

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER
AUTHORITY REGARDING THE NEED FOR A REGIONAL
INVENTORY OF GROUND WATER RESOURCES**

Resolution No. 2004-01

WHEREAS, ground water in Nevada's arid environment is a limited resource that must be vigilantly managed to ensure that adequate water resources are available for future generations; and

WHEREAS, cumulative effects of long-term drought, unprecedented urban development, irrigation pumping, mine dewatering and/or other economically important uses have caused substantial ground water declines in some basins, and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority is charged with safeguarding water related interests of member counties of the Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Division of Water Resources depends to a large extent upon estimates of perennial yield for Nevada's ground water basins which in many cases are nearly 20 years old; and

WHEREAS, basin by basin estimates of active annual duty available to the Nevada Division of Water Resources are based upon limitations in data availability and quality; and

WHEREAS, the interaction of ground and surface water within and between Nevada's many hydrographic basins is not always well understood; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority desires that decisions by Nevada's State Water Engineer be based upon the best information available.

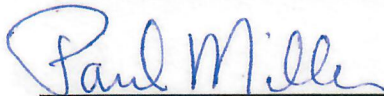
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority calls for a modern inventory of Nevada's ground water resources with particular focus on underserved ground water basins; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such an inventory should be regional in scope, addressing groups of interconnected ground water basins; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Humboldt River Basin Water Authority proposes establishment of a state-sponsored water resource technical and policy support structure to enhance the ability of underserved rural communities and local governments to effectively engage in water resources decision-making; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to the member county commissions of the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority, to the Chairman of Nevada's Legislative Committee on Public Lands, to the Nevada State Engineer and to the Director of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Approved this 12th day of November 2004 by the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority with 11 directors voting in affirmation; 1 directors voting in opposition; and ~~0~~ directors abstaining to a motion to approve said resolution.



Paul Miller, Chairman
Humboldt River Basin Water Authority