

**HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY
POLICY STATEMENT
ON WATER DESALINATION
Adopted November 9, 2018**

BACKGROUND

1. Nevada, the driest state in the nation, has a finite sustainable water supply for its communities and ecosystems and with drought conditions this water supply is running short.
2. Significant advances in desalination have made it a potential water resource for the future to supplement water management, conservation and reuse.
3. Desalination plants operate in more than 120 countries in the world including in the United States where there are over 300 municipal desalination plants.

CENTRAL NEVADA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY POLICY

It is the policy of the Humboldt River Basin Authority that desalination is a potential water resource for the State of Nevada and that pursuing collaborative desalination projects in the state of California and the country of Mexico should be given a high priority.

It is the policy of the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority that desalination of brackish groundwater in Nevada should be evaluated and implemented where feasible to supplement water management, conservation and reuse.