GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting - February 27, 1975

Present:

Chairman Gibson

Sen. Walker

Sen. Foote

Sen. Dodge

Sen. Hilbrecht

Sen. Schofield

Also Present:

See attached sheet for entire list

Chairman Gibson opened the thirteenth meeting of the Government Affairs Committee by introducing an emergency bill for the committee's action.

Authorizes the city of Sparks to issue not to exceed \$70,000 of bonds for the improvement, construction, other acquisition and equipment of Stempeck Park and to expend the bond proceeds for the purchase, construction, other acquisition, improvement and equipment of city park and recreation facilities. (BDR S-863)

Mr. John MacIntyre, City Manager of Sparks, testified in favor of AB-274. Mr. MacIntyre gave a history of the events that caused the drafting of AB-274. This bill will provide that the city of Sparks and the Sparks City Counsel can spend the \$70,000. for park purposes and not strickly for Stempeck Park.

Motion of "Do Pass" from Senator Hilbrecht, seconded by Senator Schofield. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson indicated that he would submit this bill to the Senate as an emergency measure.

Authorizes the division of Colorado River Resources of state dept. of conservation and natural resources on behalf of the State to acquire water facilities and it issue securities therefore. (BDR S-778)

Mr. Don Paff, Administrator of the Colorado River Resources, spoke on behalf of SB-179 and read his testimony to the committee. He also passed out his testimony which included graphs. (See the attached).

Senator Hilbrecht wanted clarification regarding polluted water coming back into the Las Vegas Wash and that it would be related to potable water.

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Mr. Paff indicated that there was a connection but further explained that the funding of facilities to abate water pollution are not directly related to potable water costs or vice-versa.

Mr. Broadbent, representing the Directors of the Las Vegas Valley Water District and Clark County. Mr. Broadbent stated that the people he represented were in favor of the second stage of the Southern Nevada Water Supply Project and the Las Vegas Valley Water District has gone to the extent of planning and even land purchases to allow for the second stage.

Mr. Broadbent went on to state that he felt some of the wording in Section 11 and 12 were misleading and had the following comments on each section.

Section 11 - Paragraph 1, Pursuant to Sub Section 2 of Section 44, Chapter 790, Statutes of Nevada; Clark County has succeeded to certain liabilities. Felt that there was nothing in the legislation that was passed in 1971 or 1973 that indicates that Clark County has succeeded to any liabilities.

Section 12 - "Clark County shall repay to the State of Nevada, Colorado River, State Facilities Capital Improvement fund a total of \$1,700,000. plus \$140,000. interest on or before March 21, 1975." Mr. Broadbent indicated that if Mr. Paff or the Colorado River Commission had consulted with the Clark County Board they would have discovered this to be an impossibility.

Mr. Broadbent feels that it is important to get further funding to keep the project going.

Mr. Jack Mitchell, representing the City of North Las Vegas, indicated that both North Las Vegas and Henderson have plans to divert their waste water, treat it and use it in their own entity. Feels with this plan and the plans in <u>SB-179</u> they will be paying for waste treatment twice.

Chairman Gibson indicated that this discussion would be held in abeyance until further information and testimony could be given to the committee.

SJR-8 Extends support of the Nevada State Legislature to proposed Nev-Cal Regional Exclusion program (BDR 979)

Chairman Gibson indicated to the committee that this proposal was requested by the Town Board of Mesquite. They have been involved in the development of this program.

Mr. Rosenberg, Chief of the Exclusion and Detection, Division of Plant Industry, California Department of Food and Agriculture.
Mr. Rosenberg also introduced to the committee Mr. Robert Hartzell, who

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is the Deputy Director for the Department of Food and Agriculture.

Mr. Hartzell, indicated that the large volume of traffic which brought about the drafting of $\underline{SJR-8}$ can be easily corrected by moving the western inspection stations to the following areas on the eastern borders of Nevada; Winnemucca, Wells, McGill and Mesquite. The traffic flow at these stations is considerably lighter.

These stations would be manned by California men and the determination of uniforms, procedures and long range results in Nevada have not been determined at this time.

Discussion from the committee followed on the reaction of people being stopped by California authorities on the eastern borders of Nevada.

Mr. Tom Ballow, representing the Nevada Department of Agriculture, indicated that his people were very much in favor of SJR-8.

Mr. Bob Guinn, Nevada Motor Vehicle Department, felt there could be many problems with this bill and hoped that the bill would be further clarified before passage. Indicated that many truck drivers who would be stopped for these inspections would lose time and money.

Mr. Bob Broadbent, representing the County Commissioners, was in favor of <u>SB-186</u>. Felt that it would have a substantial impact on the smaller communities.

Further discussion would continue at a later date.

AB-168 Adds to provision for state advisory committee on older Americans. (BDR 38-563)

Mr. Wally Roanhaus, representing the Division of Aging Services, spoke in favor of this bill. Indicated that their budget has been reduced considerable and they could no longer afford to send some 30 members around the state for committee meetings during the year. Mr. Roanhause felt that many of the smaller communities could be serviced by one representative, therefore, cutting down on the costs. This bill would give them the authority to do just that.

Motion of "Do Pass" by Senator Schofield, seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

Creates a citizens' state government compensation commission to study salaries, wages and reimbursable expenses of employees of state government. Fiscal Note: Yes (BDR S-753)

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Bob Gagnier, Executive Director of S.N.E.A., testified in favor of <u>SB-189</u>. Their is now a Citizens Advisory Committee that studies the salaries and makes recommendations on classified state employees. He noted their intent would be to provide an amendment that would be specific in stating that classified employees would not be covered by this bill.

A motion to amend and re-refer to Finance Committe by Senator Schofield, seconded by Senator Hilbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

Amends General Improvement District Law to increase trustees' permitted compensation and to clarify priority of district lien. (BDR 25-985)

Mr. Wally White, Gemeral Manager of Incline Improvement district. Mr. White informed the committee that he operated under Chapter 318 with 5 trustees that meet twice a month. Requested that the minimum be changed in Section 5 of the 318 to \$1,800. per year. In Section 2 of 22 involves Liens. Wants this section changed to say that the lien remains until its paid.

