

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 132—ASSEMBLYMEMBER YUREK

PREFILED JANUARY 28, 2025

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-586)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to water; revising the exemption from certain appropriation requirements for guzzlers providing water for use by wildlife; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law, under certain circumstances, exempts from the requirements of  
2 the Nevada Revised Statutes governing the appropriation of water the de minimus  
3 collection of precipitation in a guzzler to provide water for use by wildlife if the  
4 guzzler has: (1) a capacity of 20,000 gallons or less; (2) a capture area of 1 acre or  
5 less; and (3) a pipe length of 1/4 mile or less. (NRS 533.027) This bill increases  
6 the: (1) maximum allowed capacity of the guzzler to 40,000 gallons; and (2)  
7 maximum allowed pipe length of the guzzler to 1/2 mile.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 533.027 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 533.027 1. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

3 (a) The use of water in emergency situations to extinguish fires  
4 by a public agency or a volunteer fire department; or

5 (b) The de minimus collection of precipitation:

6 (1) From the rooftop of a single-family dwelling for  
7 nonpotable domestic use; or

8 (2) If the collection does not conflict with any existing water  
9 rights as determined by the State Engineer, in a guzzler to provide  
10 water for use by wildlife. The guzzler must:

11 (I) Have a capacity of ~~20,000~~ **40,000** gallons or less;



- 1 (II) Have a capture area of 1 acre or less;
- 2 (III) Have a pipe length of ~~1/4~~ 1/2 mile or less;
- 3 (IV) Be developed by a state or federal agency
- 4 responsible for wildlife management or by any other person in
- 5 consultation with the Department of Wildlife; and
- 6 (V) Be approved for use by the Department of Wildlife.
- 7 2. As used in this section:
- 8 (a) "Domestic use" has the meaning ascribed to it in
- 9 NRS 534.013.
- 10 (b) "Guzzler" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 501.121.
- 11 (c) "Public agency" means an agency, bureau, board,
- 12 commission, department or division of this State or a political
- 13 subdivision of this State.

