

## **POLICY: NONPROFIT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS**

**Authority:** The Board for Financing Water Projects is authorized by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 349.982 to establish requirements for participation in the Capital Improvement Grants Program.

**Purpose:** NRS 349.981 4(b) authorizes funding from the Capital Improvement Grants Program to include public water systems that are owned and operated by nonprofit associations or cooperatives.

**Policy:**

1. Recognizing the increasing costs to operate public water systems and the economy of scale, it is the policy of the board to support consolidation of privately owned, nonprofit public water systems with larger publicly owned systems where feasible. Consideration will be given to both physical and managerial consolidations.
2. Grant applications for improvements to privately owned, nonprofit public water systems will only be considered by the board if the application includes a demonstration that consolidation with a publicly owned system is infeasible. The demonstration must include either written correspondence from the publicly owned system that they are unable or unwilling to serve the nonprofit system users or documentation that the distance to a publicly owned system or cost of connection make consolidation infeasible.