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From: Julie Ernstein
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 2:11 PM
To: Skip Canfield
Cc: Rebecca Palmer
Subject: RE: Nevada State Clearinghouse Notice E2016-048 (Draft - Nevada 2014 Integrated Report)

Dear Skip,

Thank you for circulating the link to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Quality Planning's *Draft Nevada 2014 Water Quality Integrated Report* (October 2015) through the Nevada State Clearinghouse. I have read the document, prepared in compliance with the Clean Water Act (particularly Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the CWA) with interest and care. The comments provided here focus on cultural resources/historic preservation issues.

The Draft 2014 Integrated Report contains a wealth of information and, among other things, describes water quality standards, identifies the legal authorities for tracking that information, identifies sources of pollution in Nevada as well as programs and funding sources that assist in tracking such things as nonpoint source pollution, distinguishes the legal limits of allowable loads from the full range of sources, identifies the sources of information for the data presented in the report, and describes NDEP's monitoring program for the state's regions and basins as well as other sources of monitoring data. From there, the report outlines the assessment methodology employed in the study and uses reported water quality data to identify designated beneficial uses for each waterbody. Also of particular utility, the Draft 2014 Integrated Report tracks waterbody changes that have occurred since the previous report in 2012. And finally, the Draft 2014 Integrated Report process affords a range of parties--including members of the public--a number of opportunities to participate as well as a generous period for review and comment on the document as a whole.

From a cultural resources perspective, the report is quite specific in noting that "*The 2014 Integrated Report* does not include any waterbodies located on Tribal lands as the State of Nevada has no authority to address these waterbodies" (p. 20). The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) would respectfully recommend to our NDEP colleagues that they pay particular attention to any comments received from Tribal members as part of the public participation process as there are bodies of water on non-Tribal lands such as the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe, as just two examples, that have culture-specific sacred/spiritual values and uses that may not be readily captured in the sorts of empirically-based measures and uses documented in this report, but that might very well be impacted by the net changes in quality reflected in this report.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to read this important document. Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best,

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Project: Draft - Nevada 2014 Integrated Report

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[E2016-048 - http://clearinghouse.nv.gov/public/Notice/2016/E2016-048.pdf](http://clearinghouse.nv.gov/public/Notice/2016/E2016-048.pdf)

- **Please evaluate this project's effects on your agency's plans and programs and any other issues that you are aware of that might be pertinent to applicable laws and regulations.**
- **Please reply directly from this e-mail and attach your comments.**

- **Please submit your comments no later than Wednesday November 25th, 2015.**

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