

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 18, 2025

Agency Submitting: State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

<b>Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2024-25</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2025-26</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2026-27</b>	<b>Effect on Future Biennia</b>
Personnel (Expense)		\$119,906	\$156,884	\$313,768
In State Travel (Expense)		\$32,760	\$32,760	\$65,520
Operating (Expense)		\$1,789	\$1,914	\$3,828
Information Services (Expense)		\$9,839	\$5,574	\$11,148
Total	0	\$164,294	\$197,132	\$394,264

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The Nevada Conservation and Recreation Program was established within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by AB 84 of the 2019 Legislature (2019 Statutes of Nevada, Chapter 480). Section 10 of this bill (SB36) codifies the program and adds the Nevada Water Buy-Back Initiative as established by section 6 of this act. Section 9 of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 6-9 of this bill. The department, through receipt of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, has implemented and managed a \$100 million Nevada Water Conservation and Infrastructure Initiative (NWCII) that included the purchase and retirement of water rights consistent with the purposes of the Nevada Water Buy-Back Initiative as set forth in this bill. Under the ARPA funded NWCII, the department has an Administrative Services Officer position that will sunset and has been requested to be repurposed to fill gaps in grant management and bond oversight throughout the Department. The Department would need a full-time position to absorb the additional responsibility of adopting regulations and managing the new program along with funding to support the council and the travel requirements for five members and one employee for six regular in person meetings.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS**

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Date Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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