Mrs. Carol Mast, General Improvement District (Round Hill), spoke in favor of <u>SB-221</u>.

Mr. Joseph Ciatti, Chairman of the Tahoe Douglas Service District, spoke in favor of SB-221.

Discussion followed by the committee and a motion of "Do Pass" was initiated by Senator Walker, seconded by Senator Foote. Motion carried unanimously.

SB-220 Permits using certain factor in determing consideration
to be paid for vacated street. (BDR 22-993)

Senator Sheerin and Senator Dodge were responsible for creating new language in SB-220 and the following language was added, "a public benefit, that may apply such benefit as an offset against any determination of reasonable consideration which did not take into account the public benefit." This language replaced the language previously used on lines 16 and 17 on page 2 of SB-220

Motion of amend and "Do Pass" by Senator Schofield, seconded by Senator Hilbrecht. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson brought to the attention of the committee a bill for introduction by the committee. A further amendment on the professional engineering act. It tries to clarify the engineers that work for the federal government that are exempt from the state registration. No objection for committee introduction.

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Chairman Gibson informed the committee that they would not be discussing $\Delta JR-23^{\frac{4}{3}}$ until Assemblyman Getto could be present.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Peck

Committee Secretary

Approved:

Chairman

* of the 57th Session.

Government Affairs
Attachment to the Minutes of Meeting No. 13
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Those Also Present in the February 27th meeting.

Don Paff, Div. of Colorado River Resources Bob Broadbent, Clark County Richard Bunker, Clark County Dan Rosenberg, California Dept. of Food & Agriculture Robert P. Hartzell, California Dept. of Food & Agriculture Les Berkson, Incline Village General Improvement District W. W. White, Incline Village General Improvement District Carol Mast, Round Hill, General Improvement District Joseph Ciatti, Tahoe Douglas Service District Wally Roanhaus, Div. of Aging Services Evelyn J. Mathis, Nev. Tax Comm. Jim Lien, Nev. Tax Comm. Elmo DeRicco, Dept. of Conservation Norman Hall, Dept. of Conservation John A. MacIntyre, City of Sparks Edward P. Park, Cal.-Nev. Conference of Operating Engineers Leo Hendrickson, Teamsters Locals of Nevada Jack Mitchell, City of North Las Vegas Bob Warren, Nev. League of Cities Thomas W. Ballow, Nev. Dept. of Agriculture Harry E. Gallaway, Nev. Dept. of Agriculture Shay Porter, Intern Deborah Driggs, Intern Press

S E N A T E

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON THURSDAY	GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
DATE February 27, 174	TIME. 2:45. P.MROOM345

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Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel Requested*
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AB-168	Adds to provisions for state advisory committee on older Americans. (BDR 3	
	Notify: Assemblyman Brookman; Dept.or Resources (Mr. Trounday)	f Human
AJR-23 (57th Session)	Proposes amendment of certain limitation on the operation of the initiative. (
	Notify: Assemblyman Getto; Legislativ	ve Counsel
SB-189	Creates a citizens' state government tion commission to study salaries was reimbursable expenses of employees of government. Fiscal Note: Yes (BDR S-	ges and f state
	Notify: Senator Bryan	
SJR-8	Extends support of the Nevada state to proposed NevCal. Regional Exclusive Program (BDR 979)	
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	Notify: Senator Sheerin Wally White	

^{*}Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF COLORADO RIVER RESOURCES

Testimony Regarding S.B. 179

Senate Committee on Government Affairs
February 27, 1975

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee. My name is Don Paff and I am the Administrator of the Division of Colorado River Resources, formerly known as the Colorado River Commission. My testimony is in support of S.B. 179.

Senate Bill No. 179 was patterned after Chapter 268 of the 1967 Statutes. Upon the advice and counsel of our bond counsellor, Mr. Robert Johnson of Dawson, Nagel, Sherman and Howard of Denver, Colorado some amendments are proposed to the bill as originally drafted. The bill is designed to permit a continuity of development of the State's water resource of the Colorado with those authorities provided in Chapter 268 of the 1967 Statutes of Nevada.

As indicated by population studies and water use predictions from the State Engineer's State Water Plan Reports, and also as indicated in our own projections and a survey of water contractors, the First Stage of the Southern Nevada Water System will be taxed to its maximum capacity about 1980.

The Division of Colorado River Resources in its trustee role of the State's Colorado River water resource, and as the prime contractor, acting on behalf of the State, for the First Stage of the Southern Nevada Water System, took an early leadership role in obtaining pertinent studies of the need and timing essential for undertaking Stage Two. The Division, with the cooperation of all water contracting entities, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and especially with cooperation of Nevada's congressional delegation brought about Congressional action whereby the Federal Government made \$500,000 available to the Bureau of Reclamation. This funding of preconstruction activities of the Second Stage of the Federal transmission facilities is pursuant to the 1965 Federal authorization of the Southern Nevada Water Project Act, 79 Statutes 1068. The President's budget for Fiscal Year 1976 includes \$1 million more for the Bureau of Reclamation to fund preconstruction activities of the Second Stage of the Southern Nevada Water Project. We believe it is essential that the State preconstruction and construction activities be sufficiently funded, with no delay, so that they may parallel the Federal project if we are to meet the water needs of Southern Nevada beyond 1980.

The First Stage of the Southern Nevada Water

System was put into official operation on November 1, 1971,

and is capable of delivering 132,200 acre-feet per year

of treated potable Colorado River water. The System consists of the Federally funded and constructed pumping and transmission facilities and the State funded and constructed Alfred Merritt Smith Water Treatment Facility. Bulk water deliveries, through contractual relationships, are made to the City of Boulder City, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Nellis Air Force Base, and the Las Vegas Valley Water District. As confirmed by water use, engineering, and financial reports, the First Stage of the System is operationally and fiscally sound.

