



SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Siena Hotel & Casino
Siena Ballroom
One South Lake Street
Reno, Nevada

December 12, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

INVITATION: It is the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority's pleasure to invite you to a special meeting to hear how the States of Arizona, California and Utah are addressing a projected gap between currently developed water supplies and projected water demands. These states have either implemented, or are in the process of implementing, a program that recommends strategies to address a projected shortfall in sustainable water supply. It is hoped this information will be useful to State of Nevada officials, Nevada legislators, Nevada's local governments, Nevada's business community, Nevada's environmental community and the public. The Authority will provide a buffet lunch in the meeting room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

MEETING BACKGROUND: There are a number of communities in the American Southwest that are, or will be, beyond the point of a sustainable water supply. The States of Arizona, California and Utah recognize they have such communities, and they are doing something about it. In January 2014 the **Arizona Department of Water Resources** released a report entitled "Arizona's Next Century: A Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability." This report was developed at the request of Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, and it is a comprehensive analysis of how to address Arizona's projected water supply shortfall. In April 2014 **California Governor Jerry Brown** released the California Water Action Plan, a Plan that identifies key actions for the next one to five years to address California's urgent water resource needs. Also, by the end of 2014 the State of California is expected to release an update to the California Water Plan, a Plan that develops findings and recommendations for California's water future. In October 2013 **Utah Governor Gary Herbert** announced the "Your Utah, Your Future" initiative that is designed to proactively plan how to meet Utah's future growth challenges. The initiative addresses air quality, education, energy & infrastructure, housing & cost of living, jobs & economy, open space, transportation & communities and water. The water component of the initiative is called "Utah's Water Future - - - Developing a 50-year Water Strategy for Utah." Given **Nevada's water supply challenges** it is hoped the December 12, 2014 special meeting will help Nevadans determine if it is time for Nevada to have a statewide discussion on its water future, and develop statewide strategies, in addition to local strategies, to address Nevada's projected water supply shortfall.

MEETING PROGRAM: The meeting will have three presenters. The confirmed Arizona presenter is Kathleen Ferris, Executive Director of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. Ms. Ferris has been involved with Arizona water issues the past 37 years. During that time she has participated in the development of laws and policies to help ensure sustainable water supplies for Arizona. For example, Ms. Ferris was a party to the development of the Arizona Groundwater Management Act, and she served as legal counsel and director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Also, she is familiar with the recent Arizona Department of Water Resources' report entitled "Arizona's Next Century: A Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability." The confirmed California presenter is Kamyar Guivetchi, P.E., Manager, Statewide Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources. Mr. Guivetchi was involved with the production of the recent California Action Plan, and he is involved with the soon-to-be released California Water Plan. The invited Utah presenter is Robert Grow, President/Chief Executive Officer for Envision Utah. Envision Utah is facilitating the "Your Utah, Your Future" program, including the program's water component called "Utah's Water Future - - - Developing a 50-year Water Strategy for Utah."

LODGING INFORMATION: The Siena Hotel & Casino is located next to the Truckee River and the National Automobile Museum in downtown Reno. The Siena set aside a block of rooms for meeting attendees for December 11. The room rate is \$55 (including taxes, fees, etc.). To get this great rate at Reno's only luxury boutique resort you must make a reservation by November 14. Call the Siena at 1-877-743-6233 to make a room reservation, and mention you will attend the CNRWA (Central Nevada Regional Water Authority) meeting.

REGISTRATION AND COSTS: There will not be a cost to attend the meeting. Registration will be at the door. To expedite registration and to help with meeting planning (e.g., food, seating, etc.), please contact Steve Bradhurst (Executive Director of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority) via email (sbradurst@gmail.com) or phone (775.747.2038) to let him know you plan to attend the meeting.