

PIPELINE BILLS TO HAVE HEARING THIS WEEK IN NV LEGISLATURE

HELP US stop two pro-pipeline bills moving through the Legislature. [AB 30](#) and [AB 51](#) will facilitate the Southern Nevada Water Authority's disastrous proposal to pump and pipe 58 billion gallons of water annually from Eastern Nevada to Las Vegas. *The bills will have a hearing on Wednesday and seek to thwart many of the protections that have allowed us to win our legal and regulatory battles over the years. We must kill these bills.*

The legislation will enable the State Engineer to grant water permits and allow pumping even if it *harms senior rights holders*, shredding the tenets of the Prior Appropriations doctrine and upending Nevada water law. *The bills lack safeguards for the environment and threaten the due process rights of Nevadans and their rights under the U.S. Constitution's Takings Clause.* Additionally, the legislation relies on 3M (monitoring, management, and mitigation) plans in order to justify the devastation on Nevadans, wildlife, and wild places.

These bills exist for one reason: to allow the state to appropriate water even when it doesn't exist for the taking and to give special interests even more power. We know the massive amounts of water SNWA wants do not exist in Eastern Nevada. These bills are a way for them to get every drop.

We have won in the Legislature before and we can win again by coming together. Please contact members of the Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Committee and tell them that voting for these bills is voting for an environmental and economic catastrophe.

CONTACT LAWMAKERS & TELL THEM TO VOTE NO ON AB 30 & AB 51:

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MORE BACKGROUND ON AB 30 AND AB 51

- **AB30:** It gives the Nevada State Engineer unfettered discretion to approve Monitoring, Management, and Mitigation plans (3M) that will all but guarantee the continued over-appropriation of our limited groundwater resources. The bill ignores the property rights of Nevada's water users, disregards climate change, and pushes unsound and scientifically dangerous water permitting schemes that favor deep-pocketed interests over conservation.
- **AB51:** The bill upends the tenets of Western water law by undermining the Prior Appropriations doctrine and violating the U.S. Constitution's Taking's Clause. The bill will attack Nevadans' property rights (water rights are property rights), incentivize monetary payoffs as sufficient conflict resolution, and validate unsound mitigation schemes — all of which threaten the public interest, the rule of law, and our environment.

We have won legislative battles before, and we can win them again with your help. Thank you for your support and help us continue the fight by [donating here](#).

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