As indicated previously, we estimate the need by about 1980 for the Second Stage of the State Facilities, which will be operated in conjunction with the Federal facilities. S.B. 179 with proposed amendments authorizes the Division, acting on behalf of the State, to fund through State General Obligation Bonds the State facilities' portion of the System, paralleling the authorized Federal project. These bonds need not fall within the State's debt limitation imposed by Section 3 of Article 9 of the State Constitution, and by amendment to the original draft it is declared by the Legislature that they shall not. The funding is proposed in two major parts; \$60 million for the Stateowned treatment facility enlargement and necessary reservoirs to allow for reliability and potential diminishment of the high cost of electric power and energy and \$60 million for a backup of funding the Federal facilities

in the event that Federal funding be lost or diminished or extraordinarily delayed. The latter \$60 million is not expected to be needed, just as the \$52 million authorized in 1967 was not needed nor expended. All bond obligations, operation and maintenance and other related costs are to be met by revenues from water delivered to the contracting agencies.

Required preconstruction activities can be funded by issuance of interim debentures which would be refunded through the bonds issued for construction of the Second Stage facilities. This procedure is provided in the State Securities Act, Chapter 771, Statutes of Nevada, 1967.

As a funding alternative for preconstruction activities, S. B. 179 also provides a recapture from Clark County of \$1,078,622.33, plus interest of \$140,287.49, by the Division for work on the Second Stage of the State facilities. These funds came originally from the \$8,900,000 State General Obligation Bond issue authorized by the legislature in 1967 for the First Stage treatment facilities. These bond funds, plus \$10,000 of the research and development moneys derived from the sale of electric power and water, were advanced to the Las Vegas Valley Water District for use on the Las Vegas Wash pollution abatement studies in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter 616, Statutes of Nevada, 1971. We believe that these bond funds should be returned for their original and primary purpose, that of the Southern Nevada Water System, thereby avoiding an

additional financial burden to the water users. The current water users (contractors) are obligated to repay the full amount of the 1968 bonds of \$8,900,000, plus interest.

To avoid inequities, it is our opinion that it is important that costs related to pollution abatement <u>not</u> be directly tied to potable water usage. The use of potable water is not necessarily directly proportional to contributions to the pollution problem.

Attached are some exhibits which I would like to briefly review with you:

- 1. Projected Water Demands Supplied from Colorado
 River through Southern Nevada Water System.
- Southern Nevada Water System Water Treated and Delivered in 1974.
- 3. Southern Nevada Water System Stage II Preliminary Cash Flow Summary for State Facilities.
- Southern Nevada Water System Stage II General Activity Schedule.
- 5. Southern Nevada Water System Stage II Proposed Basic Concept.
- 6. Southern Nevada Water System Cost of Water.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee, I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 179 (Underlined matter is new; Matter in brackets [] is material to be deleted)

SB 179 is hereby amended as follows:

- Sec. 5. "Project" means the construction, [and] other acquisition and improvement of the federal facilities, as defined in this act, and of the state facilities, as defined in this act, by the state, acting by and through the division, as authorized by this act and by other acts supplemental thereto.
- Sec. 7. 1. The division, on the behalf and in the name of the state, may [:] by order of the Administrator of the division:
 - (a) Acquire, hold and improve the facilities;
- (b) Acquire, hold, improve and dispose of properties appertaining to the facilities, including without limitation water and water rights, for the benefit and welfare of the people of the state;
- (c) Acquire the facilities, wholly or in part, directly by construction contract or otherwise, or indirectly by contract with the Federal Government, or any combination thereof, as the division may from time to time determine;

- (d) Borrow money and otherwise become obligated in a total principal amount of not exceeding \$60,000,000 to defray wholly or in part the cost of acquiring the state facilities, and issue state securities to evidence such obligations; and
- (e) Borrow money and otherwise become obligated in a total principal amount of not exceeding \$60,000,000 to defray wholly or in part the cost of acquiring the federal facilities, and issue state securities to evidence such obligations.
- The power to issue securities hereunder in a total principal amount of not exceeding [\$120,000,000] \$60,000,000 under paragraph (e), subsection 1 of this section, shall decrease to the extent, for the acquisition of the federal facilities, Congress by federal act appropriates funds, the Office of Management and Budget apportions funds, the Bureau of Reclamation allots funds, the Federal Government is obligated to pay earnings under contract for the construction and other acquisition of the federal facilities, or any part thereof, and the state is obligated by contract with the Federal Government to pay to it sums equal to such earnings and any incidental expenses due under such contract; but such power to issue securities shall not be decreased because of any moneys due under such contract from the state to the Federal Government in the nature of interest charges to compensate it for moneys advanced by it until their repayment by the state.

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- Sec. 11. It is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination:
- 1. That pursuant to subsection 2 of section 44 of chapter 790, Statutes of Nevada 1973, Clark County has succeeded to certain liabilities incurred by the Las Vegas Valley water district through the water district's expenditure of \$1,078,622.33 derived from General Obligation Colorado River Water Acquisition Bonds, Series June 1, 1968. Such funds were made available to the Las Vegas Valley water district by the division in accordance with subsection 1 of section 3 of chapter 616, Statutes of Nevada 1971, which chapter was subsequently repealed by said chapter 790, Statutes of Nevada 1973.
- 2. That funds reimbursed to Clark County by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Federal share of the project planning costs, including treatment and disposition of return flow waters, exceeded the \$1,078,622.33 mentioned in subsection 1.
- 3. That the proceeds from the General Obligation Colorado River Water Acquisition Bond funds so expended are now considered to be urgently needed for their original intent and purpose in the planning and construction of the expansion of water treatment facilities.
- 4. That the said principal plus accrued interest be reimbursed to the division by Clark County for the purpose of planning, administering and acquiring the necessary facilities of the second stage of the Southern Nevada Water System treatment facilities as determined by the administrator

