CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners set a public hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to consider and approve the Clark County Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan; and authorize staff to submit the Plan to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their review and final approval. (The Plan is available at the Clerk’s Office, Commission Division, Department of Air Quality & Environmental Management (DAQEM) and on the DAQEM website at http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/Pages/index.aspx.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

None by this action.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 208 of the Clean Water Act and NRS Chapter 244A, all activities associated with wastewater must be planned and managed through an integrated, area-wide water quality management program. The State of Nevada has designated the Board of County Commissioners (Board) as the Area-Wide Water Quality Management Planning Master Agency (NRS 244A.459). The Board has tasked that responsibility to the DAQEM to administer and manage these water quality planning responsibilities.

The Clark County Area-Wide Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) meets the requirements of the applicable law, combines and updates information from previous Clark County plans, provides an area-wide WQMP report that includes population and wastewater flow projections, planned sewer improvement and expansion projects (including estimated costs) and proposed schedules for implementation, includes effects of sustained regional growth and development, revises the nonpoint source section to include more storm sewer system information, and provides water quality planning to a horizon year of 2030. The attached Responsiveness Summary provides documentation of the public participation process completed during the drafting of the WQMP.

Upon approval by the Board, staff will submit the WQMP to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in accordance with NRS Chapter 244A and Section 208. Upon approval by EPA, this Plan will replace and supersede all previous Clark County plans and amendments.

The document is 573 pages in length. Due to its voluminous size, the Plan is available at the Clerk’s office, the DAQEM customer service desk and on the DAQEM website: http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/Pages/index.aspx.

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Respectfully submitted,

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