

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA FOR THE
HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY**

September 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

**Humboldt County Courthouse Meeting Room 201
50 West Fifth Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445**

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2. Items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other agenda items for consideration, removed from the agenda, or delayed for discussion at any time.
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5. For further information or to obtain copies of board materials contact Jeff Fontaine (775-443-7667) or ccjfontaine@gmail.com

ITEM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman's welcome, roll call, determination of quorum and pledge of allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – This time is devoted to comments by the general public, pursuant to NRS 241.020(2)(c)(3). No action will be taken on matters raised under public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an action item. Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approval of the agenda for the Authority’s meeting of September 25, 2026 including taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists. **(For Possible Action)**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Review and approval of minutes of the June 26, 2026 Authority meeting. **(For Possible Action)**
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT AND QUARTERLY EXPENDITURES** – Financial reports and recommendation to approve invoices submitted for payment to the Authority. **(For Possible Action)**
6. **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT (LOE) AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LEONARD LAW, PC TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE LOE AND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY**– Approval of a professional services agreement with Leonard Law, PC for legal analysis of, and advice regarding, issues and developments that may arise in Nevada water law and policy, and legal analysis and advice on administrative activities. The period of service is from September 25, 2026 to September 24, 2027 for a not to exceed amount of \$20,000. **(Possible Action)**
7. **POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARC DOME STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SERVICES TO THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY DURING THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND APPROVE MONTHLY INVOICES ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY**– Approval of a professional services agreement with Arc Dome Strategies to monitor bills, attend hearings and represent the Authority during the 84th (2027) Legislative Session. The period of service is from February 1 to May 31, 2027 for a not to exceed amount of \$10,000. **(For Possible Action)**
8. **UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED BY JENNIFER LYNN TIPTON SEEKING A REVIEW OF THE STATE ENGINEER’S REJECTION OF HER PROOFS OF APPROPRIATION V-12762, V-12763 AND V-12764 IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CASE NO. CV0024195, AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER AUTHORITY TO: INTERVENE IN THE PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE STATE ENGINEER; APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO ITS JUNE 29, 2026, CONTRACT WITH SCHROEDER LAW OFFICES, P.C. TO INCREASE THE TOTAL "NOT TO EXCEED" AMOUNT FROM \$10,000 TO \$20,000; AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY.** **(For Possible Action)**
9. **CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MAKE ANY DECISION REGARDING LITIGATION ENTITLED *JENNIFER TIPTON V. JOE CACIOPPO*, A PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE STATE ENGINEER’S DECISION, IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CASE NO. CV0024195, UPON WHICH HRBWA MAY CHOOSE TO INTERVENE UNDER SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, OR IS OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO JOIN UNDER COURT ORDER. SUCH DELEGATION OF DECISIONS REGARDING LITIGATION UNDER THIS DESIGNATION INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, APPROVAL OF INITIAL FILINGS, APPROVAL OF FILINGS AND STRATEGY, AND SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY, EXCEPT WHERE ANY SUCH DECISION IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THIS AUTHORITY SHALL EXTEND TO ALL TYPES OF LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS IN STATE COURT AS WELL AS PROCEEDINGS BEFORE AN AGENCY TRIBUNAL IN RELATION TO THE SUBJECT MATTER UNDERLYING THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW.** **(For Possible Action)**

10. **UPDATE ON CONJUNCTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN –**
Presentation by State Engineer Joe Cacioppo, P.E. **(For Possible Action)**
11. **OVERVIEW OF THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN STREAM CAPTURE MODELS –** Presentation
by Kip Allander, Chief of Hydrology, Nevada Division of Water Resources on the Humboldt River Basin
capture models developed by U.S. Geological Survey and Desert Research Institute. (Discussion)
12. **UPDATE ON INTERIM LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING
BILL DRAFT REQUESTS, INCLUDING WATER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE JOINT
INTERIM STATNDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES. (For Possible Action)**
13. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WATER RIGHT APPLICATIONS
FILED WITH THE NEVADA STATE ENGINEER –** Discussion and possible action on June to
September 2026 water right filings; previously and newly filed protests and comment letters by the
Authority and State Engineer Rulings and Orders. **(For Possible Action)**
14. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE HUMBOLDT RIVER BASIN WATER
AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS –** Executive Director's report on water related issues,
including but not limited to legal cases, proposed regulations and studies. (Discussion)
15. **BOARD MEMBER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS –** Board members and the Executive
Director can make announcements, request information and discuss topics for future agendas. (Discussion)
16. **NEXT MEETING –** Set date, place and time for the Authority's next meeting. **(For Possible Action)**
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