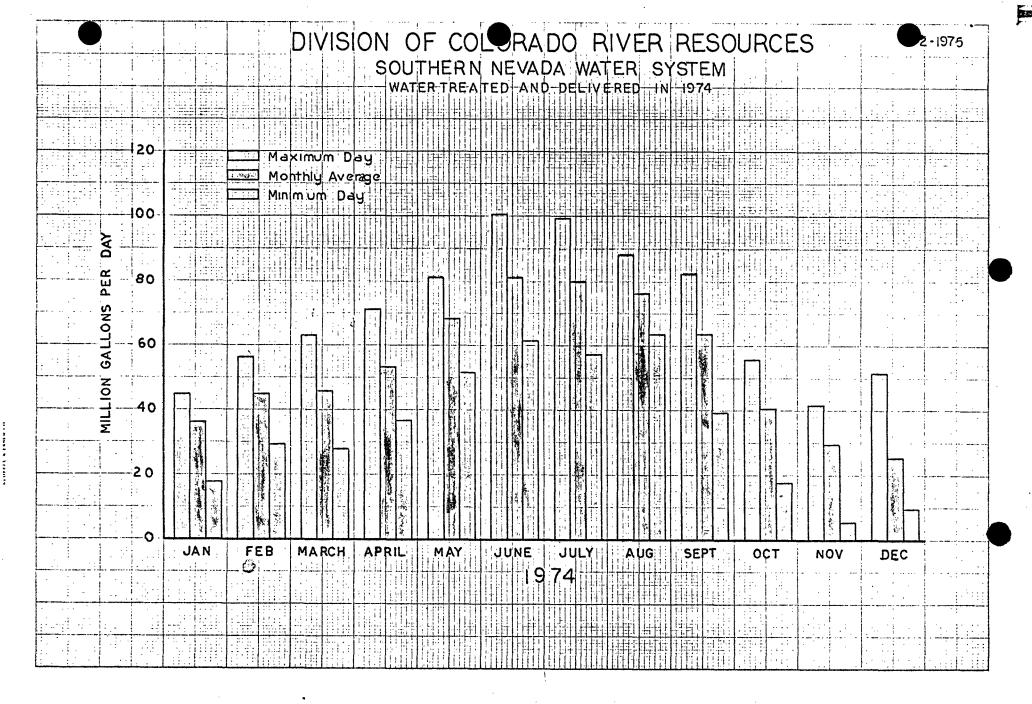
of the division; notwithstanding any other provisions of chapter 790, Statutes of Nevada 1973, to the contrary.

Sec. 13. 1. The Legislature finds and declares
that the issuance of securities and the other incurrence
of indebtedness pursuant to this act are for the protection
and preservation of the natural resources of this state
and obtaining the benefits thereof, and constitute an
exercise of the authority conferred by the second paragraph
of section 3 of article 9 of the Constitution of the State
of Nevada.

2. The provisions of the State Securities Law, contained in Chapter 349 of NRS, apply to the issuance of securities and the acquisition of property under this act.

Sec. [13] 14. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person, thing or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

Sec. [14] 15. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.



DIVISION OF COLORADO RIVER RESOURCES

SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER SYSTEM STAGE II PRELIMINARY CASH FLOW SUMMARY FOR STATE FACILITIES 1/

<u>Year</u>	Quarter	Engineering & Administration	Fiscal & Legal	Construction	Total
1975	1	12,000	0	0	12,000
	2	143,000	11,000	0	154,000
•	3	175,000	2,000	0	177,000
•	4	244,000	0	0	244,000
1976	1	182,000	36,000	0	218,000
	2	111,000	36,000	0	147,000
	3	12,000	2,000	0	14,000
	4	12,000	0	0	12,000
1977	1	12,000	0	0	12,000
	2	12,000	33,000	0	45,000
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	4	132,000	2,000	4,850,000	4,984,000
1979	1	132,000	2,000	5,100,000	5,234,000
	2	152,000	4,000	6,600,000	6,756,000
-	3	146,000	0	7,180,000	7,326,000
	4	132,000	10,000	6,180,000	6,322,000
1980	1	132,000	0	4,350,000	4,482,000
	. 2	122,000	0	3,270,000	3,392,000
	3	0	0	0	0
	4	0	0	0	0
-	Total				\$44,900,000

<u>1</u>/ 1974 Dollars

Cost to June 30, 1977 = \$1,035,000

Engineering & Administration Fiscal & Legal	\$ 3,925,000 175,000
Construction	40,800,000
Interest during Construction	<u>16,245,000</u>
Subtotal	61,145,000
O & M Reserve	300,000
Debt Service Reserve (1 years debt service)	5,700,000
Contingency	3,000,000
Total	70,145,000
Rounded	70,200,000
Less Interest Earned	10,000,000
Total	\$60,200,000
Rounded	\$60,000,000

