

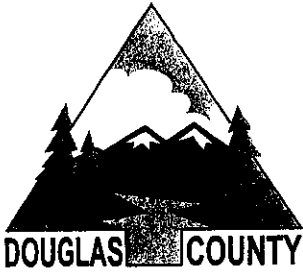
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March 10, 2003

The Honorable Ann O'Connell, Chair
Committee on Government Affairs
Nevada State Senate
401 South Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Chairman O'Connell and Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 233 (BDR# 30-553), which increases the amount of general obligation bonds that the State Board of Finance may issue to provide grants to publicly owned water systems for capital improvements. As you know, S.B. 233 increases the bond amount from \$69,000,000 to \$86,000,000.

Over the past several years, the Board for Financing Water Projects (A.B. 198) grant program, administered through the Division of Environmental Protection, has been a critical component in allowing water systems to meet more stringent water quality standards. This program has enabled a number of systems to be repaired and upgraded to meet these standards. Additionally, the funding allows publicly owned water systems to provide a higher level of service to customers, including the delivery of adequate fire protection and water delivery.

In the past, the A.B. 198 grant program has proven to be successful in assisting water systems meet regulatory standards at a reasonable cost. Match requirements are still required, and not all system upgrades are eligible for grant funding. It is doubtful that reductions in requirements to meet certain regulations and standards would occur, and the financial reality of the cost of repairing and upgrading water systems is extremely high and would have to be passed on to the customer. Without this type of funding, a number of improvements to water systems will not occur, especially given the cost of the projects and the ability of customers to pay for system improvements. The alternative is to continue with outdated and inadequate water systems that would eventually become out of compliance with new federal water quality standards. Approval of S.B. 233 ensures that small water systems in Douglas County and throughout the State will be able to meet the regulatory requirements for water quality.

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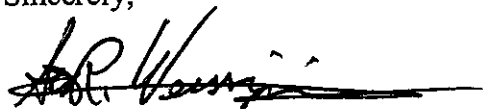
Chairman O'Connell

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Again, I would like to reiterate the support of Douglas County on S.B. 233. Thank you for your attention on this very important issue. If you have any questions regarding this program and its effectiveness, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Douglas County Manager Daniel C. Holler at 775/782-9821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Weissinger", with a horizontal line drawn through the bottom of the signature.

Steve Weissinger, Chairman
Douglas County Board of Commissioners

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