

A round wooden table with a dark wood finish and a black metal base. On the table, there is a clipboard with a pen and a small notebook. The table is set against a light blue background.

# **Nevada State Roundtable**

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# Topics

- New Legislation
- New Building
- Internal Review
- Interbasin Transfers
- Water Right Applications



# **Legislature 2005**

- **Water is reaching critical mass**
  - **Fortunately, everyone is a water expert!!!**
- **\$800 million budget surplus**
- **May's economic indicators for the future look great**



# Legislature 2005

- AB 80 – Well Drillers
- AB253 – Interbasin Transfer/Adjudication
- AB265 – Domestic Well Drawdown
- AB331 – Water Speculation
- AB349 – Appropriation to DWR
- AB434 – Omnibus Bill
- SB35 – Interbasin transfer fee bill
- SB62 – Modifies change application process
- SB216 – Water Planning to DWR
- SB320 – DWR legislative oversight committee



# New Building

- Lease to Own – 1<sup>st</sup> Time Tried
- Cost Neutral
- 7 of the 8 divisions within the Department will be moving under 1 roof
  - Cubicles instead of offices
  - Our move begins June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Good time to make changes
    - Serving the public
    - Protection of documents
  - Basin Engineer responsibilities
  - Information Technology changes



# Internal Review

- **New Director**
- **Review given to the Director and the S.E.**
- **3-Member Team**
  - **2 Divisional and 1 Outside Division**
- **Mini-retreat of section supervisors – no S.E.**
- **Number 1 Suggestion**
  - **Time with the State Engineer**
- **Discoveries**
  - **Nothing earth-shattering**
  - **Use I.T. to its maximum**
  - **Small shifts in how we perform tasks**

# Inter-Basin Transfers



- Not only Las Vegas & Reno
  - Carson City, Dayton Valley,
- Owens Valley all over again
- S.E. feels there is ample statutory language to deal with inter-basin applications



# Water Right Applications

**Receiving 1200+ applications per year**

- Increasingly complex
- Applicants becoming 'innovative'
- More litigious
- 80% are changes of existing rights
  - Changes of small amounts (<.5 acre-foot)
- Titles section dealing with >1000 reports of conveyances and >10,000 deeds
  - Privatization?



**Thank You,  
Questions?**

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