Interest = $72,200,000 \times 7-1/2% \times 3 \text{ years} = 16,245,000$

Assume: Bonds sold for 40 years @ 7-1/2% with level debt service

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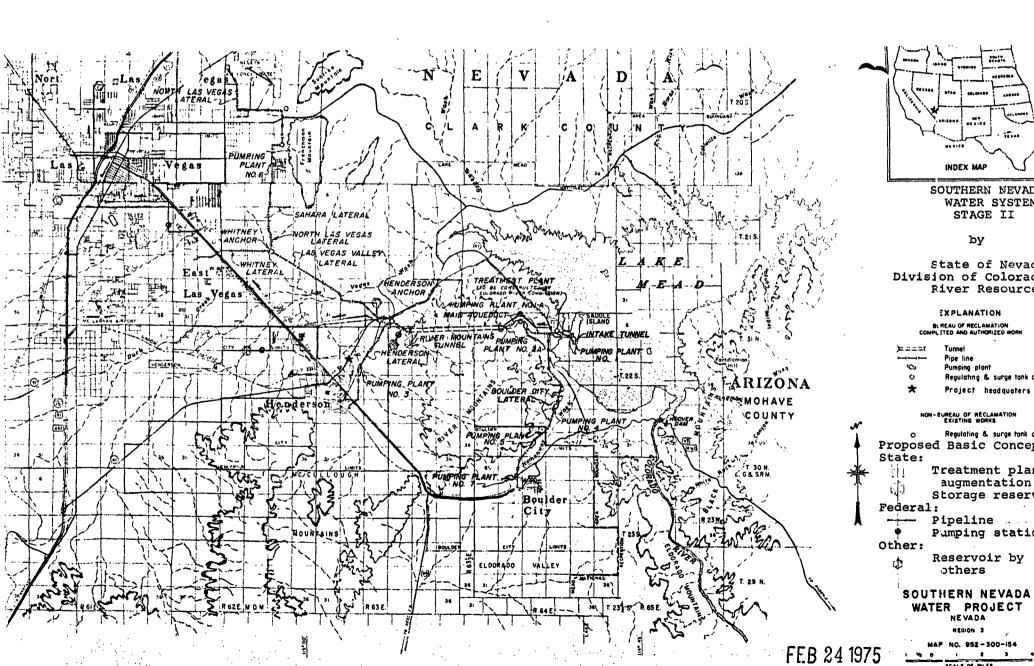
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State of Nevada Division of Colorade River Resource:

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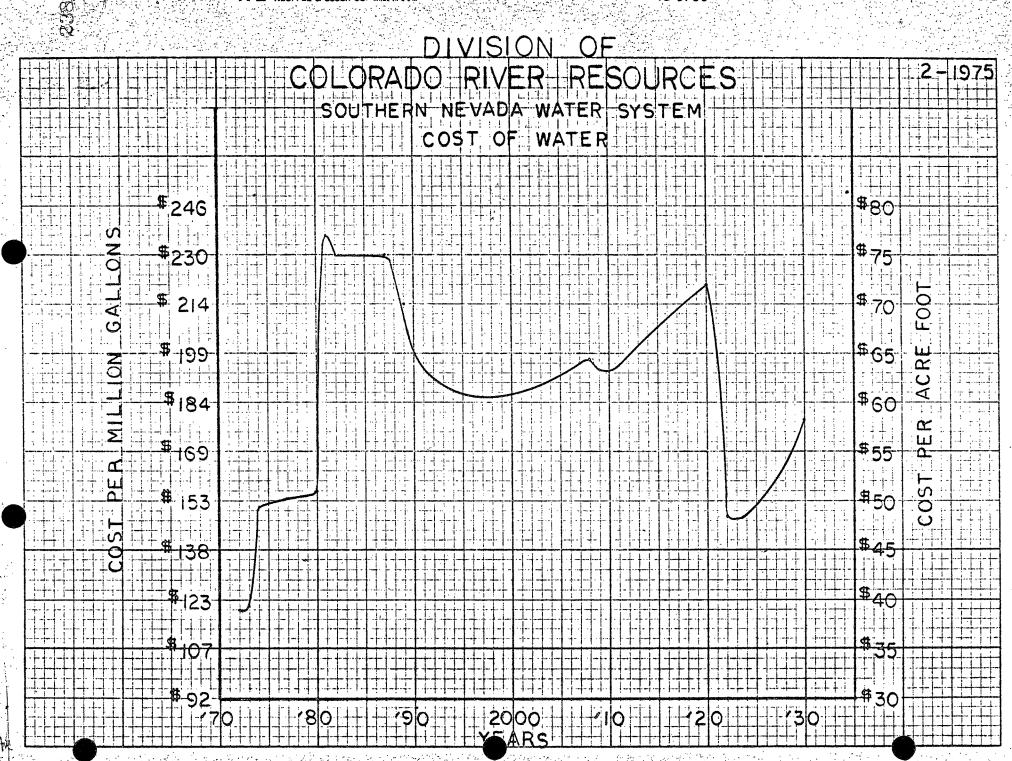
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SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER PROJECT NEVADA

MAP NO. 952-300-154 SCALE OF MILES



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 168—ASSEMBLYMEN BROOKMAN, BREMNER, VERGIELS, BANNER, ROBINSON, DEMERS, DREYER, MANN, PRICE, MURPHY, BARENGO, JEFF-REY, HEANEY, POLISH, GETTO, WEISE, BENNETT, HAYES, FORD, BENKOVICH, COULTER, HICKEY, CHANEY AND DINI

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Adds to provisions for state advisory committee on older Americans. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 38-563)



EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to aging services; expanding provisions for composition, organization and functions of state advisory committee on older Americans in the division of aging services of the department of human resources; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1. NRS 427A.130 is hereby amended to read as follows: 427A.130 1. [For the purpose of advising the department, the director and the administrator on matters bearing on their responsibilities under this chapter the director is authorized to appoint an advisory committee on older Americans consisting of such number of persons as the director may determine. Members shall be selected from among persons who are experienced in or have demonstrated particular interest in special problems of the aging.

2. Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation but shall, while attending meetings or otherwise engaged on business of such advisory committee, receive traveling expenses and subsistence allowances in the amounts provided by NRS 281.160.

3. The administrator is authorized to furnish to the advisory committee such technical and secretarial assistance and such pertinent data available to him as the advisory committee may require to carry out its functions. There is hereby created within the division a state advisory committee on older Americans whose function shall be to make recommendations to the division concerning policies for providing services to the elderly of the State of Nevada under the provisions of the Older

2. The committee shall be composed of 11 members appointed by the director on the basis of experience with or recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of and services for the aging.

