

**Churchill County
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: January 23, 2008

Agenda Date Requested: February 7, 2008

Time Requested: 10min.

To: Board of Churchill County Commissioners

From: Brad T. Goetsch, Churchill County Manager

Subject Title: Approval of Pershing County as an Authority Member of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

- Resolution
- Formal Action/Motion
- Ordinance
- Other (Specify)

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? NO

Recommended Board Action: I move to approve/deny that pursuant to Articles 6 and 12.B of the cooperative agreement creating the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority that the Board of Churchill County Commissioners approves the addition of Pershing County as an Authority member effective January 1, 2008; and, to also approve/deny formal admission of Churchill County, Nevada as an Authority member retroactive to September 8, 2006-as provided for by Article 12.B of the Cooperative Agreement.

Discussion: Churchill County is a member of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority. The Authority is a unit of local government, made possible by the Nevada Interlocal Cooperation Act, having as its goal to collaboratively and pro-actively address water resource issues common to the Nevada Central Hydrographic Region.

Presently, the following counties are members of the Authority: Elko; Esmeralda; Eureka; Lander; Nye; White Pine; and Churchill. The Authority has proposed that Pershing County become a member. Membership by Pershing County, and for that matter, Churchill County, is important because a number of ground water basins in both counties lie within the Nevada Central Hydrographic Region. Moreover, the interests of Pershing County are certainly compatible with all other members of the Authority, including the preservation of water resources throughout the entire Nevada Central Hydrographic Region.

Through oversight Authority-member counties were not asked to provide authority for admission of Churchill County as a member in September of 2006. Authorization for such admission was to have been made pursuant to Article 12.B of the cooperative agreement creating the Authority. This was not accomplished. The motion approves the Authority's ability to properly construe the agreement and formally recognize membership and participation by Churchill County since September, of 2006.

