to make adjustments to the class waters and a reorganization of the water quality standards tables. NDEP is proposing to make two categories of changes to the Class Waters NAC 445A.124 - 127 and water quality standards tables NAC 445A.146 - 225. These include:

- Standard Adjustments to the Class Waters, which include changing beneficial use terminology, removing redundant narrative standards, adding *E. Coli* and total ammonia standards, and revising references to natural conditions; and
- Administrative Reorganizing of Water Quality Standards Tables, NAC 445A.124 through 127 and 445A.146 through 225 by reformatting the tables to show the beneficial uses associated with each parameter, eliminating the current class waters format by creating an individual table showing water quality standards for each waterbody, and renumbering and reorganizing the individual water quality standards tables by Hydrographic Region.

The fact sheet, the rationale document and the draft petition are available online at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm> under Water Quality Planning.

Written comments to the proposed revisions will be accepted by NDEP until **December 21st, 2007**. NDEP will incorporate any pertinent changes to the petition and the proposed revisions to the water quality standards will then be considered for adoption by the State Environmental Commission.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations or assistance, or persons unable to attend these workshops, but desiring information on the regulation changes, please contact:

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