3. Committee members shall be selected on a geographic basis to give statewide representation in general proportion to the elderly population, except that:

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(a) Not more than four members may represent counties having a population of 200,000 or more:

(b) Not more than three members may represent counties having a population of 100,000 or more but less than 200,000, as determined by the last preceding national census of the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce.

SEC. 2. Chapter 427A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

SEC. 3. 1. Each member of the advisory committee shall serve for a term of 2 years. A member may not serve more than three consecutive

2. A member may be dismissed by the director for cause, and failure to attend committee meetings constitutes cause.

3. Any vacancy resulting from death, resignation or dismissal shall be filled by appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

SEC. 4. 1. The advisory committee shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and more frequently if called by the administrator.

2. Six members constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. At the first meeting after the appointment of any new member, the committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chairman.

4. The committee shall adopt regulations for its own management and government.

5. The chairman may appoint subcommittees to consider and make recommendations on specific problems within the scope of the functions of the advisory committee.

6. The administrator or his designee shall act as the nonvoting recording secretary and keep minutes of the transactions of each session of the advisory committee. The minutes are public records and shall be filed with the division.

SEC. 5. Members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation but are entitled to travel expenses and subsistence allowances as provided by law while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

SENATE BILL NO. 179—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 11, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes the division of Colorado River resources of state department of conservation and natural resources on behalf of the State to acquire water facilities and to issue securities therefor. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR S-778)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *Italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to certain water services and facilities; supplementing chapter 268, Statutes of Nevada 1967; authorizing the acquisition of certain water service facilities and properties appurtenant thereto and the issuance of bonds and other securities by the State of Nevada, acting by and through the division of Colorado River resources of the state department of conservation and natural resources; relating to the construction, other acquisition, equipment, operation, maintenance, improvement and disposition of properties appertaining to such facilities; otherwise concerning such securities and properties, and revenues, taxes and pledges and liens pertaining thereto by reference to the State Securities Law; requiring Clark County to reimburse the division of Colorado River resources funds previously advanced pursuant to the provisions of chapter 616, Statutes of Nevada 1971; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Terms used or referred to in this act are as defined in the State Securities Law; but the following terms, wherever used or referred to in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings ascribed to them in sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

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SEC. 2. "Division" means the division of Colorado River resources of the state department of conservation and natural resources.

SEC. 3. "Facilities" means collectively the federal facilities, as defined in this act, and the state facilities, as defined in this act.

SEC. 4. "Federal facilities" means the works, facilities and appurtenances constructed by the Federal Government under the authorization of the Southern Nevada Water Project Act, or by the State of Nevada pursuant to this act and other acts supplemental thereto, or by both the Federal Government and the state, including without limitation all pipelines, conduits, pumping plants, intake facilities, aqueducts, laterals, water storage

and regulatory facilities, electric substations, and related works to be constructed for the purpose of transporting water from storage in Lake Mead to points of delivery established for the project within Clark County, Nevada.

SEC. 5. "Project" means the construction and other acquisition of the federal facilities, as defined in this act, and of the state facilities, as defined in this act, by the state, acting by and through the division, as authorized

by this act and by other acts supplemental thereto.

SEC. 6. "State facilities" means the works, facilities and appurtenances constructed by the State of Nevada pursuant to this act and other acts supplemental thereto, for the acquisition of a water plant for the treatment of raw water and the disposal of potable water for industrial, commercial, residential, culinary, or domestic use, or any combination thereof, including without limitation collection and disposal lines, lands, easements, rights in lands, water rights, distribution and storage reservoirs, other storage facilities, trunk, connection and other water mains, inlets, tunnels, flumes, conduits, canals, hydrants, filtration works, meters, pumping and gaging stations, and equipment, in supplementation of the federal facilities, as herein defined.

SEC. 7. 1. The division, on the behalf and in the name of the state, may:

(a) Acquire, hold and improve the facilities;

(b) Acquire, hold, improve and dispose of properties appertaining to the facilities, including without limitation water and water rights, for the benefit and welfare of the people of the state;

(c) Acquire the facilities, wholly or in part, directly by construction contract or otherwise, or indirectly by contract with the Federal Government, or any combination thereof, as the division may from time to time determine;

(d) Borrow money and otherwise become obligated in a total principal amount of not exceeding \$60,000,000 to defray wholly or in part the cost of acquiring the state facilities, and issue state securities to evidence such obligations; and

(e) Borrow money and otherwise become obligated in a total principal amount of not exceeding \$60,000,000 to defray wholly or in part the cost of acquiring the federal facilities, and issue state securities to evidence

such obligations.

2. The power to issue securities hereunder in a total principal amount of not exceeding \$120,000,000 under paragraph (e), subsection 1 of this section, shall decrease to the extent, for the acquisition of the federal facilities, Congress by federal act appropriates funds, the Office of Management and Budget apportions funds, the Bureau of Reclamation allots funds, the Federal Government is obligated to pay earnings under contract for the construction and other acquisition of the federal facilities, or any part thereof, and the state is obligated by contract with the Federal Government to pay to it sums equal to such earnings and any incidental expenses due under such contract; but such power to issue securities shall not be decreased because of any moneys due under such contract from the state to the Federal Government in the nature of interest charges to compensate it for moneys advanced by it until their repayment by the state.

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SEC. 8. 1. Subject to the limitations as to maximum principal amounts in section 7 of this act, the division may issue to defray the cost of the project, or any part thereof, at any time or from time to time after the adoption of this act, but not after 10 years from the effective date thereof, as the division may determine, the following types of state securities in accordance with the provisions of the State Securities Law:

(a) General obligation bonds and other general obligation securities payable from taxes, the payment of which securities is additionally

secured with net pledged revenues;

(b) Revenue bonds and other securities constituting special obligations and payable from net pledged revenues; or

(c) Any combination of such securities.

2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing the division from funding, refunding or reissuing any outstanding state securities issued by the division at any time as provided in the State Securities Law.

3. Subject to contractual obligations, the net revenues pledged, if any, for the payment of state securities by the division may be derived from the operation of all or any part of the income-producing facilities under the jurisdiction of the division, including without limitation the facilities acquired by the project.

SEC. 9. Any and all contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not be binding upon the state until executed or otherwise approved by the governor, including without limitation the execution of securities in the manner and as otherwise provided in the State Securities Law.

SEC. 10. The powers conferred by this act shall be in addition to and supplemental to, and the limitations imposed by this act shall not affect, the powers conferred by any other law, general or special, particularly chapter 268, Statutes of Nevada 1967; and securities may be issued hereunder without regard to the procedure required by any other such law except as otherwise provided in this act or in the State Securities Law. Insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the provisions

of any other law, general or special, the provisions of this act shall be controlling.

SEC. 11. It is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination:

1. That pursuant to subsection 2 of section 44 of chapter 790, Statutes of Nevada 1973, Clark County has succeeded to certain liabilities incurred by the Las Vegas Valley water district through the water district's expenditure of \$1,078,622.33 derived from General Obligation Colorado River Water Acquisition Bonds, Series June 1, 1968. Such funds were made available to the Las Vegas Valley water district by the division in accordance with subsection 1 of section 3 of chapter 616, Statutes of Nevada 1971, which chapter was subsequently repealed by said chapter 790, Statutes of Nevada 1973.

2. That funds reimbursed to Clark County by the Environmental Protection Agency as a Federal share of the project planning costs exceeded the \$1,078,622.33 mentioned in subsection 1.

3. That the proceeds from the General Obligation Colorado River Water Acquisition Bond funds so expended are now considered to be

urgently needed for their original intent and purpose in the planning and construction of the expansion of water treatment facilities.

4. That the said principal plus accrued interest be reimbursed to the division by Clark County for the purpose of planning, administering and acquiring the necessary facilities of the second stage of the Southern Nevada Water System treatment facilities as determined by the administrator of the division; notwithstanding any other provisions of chapter 790, Statutes of Nevada 1973, to the contrary.

SEC. 12. Pursuant to the above determinations, Clark County shall pay to the division, for the State of Nevada, Colorado River Water State Facilities Capital Improvement and Replacement Fund for use as provided in subsection 4 of section 11 of this act, the principal amount of \$1,078,622.33, plus \$140,287.49 interest on or before March 21, 1975.

SEC. 13. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person, thing or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions or application of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 14. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

A. J. R. 23 of the 57th Session

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23—MR. GETTO, MRS. FORD AND MR. DINI

March 19, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Proposes amendment of certain limitations on the operation of the initiative. (BDR C-1379)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend section 6 of article 19 of the Nevada constitution, relating to limitations on the operation of the initiative.

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That section 6 of article 19 of the constitution of the State of Nevada, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6. This article does not permit the proposal of any statute or statutory amendment which makes an appropriation or cherwise requires which has as its primary purpose the expenditure of money, unless such statute or amendment also imposes a sufficient tax, not prohibited by the constitution, or otherwise constitutionally provides for raising the necessary revenue. If the proposal authorizes or requires a capital expenditure, it may authorize raising the necessary moneys by a borrowing within the constitutional limit, to be repaid within the estimated useful life of the capital improvement. If the proposal is made by the registered voters of a county or municipality, it shall not authorize a borrowing in excess of any applicable charter or statutory limitation.

SENATE BILL NO. 189—SENATORS BRYAN, CLOSE, HILBRECHT, GOJACK AND ECHOLS

FEBRUARY 13, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates a citizens' state government compensation commission to study salaries, wages and reimbursable expenses of employees of state government. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR S-753)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT creating a citizens' state government compensation commission to study the salaries, wages and reimbursable expenses of employees of state government; requiring the commission to report to the governor; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A citizens' state government compensation commission is hereby created. The commission shall be nonpartisan in nature and shall be composed of 17 private citizens. The governor shall appoint the members and shall designate one of their number as chairman.

SEC. 2. The commission shall conduct a comprehensive study of the salaries, wages and reimbursable expenses of all positions in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government.

SEC. 3. The committee may request and shall be furnished staff assistance from the executive agencies and the legislative counsel bureau to assist the commission in the study and preparation of its report.

SEC. 4. The members of the commission shall serve without pay but are entitled to the travel expenses and subsistence allowances provided by law.

SEC. 5. The committee shall, following the conclusion of its study, prepare a report stating its findings and making suitable recommendations. The report shall be submitted to the governor by September 1, 1976.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury the sum of \$10,200 to the director of the department of administration for the use of the committee in carrying out the provisions of this act.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—SENATORS GIBSON, MONROE AND BLAKEMORE

FEBRUARY 18, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Extends support of the Nevada state legislature to proposed Nevada-California Regional Exclusion Program. (BDR 979)



Explanation—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Extending the support of the Nevada state legislature to the proposed Nevada-California Regional Exclusion Program.

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Nevada depend upon the State of California for most of their fresh fruits, vegetables and nursery stock; and

WHEREAS, It is of mutual economic benefit to the people of the states of Nevada and California to protect the sources of fresh fruits, vegetables and nursery stock from losses because of the ravages of alien plant and animal pests; and

WHEREAS, The states of Arizona and California are cooperating in an effort to regionalize plant pest exclusion activities; and

WHEREAS, The State of California proposes to build, maintain and staff agricultural inspection stations in Nevada at Winnemucca, Wells, McGill and Mesquite at California's sole expense; and

Whereas, The staffing of the proposed agricultural inspection stations will provide an annual payroll of approximately \$500,000 to the communities involved; and

WHEREAS. The state department of agriculture of the State of Nevada and the California Department of Food and Agriculture mutually agree upon the value and importance of the regional pest exclusion concept; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of the two departments have met with representatives of the Nevada communities near the proposed station sites, as suggested by Honorable Mike O'Callaghan, governor of the State of Nevada, to discuss the proposed regional pest exclusion program; and

WHEREAS, Many Nevada community leaders endorse the proposal for the building, staffing and maintaining of agricultural inspection stations in the State of Nevada by the State of California; and

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WHEREAS, The building, staffing and maintaining of agricultural inspection stations at locations within the State of Nevada can be accomplished

under the State of Nevada's Interlocal Cooperation Act and the State of California's Joint Exercise of Powers Act; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the Nevada-California Regional Exclusion Program be approved in principle, and that the State of California be permitted to build, staff and maintain agricultural inspection stations at various locations within Nevada; and be it further

10 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted by the legislative counsel to the governor of the State of California, to 11 the state department of agriculture of the State of Nevada, and to the 12 13 California Department of Food and Agriculture; and be it further

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Resolved, That this resolution shall become effective upon passage and approval.

SENATE BILL NO. 221—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 18, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Amends General Improvement District Law to increase trustees' permitted compensation and to clarify priority of district lien. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 25-985)



EXPLANATION—Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the General Improvement District Law; increasing the permitted compensation payable to trustees of districts with certain basic powers; clarifying the priority of the district's lien for unpaid rates, tolls or charges; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. NRS 318.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:

318.085 1. After taking oaths and filing bonds, the board shall choose one of its members as chairman of the board and president of the district, and shall elect a secretary and a treasurer of the board and of the district, who may or may not be members of the board. The secretary and the treasurer may be one person.

2. The board shall adopt a seal.

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3. The secretary shall keep, in a well-bound book, a record of all of the board's proceedings, minutes of all meetings, certificates, contracts, bonds given by employees, and all corporate acts, which book shall be open to inspection of all owners of real property in the district as well as to all other interested persons.

4. The treasurer shall keep strict and accurate accounts of all money received by and disbursed for and on behalf of the district, in permanent records. He shall file with the county clerk, at the expense of the district, a corporate surety bond in an amount not more than \$50,000, the form and exact amount thereof to be approved and determined, respectively, by the board of county commissioners, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. Any other officer or trustee who actually receives or disburses money of the district shall furnish a bond as provided in this subsection. The board of county commissioners may

from time to time, upon good cause shown, increase or decrease the amount of such bond.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no member of the board shall receive compensation for his services. Each member of the board of a district organized or reorganized pursuant to this chapter and authorized to exercise any of the basic powers provided in NRS 318.140, 318.142, 318.144 and 318.1192 shall receive as compensation for his service a sum not in excess of \$\[\\$900 \] \$1,800 per year, payable monthly, but no member of such board shall receive any compensation as an employee of the district or otherwise, other than that herein provided

SEC. 2. NRS 318.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

318.200 1. Subject to the provisions of NRS 318.140 and 318.144, the board shall have the power to fix, and from time to time increase or decrease, electric energy, cemetery, swimming pool, other recreational facilities, television, sewer, water, lighting, garbage or refuse rates, tolls or charges (other than special assessments), including but not necessarily limited to service charges and standby service charges, for services or facilities furnished by the district, charges for the availability of service, annexation charges, and minimum charges, and to pledge such revenue for the payment of any indebtedness or special obligations of the district.

- 2. Until paid, all rates, tolls or charges shall constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served, and such perpetual lien shall be prior and superior to all liens, claims and titles other than liens of general taxes and special assessments, and not subject to extinguishment by the sale of any property on account of nonpayment of any such liens, claims and titles including the liens of general taxes and special assessments, and any such lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as provided by the laws of the State of Nevada for the foreclosure of mechanics' liens. Before any such lien is foreclosed the board shall hold a hearing thereon after notice thereof by publication and by registered or certified first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the last-known owner at his last-known address according to the records of the district and the real property assessment roll in the county in which the property is located.
- 3. The board shall prescribe and enforce rules and regulations for the connection with and the disconnection from properties of the facilities of the district and the taking of its services.
- 4. The board may provide for the collection of charges. Provisions may be made for, but are not limited to:

(a) The granting of discounts for prompt payment of bills.

- (b) The requiring of deposits or the prepayment of charges in an amount not exceeding 1 year's charges either from persons receiving service and using the facilities of the enterprise or from the owners of property on which or in connection with which such services and facilities are to be used; but in case of nonpayment of all or part of a bill such deposits or prepaid charges shall be applied only insofar as necessary to liquidate the cumulative amount of such charges plus penalties and cost of collection.
- (c) The requiring of a guaranty by the owner of property that the bills for service to the property or the occupants thereof will be paid.

5. The board may provide for a basic penalty for nonpayment of the charges within the time and in the manner prescribed by it. The basic penalty shall not be more than 10 percent of each month's charges for the first month delinquent. In addition to the basic penalty it may provide for a penalty not exceeding 1.5 percent per month for nonpayment of the charges and basic penalty. On the 1st day of the calendar month following the date of payment specified in the bill the charge shall become delinquent if the bill or that portion thereof which is not in bona fide dispute remains unpaid. It may provide for collection of the penalties provided for in this section.

6. The board may provide that charges for any service shall be collected together with and not separately from the charges for any other service rendered by it, and that all charges shall be billed upon the same bill and collected as one item.

7. The board may enter into a written contract with any person, firm or public or private corporation providing for the billing and collection by such person, firm or corporation of the charges for the service furnished by any enterprise. If all or any part of any bill rendered by any such person, firm or corporation pursuant to any such contract is not paid and if such person, firm or corporation renders any public utility service to the person billed, such person, firm or corporation may discontinue its utility service until such bill is paid, and the contract between the board and such person, firm or corporation may so provide.

8. As a remedy established for the collection of due and unpaid deposits and charges and the penalties thereon an action may be brought in the name of the district in any court of competent jurisdiction against the person or persons who occupied the property when the service was rendered or the deposit became due or against any person guaranteeing payment of bills, or against any or all of such persons, for the collection of the amount of the deposit or the collection of delinquent charges and all penalties thereon.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.